



## Abbotsford Senior Secondary School

### ABBOTSFORD SENIOR SECONDARY PAC MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** November 16, 2023  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Library learning commons, Abbotsford Senior Secondary

#### **Executives in Attendance:**

**President:** Winsome Rauch  
**Vice President:** Loveleen Mann  
**Treasurer:** Brigette Wimmer  
**Secretary:** Karen Murphy-Corr (backup for Kiran Harry)  
**DPAC:** Marc Vella  
**Grade 9/10 Parent Rep:** Barbara Landa McAuliffe  
**Grade 11/12 Parent Rep:** Duan Hu, Stacey Parson

#### **School Staff in Attendance:**

**Principal:** Carla Campbell

#### **Parents and Guests in Attendance:**

Nancy Vella, Sabrina Carlson, Tara Gaudet, Rajiv Mittal

Online: Naisha Sharma, Jerome

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#### **1. Welcome and Introductions –**

Winsome Rauch called the meeting with land acknowledgement.

#### **2. Principal's Report:**

Carla Campbell, Principal, presented the school report, updating everyone on school clubs, sports teams, and field trips.

- In athletics, 8 swimmers, coached by Jennie Bell, participated in the Fraser Valley Regional Swim Meet, with Zoe Unger qualifying for provincials. Coach Lainchbury led 22 cross-country athletes to provincials, and the football teams (32 Junior and 43 Senior players) faced high participation, even requiring borrowed equipment from Bateman. The senior girls' volleyball team reached the playoffs
- Boys' soccer – 23 on this year's team – undefeated during year; off to provincials next week.

- Senior and now junior athlete of the month awarded monthly.
- There is an ongoing staffing shortage; we are short of TOCs and administration must ask staff to cover, which is a strain. One teacher is off on medical leave for two months – posted the job and there have been no applications. Retired teachers are coming back to work.
- Teachers are working hard on new report cards. Secondary report cards must have very explicit written feedback now. They are also navigating a new grade book, as well as Microsoft Teams as the new online platform.
- At ASSS we have the IB program and at AMS there is the Middle Years program. There is a gap because we don't have the Middle Years program at ASSS for grades nine and 10. The board has asked that ASSS consider bringing the Middle Years Program philosophy of teaching (inquiry-based learning—how you teach) to grades nine and 10 at our school. Ms. Campbell and Ms. Craig attended a MYP conference in June and were the only Canadians present. They are meeting with someone from the MYP organization next week and will continue to educate staff and parents about MYP. Winsome asked what the budget is and Ms. Campbell said she did not know. All grades nine and 10 would be doing the MYP. Pre-IB would just become part of MYP; teachers could continue to prepare students for IB with curriculum content.
- There is an upcoming information night for any parents in the district who are interested in IB. Watch social media/school or District websites for details.
- Winsome Rauch asked about how many years of PAC meeting minutes could be stored on the school website. Carla said she was told two years. Discussion about how PAC should have five years.

**3. Approval of October Meeting Minutes:**

- Winsome Rauch called for approval of meeting minutes with the amendment of Nicole Giesbrecht's attendance.
- Barbara motioned to approve, and Brigette seconded.
- October Meeting Minutes Approved – No one opposed.

**4. Treasurer's Report:**

- Brigette presented the current bank account balances:
  - General Bank Account Balance \$2,804.57
  - Gaming Account Balance \$26,575.76
  - School Fundraising Balance \$1,730.00
- Marc asked about when funds are spent.
- Winsome has received some thank you notes. She will send out a summary by email.

**5. DPAC Meeting Debrief:**

- Marc said parents will receive hard copy report cards.

- He says they discussed the upcoming Provincial BCCPAC Summit meeting. Delegates will attend from all over the province.

**6. President's Report:**

- Staff appreciation event on October 27 that Barbara organized was cute; packets of cookies were left in the staff room.
- Winsome got an appointment at Envision to update signatories for the bank accounts.
- We were emailed an audit – compliance, self-assessment questionnaire from the Gaming and Enforcement branch that needs to be filled out.
- Winsome is going to the BCCPAC Summit tomorrow. She invited anyone who would like to email her questions to raise with the other DPAC reps.

**7. Unfinished Business:**

- IB Pre-Diploma Admissions – Winsome recapped what happened in recent years with the IB program and restrictions on out-of-catchment students applying to IB (out-of-catchment students are helpful to keep the number of IB Diploma candidates robust—ASSS has more than 100 international students yet won't make room for Abby students for IB). In January 2023, PAC sent a letter to the District to voice concerns. The PAC moved to delay the topic until this November with the new Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. The decision is to update the previous letter to send to the new leadership about our concerns.
- Loveleen shared that there is a program for an immersive French experience in Ontario or Quebec that is free (except you pay for transportation there).
- Marc heard a podcast about a study that an academic did about the effect of IB and AP on the rest of the school. He suggests finding it so we can reference it.

**8. New Business:**

- PAC minutes were posted on ASSS website (PDFs) but the office staff deleted older minutes, saying the District directed that more years of minutes were not necessary. Winsome said it's important to have five years of minutes for Gaming Commission compliance, and for continuity / easy reference when PAC leadership changes. She says DPAC agrees that at the secondary level it's important to have the minutes easily accessible online. The School District had mandated only two years, suggesting PAC keep older minutes in a binder in the office (but that's not convenient for secondary school parents). The current Principal has said she will permit a start with two years of minutes, and we can continue to add until we have five years of minutes. Parents present agreed that an online archive makes sense. Winsome will ask DPAC to make it official.
- Winsome asked if anyone could attend the Abbotsford Bingo AGM on December 9 at 10:30 am. Winsome will go. Barbara will see if she can be the backup. If a representative of our PAC doesn't show up, PAC won't get a grant.

**9. Open Floor:**

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- Marc asked about the MYP, parents shared information about it.
- Barbara said the next staff appreciation should be in the New Year. Tara suggested during report card time (end of January) and everyone present agreed.

10. **Meeting adjourned:** 8:26 pm

11. **Next meeting:** Thursday January 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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Signed by: Karen Murphy-Corr (Back-up Secretary)