

**ACSS PAC General Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2023 @ 7:00PM**

Attendance: Krista B., Jaime D., Valerie F., Cathi H., Glenna O., Rachel R., Trudy R., Jodi S., Tara S. Adeana Z.

Guests: Mike Palichuk

Call to Order: 7:04pm

Land Acknowledgement: We would like to acknowledge that our school and meeting are on the unceded traditional territories of the Matsqui, Katzie, Kwantlen, and Semiahmoo First Nations.

Approval of Amended Agenda: Motion: Rachel; Second: Jodi

Approval of Minutes: February 13, 2023 General Meeting– Motion: Jodi; Second: Glenna

• **PRINCIPAL/VICE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- February is spent compiling data to plan for next school year
- Week of Feb 20th was Diversity & Respect Week – this is a District initiative
- Grade 9 immunizations took place this week
- Now that all the high schools in the district are on the semester system, we have seen a big increase in interest in the trades programs at ACSS. Recent information night had 46 for Automotive. 23 for Hairdressing & 36 for Carpentry attend.
- March 3rd H.D, Stafford hosted Spring into Wellness Aboriginal Family Gathering, this was open to everyone
- Last day of classes before Spring Break is this Friday, March 10th
- First two PLC/Learning Hub mornings saw 138 and 124 students attend, all students encouraged to attend

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

President: Jaime Dickson

- Nothing to report

Secretary: Cathi Hiscock

- Email from Mrs. Penner requesting funding – to be discussed in new business

Treasurer: Rachel Ramsey

- Bank Balances:
 - Main: \$13,034.30 (includes \$9521 money earmarked for bus must be used by school by end of 2022/23 school year or will go back into main account for use elsewhere).
 - Gaming \$26,926.96 – cheques written last month have cleared. Have had the remaining two bursary recipients from 2022 claim their money and have received an invoice for busing for band trip. Three cheques written totaling \$1,250.00.

DPAC: Jodi Stiglic

- Update on PLC/Learning Hubs
- Suggestions on how to apply for scholarships
- DPAC motion:
 - Mover: Noel Booth Elementary PAC: Seconder: Vanguard

Langley DPAC writes a letter to the Langley School District requesting clarity and understanding on the following:

1. Statistical data and report through budget as to how they disperse and/or allocate the funds they receive from the Ministry of Education and Jordan's Principle (if applicable) for students with designations/diagnosis or Neurodiverse Learners to schools within the district to pay for Education Assistants (EA's) and Resource Teachers, including what is moved into contingency funds;

2. Rationale/criteria as to how many educational assistants' schools will receive based on the number of designations within each school and need of student(s);

RATIONALE: We understand from our families at our school and neighbouring schools, that there are many students who are not receiving support by means of Education Assistants and/or Resource Teachers in the classrooms due to lack of funding from the district. The shortage in our class-rooms affects the mental health and education of our children and staff. On average we believe there is 1-3 children per class who bring in extra funds with their designations the school district yet these funds are not shown in the staffing to support the children and teachers. At our school we have 6 EAs all of which are 1:1 support for medically fragile students; this leaves the estimated 50 children unsupported

ACSS PAC voted to vote YES at April DPAC meeting

- Minutes of monthly DPAC meetings can be found online at <https://langleydpac.ca/monthly-meetings-agendas-minutes/>

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ERP: Tara Sutherland

- Nothing to report

BURSAIRIES: Valerie Friess

- Valerie to ask Nadine to contact and remind the two remaining bursary recipients from 2021 (Ayriannah P. & Maddison M.) that they have until June 30, 2023 to claim their bursaries
- Received a total of 18 Bursary applications. There were a few hiccups with using the online link through the email sent out from the school. Will need to review process for next year. Valerie will review the applications to make sure they are complete. If anything is missing Valerie will email and request missing items. It was decided to give a March 31st deadline for any missing documents to be submitted.- Update after meeting: All submission were complete, so no extension is required. Received 14 complete applications for Bursary #1 and four for Bursary #2. Should be able to announce bursary recipients at April PAC meeting.
- Rachel, Tara and Adeana volunteered to be the panel to read the essays and vote on their top choices for each bursary

OLD BUSINESS:

- Motion by Cathi to fund \$500.00 from gaming to student council to use for prizes for school teams, clubs, etc. note that prizes cannot be gift cards, gift certificate or cash and funds cannot be used to purchase items for resale for raising funds. – Deferred to April's meeting. Executive to contact Ashley Ross to get a more details on what the funds will be used for and to find out if Student Council did gift baskets and photo booth during Health and Wellness week as funds had been previously approved for helping with that

NEW BUSINESS:

- Executive to send out invite to incoming grade 9 parents to attend April. May & June meetings. Cathi will update one sent last year with this year's meeting dates and send to Jodi to have sent out to grade 9 parents at BGMS.
- Nominations for next years PAC executive will open in April. None of the current executive will be putting their names forward for next year. In order to retain and receive gaming funds we will need a minimum of three parents to fill the executive positions
- Funding request came in from Mrs. Penner:
 - Motion by Cathi to fund \$500.00 from gaming to English department to use for buses for field trip to cultural sites or to bring in cultural presenters for integrating Indigenous perspectives - To be voted on at April meeting
- The PAC Executive would like to purchase Easter treats and coordinate to have volunteers from Student Council hand them out the Thursday, April 6th at the end of the day. Mike sent an email to Ashley Ross to coordinate with the PAC to make arrangements.

Next meeting date: April 18, 2023 @ 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40pm