

Yorkson Creek Middle School

Parents' Advisory Council General Meeting

May 5, 2020

Attendees – Executive

PAC President & Co-Treasurer: Kerry Campbell

Vice President: Kara Eastgate

Secretary: Donna Doradea-Cabrera

Grade 6 Rep: Carolina Ng

Grade 7 Rep & Co-Treasurer: Nav Bains

Grade 8 Rep: Giulia Russo Stadnik

Member at Large: Sara Weatherby

Attendees – Administration

Principal: Stephanie Labby

Regrets

DPAC Rep: Jeff Thompson

1. Welcome and Introductions – Kerry Campbell

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

2. Review and Approval of Minutes – Kerry Campbell

- No quorum to vote on February meeting minutes

3. Principal's Report – Stephanie Labby

- Teacher's update
 - Teachers, support staff, aboriginal support staff and child care workers are doing an amazing job with the transition plan and continued online remote learning. A big thank you is in order!
 - Touch base meetings are held at least once per week
 - Additional big thank you to families for their support and messages. Messages are shared with teachers and support staff and they are appreciated.
- 2020/21 school year
 - Based on February numbers enrollment is going up
 - Registrations are still coming in and numbers are expected to keep climbing
 - Extra grades cannot yet be shared
 - Additional positions likely will be posted to accommodate increase in enrollment
 - Question - are there enough empty classes or portables?
 - Previous school year pods were built with empty classrooms throughout the school in anticipation of growth to keep grades together
 - Question – what is the capacity of the school, not including portables?
 - 750 but does not include flex space for the multipurpose room, Expo, etc. Science rooms will be used for science next year rather than classrooms.
 - Peter Ewart registration numbers are increasing also
- Transitions
 - Grade 8 Farewell event still to be confirmed
 - Grade 5 intake & transition plans to middle school still to be confirmed
 - Grade 8 transition to high school still to be confirmed. Working with RE Mountain on transition plan
- Questions to the principal
 - Is there an approximate timeframe for return to school?
 - Will come out in the weekly Superintendent letter, along with any changes
 - Is the grade 8 event still in the works for both schools?
 - Not yet confirmed. Parameters must be identified. Parents will be kept in the loop.
 - Kerry Campbell confirmed \$5000 is still set aside for a grade 8 event

4. **Treasurer's Report – Kerry Campbell**

- General account
 - As of May 1, 2020: balance = \$27,431.34
 - Pending to clear are hot lunch refunds = \$106.75
 - No additional expenses expected from the school this school year
 - Pending to clear: \$106.75 (hot lunch refunds)
 - Expected spending from other budget line items = \$50 bank fees, \$500 admin fees, \$200 volunteer recognition
 - Approximate amount moving forward to 2020/21 budget = \$ 26,500
 - Losses – as of May 1, 2020
 - Hot lunch cancellations = \$6000
 - 3 options were offered: donate to PAC, credit on account, refund
 - Hope to have a final number by mid-June
 - Original Budget
 - Originally planned to move forward to the 2020/21 budget = \$13,000
 - Budget will be ahead in September (including hot lunch losses), and will ease immediate fundraising stressors at the start of the school year
 - Several budget line items will not be made use of this year: grade wide presentations, lacrosse program, operation track shoes – a savings of \$10,000
- Gaming account
 - As of May 1, 2020: balance = \$29,195.95
 - Pending to clear (field trips & sports equipment) = \$6,200.00
 - No additional expenses expected from the school
 - Expected spending from other budget line items include:
 - \$500 grade 8 celebration
 - \$2,000 RE Mountain scholarships
 - Gaming application for the 2020/21 school year has been submitted. The approximate allocation to be received in September is \$11,500
 - Approximate funding amount moving forward to the 2020/21 budget = \$ 31,900
 - At the AGM we will not be approving the budget as it is unclear the needs of the school and students in the new school year. PAC and school will collaborate as things develop.
 - With a reduction in student population this year and cancellation of events due to Covid-19, we have yet to know the new cost for a full school year for the reduced student body.

5. **Grade Reporting Discussion**

- Grade 6 (Carolina Ng)
 - Teachers are busy assisting students
- Grade 7 (Kerry Campbell for Nav Bains)
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- Grade 8 (Giulia Russo Stadnik)
 - Continued work on Exhibition of Wonder. Modified for remote work.
 - Pre-IB winners have been contacted for September 2020 start
 - Shout out to Ms. Friesen who has gone above and beyond with her online learning, including fun games, prizes, chocolates dropped off at doors and frequent communications with parents

6. **DPAC Report (Jeff Thompson)**

- Absent, no update

7. **General Discussion**

- **Action – Kerry Campbell:** Consider occasional online meetings to encourage additional guests
- **Action – Grade Reps:** Consider asking teachers for year end wrap up messages for the final meeting
- YCMS RE Mountain Scholarships
 - PAC scholarship has been distributed on our facebook page and via the scholarship committee at REMSS; 4 applications received to date. Deadline to submit applications is May 22
 - 4 people needed to be on scholarship election committee; The scholarship committee will be made up of: Kara Eastgate, Nav Bains, Carolina Ng, and Giulia Stadnik
 - Top two applicants will win the scholarship after election committee reviews and marks marking sheets
 - **Action – Kerry Campbell:** Provide marking sheet to election committee
 - **Action – Kerry Campbell:** Confirm process to let kids know if they won
- AGM
 - Scheduled for May 27, 2020 @ 7pm
 - There are 9 total positions to fill on the Executive Board. Four current members have indicated interest in returning
 - Elections will be held at the AGM – applications are available by email, facebook and send home via email through the school
 - **Action – Kerry Campbell:** Send reminder email to canvas PAC volunteers

8. **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- The next PAC General Meeting will be May 27 @ 7PM

9. **Adjournment @ 7:38**