



Abbotsford Senior  
Secondary School

**ABBOTSFORD SENIOR SECONDARY PAC MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** September 21, 2023  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** School Library and Zoom

**Attendees:**

**Executives in Attendance:**

President:	Winsome Rauch
Vice President:	Loveleen Mann
Treasurer:	Brigette Wimmer
Secretary:	Kiran Harry
Secretary:	Karen Corr
DPAC:	
Grade 9/10 Parent Rep:	Duan Hu
Grade 10/12 Parent Rep:	Nicole Giesbrecht

**School Staff In Attendance:**

Vice Principal:	Jennie Bell
Vice Principal:	Sandy Gill
Vice Principal:	Travis Bell

**Parents and Guests in Attendance:**

Tiffany Zarecki, Suki Grewal, Uphar Dhaliwal, Stacey Parson, Haydee Salinas, Amanda Thiessen, Barbara Landa McAuliffe, Paramjit Rai

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**1. Welcome and Introduction:**

**1.1 Land acknowledgment and welcome** – Winsome Rauch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with land acknowledgement message

**1.2 Introduction:** Executive, parents and guest introductions, New VPs

**Vice Principal:** Travis Bell

Vice Principal Travis Bell talked about his background and mentioned that he is excited to be here. Mr. Travis said he have a passion for coaching football and involved in school sports teams

**Vice Principal:** Jennifer Bell

Jennifer Bell mentioned that she is filling for Principal Carla Campbell. Ms. Bell said that she is from Brampton and moved to Abbotsford in 2009, her background is in English, Humanities, & Learning support. Now, at Abby Senior she is overseeing Grad, LSS, Social, Math and ELL department responsibilities.

**Vice Principal:** Sandy Gill

Sandy Gill shared that this is her first position as Vice Principal, she is born and raised in Abbotsford. She is working towards student voice and counseling department.

**2. Principal's Report: Jennie Bell, VP**

**2.1 School Plan:**

**2.1.1 School Goals**

- Staff is Working towards Intellectual, Social-emotional and career of students
- Working towards improving Grad rates
- Trying to figure out ways to close the gap for all the students not only Indigenous students
- Draft for goals is also on the school website

**2.1.2 New Reporting Order and staff learning**

- Changes in Grade 9 reporting system
- Changes in terms of MyEd
- 4-point proficiency scale for core competencies and curricular competencies
- Teachers are working on curricular competencies, areas of strength in instruction, and on MyEd
- Mouat is piloting this for 2 years now
- This is steep learning curve for teachers as well
- Assessment criteria are going out soon to parents regarding the core competencies
- Information is also on MyEd

**2.1.3 MyEd**

- Parent portal login is no longer effective.
- Only students can log into their accounts for report cards
- Parents can no longer access the portal
- MyEd is student specific and this is the only way to access the student report card
- Only students can reset the passwords and reset password email will go to the student
- Password needs to be changed every 100 days

## 2.2 School Clubs and Sports

- In Abby Senior 37 clubs are running including, board game, math, chess and others
- Sports teams: Volleyball team Girls and boys, Football, Soccer, Basketball
- There is first exhibition Volleyball game against Mouat this week

## 3. Question and Comments:

### Parent Question:

How to know about if our children handed in the assignments or not if parents are not able to log into MyEd

**VP, Jennie Bell:** Parents can contact teachers and/ or counselors. This question can be asked at DPAC as well

### Parent Question:

How to talk to the teachers, we don't know who are our child's teachers.

**VP, Jennie Bell:** Teacher list is available in school, you can ask the counsellors as well

**Parent Question/ comment:** In previous years there was parent-teacher meetings and for that online appointment booking was available, Last year parent-teacher meetings had to be individually booked by email. Could online appointment booking with the teachers be reinstated.

**VP, Jennie Bell:** We will look into that

**Parent question:** What kind of activities are there in school for social-emotional learning

**VP, Jennie Bell:**

First, we are getting into a routine. On Mondays we announce themes. During SLO teachers discuss this and work on staff mental health and strategies. Teachers also plan and talk about students' mental health as well. The first step is being at your door - making a connection with each child.

**Parent question:** 3 years ago, Pre diploma became restricted to the catchment area, We talked about this at PAC meetings and we opened up 10 spots by lottery for Grade 10, Do you think are we going to open up more spots for grade 9 pre-diploma?

**Note/ Action item:**

Follow up with District in Nov for how many spots for Grade 9 pre diploma

**VP, Travis Bell**

In this school all spots are full, there is no space and its probably hard to bring new numbers

## 4. Treasurer's report:

Loveleen Mann provided updates for the account balance:

- Treasurer's report/ summary is: **\$2804** in General account and **\$2115** in Gaming account

- Gaming grant will be available by Mid Oct
- Gaming Grant is applied

#### **5. DPAC Report:**

Winsome provided a DPAC report from the June 2023 meeting. There was a presentation on Cyber State arranged by DPAC. Presentation is about how to be cyber safe from exploitation. Some parents said the school principals should inform everyone before these kinds of presentations happen. Then elections happened for the DPAC executives.

#### **6. Nominations for executive for Abby Senior:**

Vacant Positions:

- DPAC Rep
- One Grade 11/ 12 Rep
- One Grade 9/10 rep

Appointed:

DPAC: Mark Vella

Grade 9/10 Rep: Barbara Landa McAuliffe

Grade11/12: Stacey Parson

#### **7. New Business**

- PAC is accepting financial requests
- Requests can be placed for Extracurricular sports, music, Grad, and Dry Grad, anyone can put request.
- Until the next meeting on Oct 12 all requests should be in place to see how money can be distributed
- Grant will be available by mid Oct

#### **8. BCCPAC**

- Every PAC should be a member of BCCPAC
- There is a membership fee associated
- Last year there were 27 proxy votes
- Through DPAC the Abbotsford school district will pay our PAC's membership fee

#### **9. Open Floor**

**VP, Jennie Bell:**

- We had a one-time affordability grant for school to support families in need of food, clothing, and covering the cost of Grad
- There are 3 different support programs for families in need of food:
  1. Starfish backpack program

2. Elementary Pantry program
3. Feeding Futures Program: There are job openings for feeding future coordinator for the District. Abby Senior already has someone for this role. This grant provides \$17000 per school per year. The schools that don't apply will go back to the funding and redistribute to other schools as needed. Regarding this program EA, counsellors, and Youth workers work on student list. List goes to Chef and targeted students will get food as per need.

**9. Next meeting: Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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Signed by: Kiran Harry (Secretary)