

**École Dr. Charles Best Secondary School
PAC Meeting Minutes
March 3rd, 2025 7:00 pm**

In Attendance:

David Cyr
Kirby Ransom
Isabel Chiu

David White
Christine Friend
Pamela Chan

Christine Baker
Laila Atkins
Niloo Fowler

Welcome & Introductions

Christine and Laila welcomed all parents and PAC members.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Niloo; seconded by Christine B. Carried

Approval of Minutes from Previous PAC Meeting– January 6th, 2025

Moved by Christine B.; seconded by Laila. Carried

Finance – Niloo Fowler

Grade 11 Dinner/Dance \$4,319.48; After Grad \$6,010.24; PAC \$10,892.73. Donations for February, \$175.00; total year to date: \$6,434.86. Dinner/Dance funds of \$11,044.39 transferred to school.

Problems with deposits on fundraisers for Grade 11 Dinner/Dance budget & checking on final amount. Suggest it is worthwhile giving a budget and putting something aside from the Gaming Account.

School Administration Update – Principal David Cyr

Enrollment for Grade 9's lower than last year; school population a bit lower. French Immersion students sometimes changing to English program but out of catchment, leading to problems as not enough room. New rules to go into place.

Facility update: 12-plex permit coming, work starting soon. Parking lot spots are being changed. Pamela mentioned problems with students walking from Baker Drive as pathway is now blocked by fence.

DPAC – David White

Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 29th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Nadine Tambellini is the new District Superintendent; Andrea Hunter is now new Assistant Superintendent. Attendance: 20 elementary schools, 10 middle schools, only 2 secondary schools.

Superintendent Tambellini is excited about her new role, plans to attend all DPAC meetings, will be joining the budget process and working on programs of choice.

Guest Presentation by Stephen Wiffin, Assistant Superintendent – Tech Ed, – “Role of AI in our Schools.”

- Mostly for middle school and up
- BYOD begins in Grade 6, so technology is becoming a larger part of the school role
- “Kids **will** have access—whether we like it or not, it’s already here.”
- Need to know how to recognize when it’s being used
- Can help teachers work more efficiently
- Can help students with learning barriers
- CoPilot (like ChatGPT and DALL E 2) connected to Microsoft 365, which SD43 uses
- Guardrails in place for students 13+
- More on advantages and disadvantages – questions

Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 26th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

DPAC President, Rosey Manhas, is the newly-elected school trustee for the district (by-election on Feb 22nd). Meeting chaired by Jamie Manchester, Vice-President.

Brief report by Superintendent Nadine Tambellini on cross-catchment (almost complete), programs of choice and budget.

Brief report by Assistant Superintendent Jeremy Clarke, who will be overseeing Indigenous Education as well as other things.

Open Forum on different topics. Among the topics discussed were building relationships between PACs and school administration, dangerous driving in school areas, recruiting for PACs and improving PAC meeting attendance.

Part time administrative assistant position is open as Amber is leaving. Details posted Thursday, March 6th.

Next DPAC meeting is Wednesday, April 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. All parents welcome.

Grade 11 Parent Dance Committee – Laila

Echo has had to resign as chair. Christine Baker and Christine Friend are helping out. 101 tickets sold so far. 10 leadership students are helping with setup.

Moved by Niloo, seconded by Isa: That the PAC agree to pay \$250.00 for pizza for volunteers. CARRIED with ABSTENTIONS: Laila Atkins and Christine Baker.

Moved by Isa, seconded by Christine Friend: That the PAC will cover food for young adult volunteers and the DJ for the Grade 11 Parent Dance. CARRIED with ABSTENTIONS: Laila Atkins and Christine Baker.

New Business

The After Grad Committee requested a portion of the credit for Ticket Tailor be allocated to the After Grad Pub Ticket sales. The following motion was voted on and approved via email on January 18, 2025: Motion: PAC to allocate a small portion of the \$1000 budget for Eventbrite to cover the cost of After Grad Pub Ticket Sales on Ticket Tailor.

Moved: Niloo; Seconded: Laila. CARRIED

Teacher Appreciation Lunch tentative date June 26th. Budget appx \$3000.00. David White offered that his wife, Michiyo, will again make the appreciation cake.

Niloo asked for wish list items to come through soon.

Motion to adjourn made by Niloo, seconded by Christine B. CARRIED

Next Meeting and AGM: May 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.