



Abbotsford Senior Secondary School

Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday April 10th, 2024

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Location: Abby Senior Library Learning Commons

Details: General PAC meeting

Executives in Attendance:

President: Winsome Rauch

Vice President: Andy Capesinio

Treasurer: Brigette Wimmer

Secretary: Kiran Harry

DPAC Rep: Rehan Siddiqui

Grade 9/10 Parent Rep: Phong Hoang

Grade 11/12 Parent Rep: Stacey Parson, Barbara Landa McAuliffe (Via Zoom)

School staff in Attendance: Ms. Jennifer Bell (Principal), Ms. Krause (Fine arts Director), VP Leanne Fleming

Guests/ Parents in Attendance: Piper Grade 11 student, Dan Loewen (student's parent)

1. Welcome and Introductions – Winsome Rauch

1.1 Winsome Rauch started the meeting with land acknowledgement

1.2 Welcoming our new Vice Principal Leanne Fleming – Ms. Leanne mentioned that this is first time working at Abby Senior as Vice Principal role and she has 20 years of experience working as a teacher. She taught across 3 continents - taught in Korea and London. Ms. Fleming said she came from Langley school district and worked their as school counsellor for few years and also as VP.

2. Student Fine Arts Presentation – Kristyn Krause (Program Director) and Piper Loewen (Fine arts Student)

2.1 Ms. Krause Fine arts program director talked about their background in dance. Dance program in Abbotsford Senior Secondary School is a 4 year program. Ms. Krause is

teaching dance, and Arts 9 and 10. The school have Arts program with dance, drawing, sculpture, painting, ceramics and theatre which includes Drama 9 and 10 – Ms. Kathlene Black is the teacher for Drama program.

Music Program – Mr. MacDonald is the music teacher – there are 2 drumline teams this year. They also have Guitar in music and Choir Team – this team attended 2 concerts. In Band there are multiple programs as well.

There are 2 fine Arts day in a year – This year the Spring Play was “The Lorax” and last year it was “Peter Pan”.

Piper the Student in Arts program shared her thoughts and presented details on how this Arts Program is important. Piper is also playing role in “The Lorax”

2.2 Coming up concerts –

- Drumline is going for regionals,
- Fine Arts night will be May 22
- Spring play – The Lorax – May 29th and May 30th in the Pit gym

3. Principal’s Report – Jennie Bell

3.1 Staff – Ms. Bell said – Admin positions are all filled, and they have a full team. Staff is helpful and the amount of care each teacher provides for students is incredible and expressed gratitude for all teachers.

3.2 School report -

Student Enrollment – Enrollment is going to be steady. Expecting similar numbers as discussed in the last meeting

Trades – Expanding into one separate food room. Carpentry program is expanding and will have more staff next year

ELL – New ELL program will be coming next year – goal is to increase ELL graduates

Timetables – timetable for next year will remain same – there will be no cuts

Staff – Taking staff out next year for training for Truth and reconciliation Pro- D Day

Sports – Currently lots of Rugby games happening – Rugby fundraiser coming up from girls team. There are 5 rugby coaches plus community coaches.

- After Snowball tournament budget for sports is presented and may be school will host USA team again
- Grade 9 boys basketball team went to provincials
- School is able to purchase 2 new score clocks

ISP – Next year ISP program will continue as it is – First student in the catchment will be admitted and then from out of catchment and other District

IB – IB will run similar like this year – They will again be accepting applications cross-catchment for Grades 9, 10, and 11. There will still be no Grade 9 pre diploma classes. Mr. Brent Schoeder will be the VP for IB program

4. Approval of February Minutes – Kiran Harry

- 4.1 Andy moved the motion to approve draft Feb minutes – Stacey seconded – all in favour – Approved meeting minutes from February

- 5. Treasurer's Report- Brigette Wimmer**
 - 5.1 Kiran attended Bingo meeting and chq was presented to Abbotsford Senior Secondary School in the amount of \$979.50 – Kiran provided chq to treasurer Brigette
 - 5.2 General account – \$3302.74 Gaming - \$26374.37

- 6. DPAC Report – Rehan Siddiqui**
 - 6.1 DPAC discussion on budget consultation
 - 6.2 For more information refer to DPAC FB page – meeting minutes

- 7. President's Report – Winsome Rauch**
 - 7.1 BCeID obtained and Brigette Wimmer added as Business Profile Manager
 - 7.2 Gaming Grant application for next year is completed on April 2nd
 - 7.3 Staff appreciation on Feb 7th went well

- 8. New Business**
 - 8.1 Online registration for Budget consultation meeting is open until April 30th
 - 8.2 AGM and PAC elections May 8th, 2025
 - 8.3 Nomination Committee – Stacey will be the chair for nomination committee and all nominations can be sent to Stacey Parson
 - 8.4 BCCPAC Spring Parent Leadership Conference and AGM May 23-25 – AGM and conference is in Prince George – motion to defer the decision to send PAC member to BCCPAC through virtual motion once we have cost of travel
 - 8.5 Staff appreciation – tentatively can be organized late May – Winsome will find out the dates

- 9. Open Floor – Winsome will sent invitation to grade 9 parents of Abby middle for grade 9 parent representative positions**

- 10. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm**

- 11. Next meeting – AGM May 8th 2025 at 7 pm in library commons**

Minutes presented by – Kiran Harry