

École Dr. Charles Best Secondary School
PAC Meeting Minutes
May 5th, 2025 7:00 pm

In Attendance:

David Cyr
Christine Friend

David White
Laila Atkins

Christine Baker
Isabel Chiu Pamela Chan

Welcome & Introductions

Christine and Laila welcomed all parents and PAC members.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Christine Friend; seconded by Isa. Carried

Approval of Minutes from Previous PAC Meeting— March 3rd, 2025

Moved by Christine F; seconded by Isa. Carried

School Administration Update – Principal David Cyr

Parking passes misused beside ongoing construction. 12-plex coming along. Maker space being put in in library; may be completed by end of the month. Room 108 a support room, food rooms. Murals in the library look great. Teacher Appreciation Lunch date – Thursday, June 26th.

PAC Finances – Laila for Niloo

Total donations \$6,434.86

PAC General account (total \$26,698.79)
After Grad 2025 \$11,609.19
G11DD \$7,082.30
PAC \$8,007.30 (we will be issuing a \$4,000 cheque for Scholarship)

Gaming account \$16,327.85, remaining budget \$9,000.
Large items: \$4,000 for Teacher's appreciation including gifts, flowers, cake etc. (will need to have clarity on the details), \$500 for Pride Committee, \$2,800 for the Murals in the library, and \$585 for Home Ec competition (expecting invoices from Nicole).

We have an issue with the bank refusing non-officers' deposit, we will need to make time to meet and discuss this issue, and will re-group later on.

Motion by Christine B, seconded by Christine F: To reallocate funds from the Social Studies budget to the library murals. CARRIED

DPAC – David White

Wednesday, **April. 2nd, 2025** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Superintendent Nadine Tambellini gave a short report. March 11th was the swearing in of new school trustee Rosey Manhas.

Budget meetings can be watched on line: April 15th @ 7:00 p.m. – public meeting April 29th, @ 7:00 p.m. – final decisions.

Some good news about Hazel Trembath school – details coming.

Shannon Sullivan gave a presentation on “Executive Function” based on the book *Smart but Scattered* by Peg Dawson & others What are executive skills?

Response inhibition, working meaning, cognitive flexibility

Executive skill strengths and deficits

Ability to integrate a present awareness with future anticipation and past experience to develop a reasonable plan (accounting for space, time and people) for present action.

The teen brain is very vulnerable

ADHD and executive skill dysfunction, chronological age vs. ADHD age

Link: EF Skill Presentation shsullivan@sd43.ca

Nick Horning spoke on cell phone policy: challenges enforcing policy; smart watches are a problem. Need support from parent community. AI & co-pilot a “codependency” on AI (AI friends).

Meeting at Learning Education Centre, Wednesday, **April 30th** @ 6:50 p.m. (social), actual meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Assistant Superintendent Jeremy Clark gave a report: Lots happening in April – unified sports, soccer and basketball championships. April 29th District budget passed.

The DPAC Executive members spoke on their various roles, nominations by mid- May

Some questions & answers. Open forum – various questions.

Several elementary & middle schools and only two secondary schools (Charles Best & Heritage Woods) received awards for 100% attendance.

Annual General Meeting May 28th. Nominations open for SD43 parents interested in joining the DPAC.

2024-25 PAC Committees – Laila

Update on funds raised: Grade 11 Parent Dance Committee raised \$7082.30. Need to clarify reimbursements and expenses for next year’s committees.

2025 Grade 12 parent After Grad Committee – Laila for Rosemary Brodt

We are in the home stretch (just 6 weeks till AfterGrad!). We have reached our fundraising goal and have just one more fundraiser coming out on Friday (corsages & boutonnieres). Now our focus will be solely on final preparations for the party. We are fine tuning the entertainment and decorations and will be asking for parents to donate food items and sign up to volunteer in the special Grad Newsletter that is coming out this Friday. We will meet every week in the last 4

weeks leading up to the event to cover off all details but there will be plenty of communication between meetings as well for this last period. Looking forward to a frenzy of activity right up until the big day!

Next PAC meeting to be determined by the PAC in September 2025.

Move to adjourn made by David; seconded by Christine B. CARRIED