



Abbotsford Senior Secondary School

Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date Thursday February 08, 2024

Time 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Location: Abby Senior Library Learning Commons

Attendees:

Executives in Attendance:

President:	Winsome Rauch
Vice President:	Loveleen Mann
Treasurer:	
Secretary:	Kiran Harry/ Karen Corr
DPAC Rep:	Marc Vella
Grade 9/10 Parent Rep:	Barbara Landa McAuliffe
Grade 11/12 Parent Rep:	Stacey Parson

School Staff in Attendance:

Principal:	Carla Campbell
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Parents and Guests in Attendance:

Eruke Omonogieva, Elias Omorogieva, Andy Capesinio

1. Welcome and Introductions – Winsome Rauch
 - 1.1 Winsome called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a land acknowledgement.

2. Principal's report – Ms. Carla Campbell
 - 2.1 The Principal, Ms. Campbell, mentioned that the open house was successful and had a good turnout.
 - 2.2 Sports:

- 2.2.1 Basketball season is over.
- 2.2.2 Rugby season started right after Basketball.
- 2.3 First day of semester 2, the fire alarm was pulled, but everything was fine.
- 2.4 Shared learning commons is coming soon. All teachers and educators can attend.
- 2.5 Dry Grad tickets will go to 140.
- 2.6 Course selection for next year is coming up for grade 9, 10 and 11.
- 2.7 Concern: There were needles found on school grounds and we reached out to facilities staff, so they can go at night patrol and clean up if there are such things. One student did a project on this topic which was shocking. Grounds staff asked for pictures.
- 3. Questions & discussion:
 - 3.1 Teacher appreciation is coming on March 4th – confirmed.
 - 3.2 Parent Question: Some parents are very concerned about the number of lockdowns that have occurred in the last couple of weeks.

Ms. Campbell explained: Shelter-in-place is used for situations such as if any student faints in the hallway, everyone stays in their classrooms so that halls are clear for paramedics. Lock down is if there is an eminent danger or threat, for example after the recent shooting situation, or there is a real danger outside the building - sometimes senior management is called and involved, then police take over afterwards. At the beginning of every school year there is emergency procedure where they explain the procedures to staff and then staff/teachers share with students. Ms. Campbell stated that it might be worth reviewing with the school community the difference between shelter-in-place and lock down.
 - 3.3 Parent Question: If there is a lock down situation and if the staff or students don't hear the Announcement then how you get around to them.

Ms. Campbell said if there is a lock down, then everyone is locked down inside the school and no one leaves, and everyone is safe inside the school. You move to the closest place and teachers close the blinds, turn off the lights. Ms. Campbell mentioned that after the incident happened, they talked to all the teachers and answered all their questions, there is a clinical counsellor for teachers and families, this information was also sent in the email.
 - 3.4 Parent Question: Parent teacher conferences are coming up; how do parents know the name of the teachers to book the appointment? Why were the parents not notified about Parent-Teacher conferences?

Ms. Campbell mentioned that parents can check on MYED and ask the office staff, counsellors for more information. There were no parent-teacher conferences at the school as it is too early in the semester.
 - 3.5 Question: PAC submitted IB questions in January last year and it's Feb 2024 and we didn't hear anything, should we reach out to the district? Parents were unhappy to hear that Pre-Diploma 9 classes have been cancelled for next year. Who made that decision?

Ms. Campbell mentioned that the district hasn't sent anything, and we are still waiting.
- 4. Approval of January Minutes – Kiran Harry
 - 4.1 Previous minutes were presented. Barbara moved to approve the minutes as presented, Stacey seconded. All in favour – Approved.
- 5. Treasurer's Report: Winsome
 - 5.1 General account balance: \$2,804.57

Gaming account balance: \$26,575.76

School cash balance: \$1730.00

There are no transactions.

6. DPAC Report: Marc Vella

6.1 Marc Vella presented the DPAC meeting report. Michelle Garren came to the meeting; she gave detailed presentation on addressing common Myths:

- 1: My child is a designation
- 2: My child has a special need, and;
- 3: Pull out groups are best way to support my child’s learning
- 4: No consequences for child with behaviour problems
- 5: My Child need to be designated

6.2 BCCPAC – meeting is approaching, and we can attend. If Abbotsford has large number of members and we send in our proxies, we have a bigger representation when votes happen on the resolutions at the AGM. Feb 12th is the deadline for the special resolutions. There is no deadline for the general resolutions, BCCPAC can also help with the wording if we want to present a resolution.

Marc proposed drafting resolutions aimed at enhancing academic student outcomes in British Columbia and addressing concerns regarding international students displacing domestic students. He moved to present these resolutions to the BCCPAC following an e-vote with the PAC executive, Barbara seconded. All in favour - Approved.

7. President’s report: Winsome

7.1 District partnership meeting is coming up in March.

7.2 Grade 9/10 Parent rep Elections: 1 position open

7.2.1 There are two nominations, one is from Andy Capesino, and another is from Eruke Omorogieva

7.2.2 Barbara made motion for secret ballot; Stacey seconded. All in favour – Approved.

7.2.3 Election proceeded – both Andy and Eruke got equal votes.

7.2.4 Barbara moved to have 3 parent reps for grade 9/10 and Marc seconded – Approved and both Andy and Eruke are appointed Grade 9/10 parent rep alongside Barbara.

7.3 Staff appreciation: Staff appreciation is on Monday Mar 4 from 10:54 to 11:35

7.3.1 Kiran will bring Samosas; Barbara is bringing snacks and Winsome will bring cutlery/ napkins.

7.4 Gaming Compliance:

7.4.1 Gaming money should be handled properly.

7.4.2 We try to have back up required for different responsibilities like writing cheques, signing cheques, membership, gaming records, paper copies, etc

Duties	Responsibility of	Back up
Writing cheques	Treasurer	
Signing cheques	President/ VP & Treasurer (any 2)	
Budget + Dec registration	membership	N/A
Gaming Records Paper copies	President/ Treasurer	school
GR Digital copies	President/ Treasurer	VP

Banking	Pres/ VP. Treasurer	
Deposits	Treasurer	President
Record financial transactions	Treasurer	President

Gaming would like to see effective internal controls and provide for appropriate segregation of duties.

- 7.4.3 Suggestions by Parents: We can write to them to provide us more suggestions.
- 7.4.4 Action item: Winsome will write letter to Gaming to ask for suggestions.

7.5 IB Letter:

- 7.5.1 No response received for the previous letter sent to the District.
- 7.5.2 Parent Suggestions: write another letter to Superintendent, Secretary, Treasurer, Principal
- 7.5.3 Letter should go to Superintendent and then follow up to the Trustees.
- 7.5.4 Stacey made a motion to write follow up letter regarding IB and Barbara seconded – Motion approved.
- 7.5.5 There is another motion made to have a meeting regarding BCCPAC resolution – Marc moved and Barbara seconded. Approved

8. Meeting adjourned

- 8.1 Winsome adjourned the meeting at 8:27pm

NEXT MEETING: April 11. 2024 @ 7:00pm in-person (School Library)