

Yorkson Creek Middle School

Parents' Advisory Council General Meeting
January 21, 2020

Attendees – Executive

PAC President: Kerry Campbell
Vice President: Kara Eastgate
Treasurer: Vacant
Secretary: Donna Doradea-Cabrera

DPAC Rep: Jeff Thompson
Grade 6 Rep: Carolina Ng
Grade 7 Rep: Nav Bains
Grade 8 Rep: Giulia Russo Stadnik

Attendees – Administration

Principal: Stephanie Labby

Attendees – General

Ashish Kapoor

Regrets – Executive

Member-at-Large - Sara Weatherby

1. Welcome and Introductions – Kerry Campbell

- Kerry Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

2. Review and Passing of the Minutes – Kerry Campbell

- Minutes of the November 19, 2019 General PAC Meeting were reviewed
- MOTION: Kara Eastgate made a motion to accept the November 19, 2019 PAC meeting minutes
 - Moved by Carolina Ng
 - Motion carried

3. Principal's Report – Stephanie Labby

- Respect Week: February 24 - 28
- Celebration of Learning Dates
 - January 29 G Grade 8, F Grade 7, E Grade 6
 - March 6 G Grade 8, F Grade 7, E Grade 6
 - April 23 H Grade 8, F Grade 7, E Grade 6
 - June 4 G Grade 8, F Grade 7, E Grade 6
- Parent Drivers
 - Must fill out driver volunteer information form
 - For all fieldtrip and sports games when driving any child other than your own
 - Due to criteria changes in minimum liability
 - **ACTION:** Stephanie Labby - send form to Kerry Campbell
- Snow safety
 - Many children walking through crosswalks with headphones and no eye contact
 - **ACTION:** Kerry Campbell – send communique to parents on safety concerns
- Attendance
 - **ACTION:** Kerry Campbell – send reminder to contact the office and teacher during absences
- Into the Woods auditions
 - Drama production showcase this year led by Mr. Branswell
 - Over 100 students auditioned
- Tubing fieldtrips
 - Fieldtrips that were canceled due to snow have been rebooked
- School website down for multiple days: Resolved January 21 PM
- IBM STEM Workshop (Science, technology, engineering, math)
 - Grade 6 and 7 girls only

- Only 5 girls from each school chosen, teachers will recommend interested students
- Scheduled on February 20 at Langley Events Centre
- **ACTION:** Stephanie Labby – confirm if date conflicts with ski trip
- Proposal from PE department
 - Group wishes: Tennis (pricey) or Wheelchair basketball (\$400)
 - Wheel chair basketball chosen
 - Falls under “programs and initiatives”
 - **ACTION:** Stephanie Labby – confirm how long sessions are
 - **ACTION:** Stephanie Labby – provide invoice to Kerry
 - **ACTION:** PAC – confirm how to subsidize during February PAC meeting
 - **MOTION:** Giulia Russo Stadnik made a motion to add a line item to the general account for wheelchair basketball for \$400 for all gym classes
 - Moved by Jeff Thompson
 - Motion carried
- Grade 8 Farewell
 - Leaving ceremony scheduled on June 17 at 10am; parent invited to attend AM ceremony
 - Afternoon fun event following the ceremony; for grade 8’s only
 - **ACTION:** Kerry Campbell – confirm date to parents as soon as possible
 - **ACTION:** Stephanie Labby – confirm time of PEMS leaving ceremony also scheduled June 17
- Exhibition of Wonder design challenge
 - Launch after spring break
 - Symposium Day scheduled on May 29
- IB meeting
 - In a couple of weeks students can begin choosing courses but must consult with parents
 - Course selection scheduled on February 6
 - Pre-IB exam scheduled on February 11 from 9 – 11 am at YCMS
 - Contact REMSS directly for questions on the IB program

4. **PAC vacancies – Kerry Campbell**

- Sara Weatherby moving from Secretary role to Member-at-Large role for remainder of the school year
- Donna Doradea-Cabrera appointed as Secretary for remainder of the school year
- Treasurer position newly vacant – Kerry Campbell & Nav Bains will Co-Chair the position for the remainder of the year to ensure business can be accomplished

5. **Treasurer’s Report – Kerry Campbell**

- Ryan Steffens resigned as Treasurer effective December 2019 due to schedule conflict
- DPAC advised that current PAC executives can share the role. This ensures business continuity for the remainder of year and in the absence of any interest of the general membership stepping forward
 - Kerry Campbell – bank deposits, cheque writing, reimbursement requests, and liaise with the school
 - Nav Bains – record transactions, prepare & present reports, and annual Gaming reporting
- **ACTION:** Kerry Campbell – meet with Nav Bains in February to cross train and update the records
- General account balance: \$33,330.99
- Gaming account balance: \$31, 297.54
- Pancake Breakfast over budget: \$306.62
- **MOTION:** Giulia Russo Stadnik made a motion to increase the exploration classroom support allowance to \$200 per expo for this fiscal
 - Moved by Kerry Campbell
 - Motion carried

6. Grade Reporting Discussion

- Grade 6 (Carolina Ng)
 - All classes busy preparing for the Rant-a-looza against PEMS
 - All classes going on a 1-day snow field trip scheduled on February 25 and 27
 - Stephanie Labby confirmed grade 6 classes also going to Law courts, date TBD
- Grade 7 (Nav Bains)
 - Division 701 Nature Diversity Workshop scheduled for January 23
 - 4 classes working on Comparative Essays, moving onto Explanatory Writing next
 - February Science focus on Magnetism and Electricity
 - Current Social Student focus on early man
 - Division 704, and possibly 705 and 706 are looking into "Master of Disaster" program, learning about different natural disasters and how to prepare for them
- Grade 8 (Giulia Russo Stadnik)
 - Parent information night at REMSS scheduled on January 22 at 6 pm
 - All Grade 8's walking to REMSS for "Battle for the Paddle" scheduled on January 27
 - YCMS Wolves vs. PEMS Ravens Basketball game
 - Pep rally style event followed by a brief tour of REMSS athletic facilities
 - REMSS counsellors will be at YCMS in Early February to assist Grade 8's with elective course selections for Grade 9. Parents will see their child's selections before they are finalized.
 - Cypress snow tubing field trip moved to February 7
 - Exhibition of Wonder
 - Launch with an assembly in April
 - Students will plan and budget their project which must be approved by teachers
 - Plenty of build time to work on projects in the various expo classrooms
 - EXPO day scheduled on May 29th; parents are welcome
 - Combined YCMS & PEMS Grade 8 field trip to Cultus Lake waterslides scheduled on June 11
 - Grade 8 farewell celebration scheduled on June 17

7. DPAC Report (Jeff Thompson)

- November 2019 meeting: Physical literacy presentation
 - Physical Confidence builds on motivation, builds on participation, and competence
 - Unobstructed play is extinct. Everything is now regimented with less room for experiment and self learning. Playgrounds are empty.
 - Stranger danger mentality limiting kids from exploring. Need to instill physical values.
 - Work closely with school, using equipment, quality activity, provide lots of movement programs and activities.
- December 4 community forum at LEC: Topics included drugs, bullying, mental health awareness
- Superintendent update: New middle school likely in Walnut Grove
- Collective bargaining: Negotiations are ongoing and tensions are high
- Emergency supplies
 - YCMS emergency preparedness committee made up of health & safety committee members
 - Questioned whether supplies can be obtained that through gaming account
 - **ACTION:** Stephanie Labby – coordinate emergency preparedness presentation at February PAC meeting
 - **ACTION:** Emergency preparedness committee – conduct inventory of supplies and condition of supplies prior to February PAC meeting
- Resource teacher's case load: Some schools are struggling with over loaded case loads. Should be no more than 15 students per teacher but some schools have confirmed higher number of students. The model is changing with resource teachers staying in the class with the teacher.
- Parents are welcome to attend DPAC meetings

- SOGI reps being trained at each school
- TelusWise presentation by Debbie Balfour and Carrie Lawes rep on "Parenting in a Digital Society" scheduled on January 23.
 - Topics include cyberbullying, sexting, non-consensual sharing of sexts, gaming, parental control solutions, screen time

8. General Discussion

- PAC material: Minutes and budget
 - Recommend using Google docs rather than moving forward with SharePoint
 - Free tool
 - **ACTION:** Ashish Kapoor - set up account using YCMS PAC Gmail account
 - **ACTION:** Kerry Campbell – provide Gmail login information to Ashish Kapoor
 - **ACTION:** Kerry Campbell – confirm possible FOIPPA issues with saving PAC material to Google docs
- Grad and spirit wear
 - Low order count
 - Consider posting again for additional purchases as students are asking
 - Next school year recommendation
 - Send out via paper vs online
 - Start earlier and make available for 1-month rather than 2-weeks
 - Can display during meet the teacher night
 - Send grad and spirit wear at the same time to limit confusion
- Pancake breakfast went well
- Minutes binder: Donna Doradea-Cabrera to develop as does not currently exist
- PAC initiative
 - Canvass parents to determine interest in helping fund any of the initiatives – personally or employer or their own business
 - **ACTION:** Stephanie Labby – confirm priorities with Mr. Branswell
 - **ACTION:** Kerry Campbell – review approach in fundraising for initiatives
 - PAC will confirm which initiatives will be funded during February PAC meeting once priorities are confirmed
 - Consider separate Expo request for donations rather than fundraiser request from the PAC. E.g. Into the woods \$1 admission plus concession.
 - Donations for initiatives
 - Munch-a-Lunch online method only works for parents who have an account
 - Option to do eTransfer auto deposit, bank user fees could come out of PAC line item
 - **ACTION:** Kerry Campbell – draft request for donations and send to PAC members for review

9. New Business From The Floor

- No new business

10. Upcoming Meeting Dates

- The next PAC General Meeting will be February 18, 2019 @ 7PM.

11. Adjournment @ 9:08 PM