

In Attendance:

PAC Members: Kim Leifso (Co-President), Sandra Young (Co-President), Tyree Buchanan (Secretary), Doreen McIntyre, Tanya Cheung, Jennifer G.

Staff: Mr. Harris

Guests: none at this meeting

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Co-President, Kim Leifso

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome & Introductions

Minutes: The minutes of the October 2024 meeting were adopted.

Principal's Report (S. Gill & T. Springenatic)

- Remembrance Day assemblies – several presentations including choir & guitar (guitar led by Mr. Penner)
- Pep Rally was held to celebrate Poppy & its culture, not just athletics. Performance by the mini dance team, along with games and energy building activities.
- Results of the Chabera vs. Ellis swim race – Chabera won and then challenged Mr. Harris
- Most recent staff meeting featured
 - o the English Department's "vocabulary enhancement program"
 - o English Language Learner (ELL) program has been expanded to a full time ELL teacher on staff. ELL's presentation was on "effective accommodations to help students learn" ex// turn on subtitles in videos
 - o Teachers were asked "what does it mean to be a successful student at Poppy?" and from this feedback the Admin are creating the school goals and vision which will be shared with the PAC later this school year.
- Tell Them From Me Survey – this year Grade 9 & 11 students were asked to complete the survey on Nov. 18th
 - o Looks at social and emotional connections
 - o What the students are seeing and experiencing at the school and where they feel there could be improvements as the survey asks for their input and ideas to improve their experience at school
 - An example of something that came out of a prior survey was that the students asked for more seating around the school. In the coming months there will be new seating areas installed around the school that are in the final finishing stages of being made (metal and wood shops students even built them)
- *Question from a parent* – What about vaping/smoking at the school
 - o Admin and staff take vaping seriously and are continuing their efforts to crack down on the use of vapes in school. Students are aware of the consequences that will be enforced. Recently staff have even been approached by students looking for help quitting.
- Athletics
 - o Winter sports are gearing up ,we have basketball & curling running and are looking at running a ski/snowboard club as well
 - o This year marks Greg Leino's 50th year coaching at Poppy
- Report cards were issued last week
- Timetable for 2025-2026 planning is starting
- Nov. 27th there is a meeting with the Superintendent of Schools, Board Trustee(s), and the PAC Presidents of all schools in the Poppy catchment

- Improvements to building accessibility are coming to Poppy
- Poppy Murals – drawings are being reviewed and refined
 - o *Parent concern with 1 artist getting all of the contracts for the murals for the district as well as that artist charging for their renderings.*

Co-President's Report (K. Leifso & S. Young)

- BCCPAC member is completed and in place. Will have to obtain a copy of the BCCPAC motions and decide how we want to vote. There may be a virtual option to the BCCPAC AGM, Doreen said that she would attend if she is able, if not, we can send our votes via DPAC delegate.
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Treasurer's Report (T. Buchanan on behalf of J. Hikichi)

Bank Account Balances are as follows:

- General Account \$5,220.95
 - o noted one of the \$500 scholarship cheques is pending being cashed at this time
 - o Jana confirmed with the school that the PAC received \$1,522 in donations via cash online and they will cut us a cheque for that amount
- Gaming Account \$31,619.24
 - o Gaming Grant of \$15,480 for the year has been deposited to the account.

Teacher Requests for Funding:

1. PE Department – Volleyball Nets \$1,130
2. Confirmed it is primarily Poppy students using them
3. PE Department – 2 sets of Jerseys \$5,000
 - The groups previously noted were examples of jerseys needed
 - After discussion regarding jerseys and the large amount of requests being from athletics we decided to increase our standing annual funding of \$2,000 to \$2,500 for this year, representing ~1 set of jerseys
4. Request to support the Connections 11 class field trip

Motions

Motion made by Sandra to fund up to \$1,130 from Gaming volleyball nets for the use in the extracurricular Volleyball clubs. *Seconded by Jennifer*

- *All in favour, motion carried*

Motion made by Doreen to increase the annual funding for the Athletics Department for jerseys by \$500 for this school year and fund up to \$2,500 from Gaming for the use by the school for extracurricular activities. *Seconded by Sandra*

- *All in favour, motion carried*

Motion made by Renee to move the \$400 budgeted in the gaming funds for the grad newspaper article to be instead towards the Grad Walk and Breakfast year end celebration for the grads for total funding from gaming for the event to be \$800. *Seconded Sandra*

- *All in favour, motion carried*
- *Tyree and Tanya recused themselves from voting as grad parents*

Motion made by Jennifer to pay up to \$450 from Gaming towards the Connections 11 field trip to support students with socio-economic needs. *Seconded Tyree*

- *All in favour, motion carried*

DPAC Report (D. McIntyre)

- No new DPAC meeting since the last Poppy PAC meeting
- Feeding Futures and Food Literacy – presentation regarding the \$3.2 million fund that was provided to the Langley School District to support food literacy, and the provision of nutritional meals and snacks. School backpack programs to also receive support. Looking to ensure that the foods being offered to feed students are foods that will be nutritious and support student's growth.

New Business

- 1) Christmas Treats for Staff and Bus Drivers – Dec. 12th – Tyree organizing;

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm by Kim.

Upcoming Meetings

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| • January 28, 2025 | • April 29, 2025 |
| • February 25, 2025 | • May 27, 2025 |

Meetings are held at 7pm in the Library Learning Commons. Hope to see you there!

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