

PAC MEETING MINUTES - Dr. CHARLES BEST SECONDARY

GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

7:30pm – ZOOM

In Attendance:

Acting Chair: Graeme Illman
Vice Chair: Michele Danielov
Treasurer: Upasna Sharma
Principal Heather Murphy
Rosemary Brodt
Karen Illman
Claire Wheeler
Shauna Boyd
Katy Mantel
Vicki Guzikowski
Liliana Ciota
Laurie Leeder
Anna Ruan
Roger
Alex Rawlings
Meg Torres
Jessica Lim
Kevin Chiu
Lisa
Cindy

Exec Member-at-large: Karen Heinrich
Exec Member at large Jennifer Bell-Irving
Secretary: Rhiannon Morris

Hannah
Yin Ling Ling
Bethany Wong
David Preddy
Amy Lefrancois
Adele Crosnik
David White
Toby
Wayne Chiu
Sophie Zeng
Ipi
Michelle Head
Marise
Chiuk

7:35 pm Meeting called to order.

Introduction of attendees

Adoption of June 14th, 2021, General PAC meeting minutes

Moved – Karen Heinrich 2nd - Rhiannon Morris. All in favour. Carried.

Adoption of September 13th Agenda

Moved – Rhiannon Morris 2nd – Jennifer Bell-Irving. All in favour. Carried.

Principal Heather Murphy's report

- Thanks to Michele for introductions.
- Good luck to Will Davis in the upcoming Federal Election.
- Welcome back to all the people that keep coming back to the PAC meetings. It's exciting to have so many Grade 9 parents at the meeting.
- We are now in the second year of not having parent meetings or school assemblies which is hard because it means that students miss the community experience.
- The District meeting in August confirmed that the semester system was back. This was welcomed because many CB students take more than 8 courses. Moving to quarter system when the school would normally have a 5-block system was very difficult (lunch is floating).
- Teachers – 14 were laid off last year, but the school welcomed 14 new teachers back.

- Enrollment was up by 39 over expected so the school is over-full. However, every in-catchment student has a place. This means the school is very cramped, but the hope is that it will get another teacher.
- Total number of students expected was 1578, the actual number is now 1564, making Dr. Charles Best the biggest school in district. The percentage of French Immersion to English students is 50:50.
- Considering the continuing covid problems the school year has started slowly and conservatively, with no field trips, and limited clubs and club activities. Face to face meetings will be kept to a minimum except for sports activities.
- Heather is not sure how Covid will affect things moving forward, she worries about grades 9 and 10 who haven't had the whole school experience yet. The whole Graduation celebration has also been so affected by the covid experience, but we hope this year's grad will be more normal.
- Fraser Health has asked the school to keep track of seating plans in case of exposure.
- The Staff meeting was on zoom, the department heads meeting was in person but distanced.
- Last year the building was updated significantly. Over the summer the computing facilities were upgraded, and the school was cleaned in detail.
- Because we now have a new gym floor, there is pressure from the School District to rent it out, but ideally it would be kept available for our own school use as much as possible. If the gym is not fully rented out, the school can occasionally choose to host a tournament.
- The Head secretary position has changed again. When the permanent Head Secretary went on leave, a temporary secretary filled the position. That temporary secretary Nancy has now taken a permanent position at Heritage, and Jill Philbrook is now the new temporary head secretary at Charles Best.
- We have a new Athletic director who is also a math teacher.
- There have been some big expenditures at the start of the year that were not anticipated due to: a lot of vandalism over the summer; a need to upgrade sewing machines; and a need for new textbooks related to the advancement of reconciliation.
- The Department meeting is scheduled for September 27th so staff will bring their PAC wish list to that meeting. The criteria for the Gaming Grant are that if an item is needed to teach, then the school pays. If an item enhances the learning experience, then the PAC can pay for it. Upasna asked for some type of wish-list by Sep 29th and HM agreed.

Questions:

-Karen H asks as a grade 12 parent what is covid going to mean? HM says we are currently not able to plan anything. The first big event of the graduating year would usually be the Senior sail, however of the two companies that take bookings, one went out of business. The other is not taking reservations yet. At this point the boats can take half capacity so only half the grad class would be able to participate. Deposits that were previously made by other parties in anticipation of an event, were lost, so the school board has directed no further bookings. Even tournaments are on hold. Any bookings that need a deposit is not allowed to be booked. There is a possibility that some events, for example, trivia night could go ahead but we are not able to plan for them right now.

-Rosemary B asks has the request for vaccination cards come into play? HM says not that she is aware of.

-Karen H asks do textbooks ever become available online? HM says some do, but usually kids need the physical books including a workbook which can be written in.

-David Preddy asks about the grade 9 year usually getting a vaccination but they didn't last year, do we know what's happening to keep them up to date. HM says they have not heard anything. Many kids

have gone directly to Fraser Health or their doctor. However, she warns that once kids enter grade 10 it starts to cost. There is currently no firm plan from Fraser Health that HM knows to catch up. There was a date given but it has not been confirmed. HM is hoping that the grade 9s will get their shots and the grade 10s will be taken care of at the same time. Karen H mentions a letter from Fraser Health to her school where she works, which anticipates that grades 6,7, 9 and 10 vaccinations will be taken care of by Fraser Health this year.

-Michele D asks will PAC meetings be able to be in person? HM says currently not possible.

-Bethany W asks what vandalism happened? HM replies, the vandals broke mirrors in the bathroom, ripped off toilet seats, and cut some wires. The students were caught as it happened during a school morning, and they were caught on camera.

DPAC report

- DPAC has not met yet this year. We currently have no rep for this year so far. Anyone interested please let exec know.
- David Preddy offers to be DPAC rep if the meetings are on Wednesdays.

Treasurer's report

- PAC accounts – there are two accounts. One is the Gaming Account, which is for Gaming Grant funds received and disbursed, this currently has a balance of \$29,321.54. The other account is the general PAC account which receives donations and is used to disburse funds that are approved by PAC, but which are not related to the Gaming Grant. This account balance is currently \$9,137.05. A total of \$1,718 has been received so far in donations.
- Some reporting remains to be done by Upasna. PAC doesn't have a budget yet because the staff has not provided a wish list yet. By October it will be done. We don't know either how much the Gaming authority will be giving us. The amount is usually approximately \$25 per student but will probably less this year.
- Gaming funds can be spent on any activities that do not relate to curriculum or classroom activities e.g. jerseys, after school club items. Each month the treasurer does a report and shows the budget for accountability to the PAC.

New business

- Grade 11 parents usually form a committee to plan a Parent dance (usually held in Spring in the year their children are in grade 11) to raise funds for graduation events when their children are in grade 12. Any parents interested let us know.
- Grade 12 grad – Rosemary Brodt is committee chair for 2022 grads. A lot of fundraising has already happened, because the Parent dance wasn't able to happen due to Covid restrictions. To date, \$9,100 has been raised by an online 50:50 ticket sale, a soccer pool, bottle deposits, and a meat sale. There will possibly still be more fundraising needed – for example a winter market, another 50/50, and a poinsettia sale. The need for more fundraising depends on what the grads will need i.e., what their final plan for graduation will be. The first meeting is this Wednesday Sep 15th for all who are interested.
- Karen H mentioned the new PAC website which will show all dates of future meetings.
- October 18th 7:30 will be the next General PAC meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Moved – Rosemary B, 2nd – Michele D. All in favour. Carried.

8:50 pm Meeting adjourned.