

PAC Meeting - SASS/JLJ

Tuesday May 30, 2023 – Sullivan Library, 7:00 pm

Attendance: Teena Biley, Kayla Vannieuwenhuizen, Gord Ritchie (Jackson Principal), Rob Cadden (Sullivan Principal), Terry Stone, Marianne VanBuskirk (SD83 Trustee), Ellen Gonella, Elayna Young, Kori Wilkinson, Christy Wright, Heather Hannah, Anita Ely, Melissa Simpson, Jamie Russell

Call to order

Treasurer's report

- a) \$27, 378.75 in account. 2 cheques from Sullivan have been cashed
- b) \$500 deposit in other chequing account from Angela Vicars for Dry Grad
- c) PAC still waiting on receipts from Jackson for PAC to reimburse from Gaming Grant monies. Will have to figure out amounts and clear things up for the year's end.
- d) Gaming grant for 2023/2024 application has to be made. Executive information needed for the application.
- e) Letter received from SD83 regarding 3 stale cheques that were not cashed. SD83 would like EFT information so they can send us money.
- f) \$220 - January 2022, \$213 November 2019 and \$224 January 2022. All PAC monies that will go back into the checking account.

Principles report

Gord Ritchie, Jackson Campus Principle
(see attached if needed)

- a) School improvement plan meeting June 6th at 3:45pm to go over any potential changes for next year.
- b) Athletic awards ceremony - congrats to all athletes and coaches. There will be a wrap up June 14th at 7:00pm at Jackson.
- c) Staffing/Timetable - busy interviewing positions and tweaking timetable for next year. If you know anyone moving to our catchment please let them know. Draft schedules should be available to students online before the end of June.
- d) A Lighter Shade of Noir - theatre company 10 and theatre production 10 will be performing "A Lighter Shade of Noir" on June 2nd at 7:30pm. As well as shows on June 4th, June 6th and June 7th. Tickets in advance at the office. \$8.00 for students and \$10.00 for adults.
- e) Spring formal - June 1st at 6:30pm. Tickets available in the canteen for \$2.00.

- f) Year end schedule - June 19-June 30. Regular attendance will be expected until June 23rd.
- g) Grade 10 literacy and numeracy graduation assessments - all students in grade 10 required to write literacy and numeracy assessments. Will be done during the school day June 21, June 22 and June 23.
- h) Course completion days - June 26 and 27th will be course completion days. A chance for students who may be failing a chance to complete their work. Only students missing work will be required to attend.
- i) School wide activity day - all students will participate on June 28. They will be going to the Salmon Arm Waterslides and Salmar Theatre. 9s and 10s will stay with their grade level peers and swap at lunch. Permission forms will be sent out to parents for students to participate.
- j) Report cards - available on the last day of school on June 29th.
- k) Alt Ed program - Jacksons Bridge program, currency taught at Teen House, will be moving to Jackson next year. Storefront will offer support for a limited number of grade 9 and 10s next year as well.
 - i) A parent brought it to the attention of the DPAC that a family is extremely upset about this choice. It has made some families feel in crisis and blindsided.
- l) Leadership school spirit month - students will be broken up to participate in daily challenges and/or competitions that earn you points for your team. Fun way to end the school year!
- m) Many upcoming events! See handout if needed.

Rob Cadden, Sullivan Campus Principle

(see attached if needed)

- a) Huge thank you to Kori for being the Dry Grad chairperson. Without the help, our kids wouldn't be able to have exciting events.
- b) Staffing - 2 positions filled. Still many to go.
- c) Student schedules will go out the last 2 weeks of June. Will show what courses the students are in but not the teachers names due to staffing.
 - i) Counsellors will be available for course changes during the last 2 weeks of June and last week of August.
 - ii) August open houses for incoming grade 10s. Nice option for students once they have their schedules with teachers names and room numbers.
- d) Lots of sports, field trips and clubs on the go!
 - i) Anne of Green Gables play, June 5-7 and Dance recital June 12-14.
 - ii) Science field trip - June 8-10
 - iii) SASS athletic awards - June 13th at 6pm
 - iv) Band trip - June 2-4
- e) Grad
 - i) Approx. 70 kids showed up to help the City of Salmon Arm plant flowers and street painting has happened!
 - ii) Tomorrow the grad billboard will be installed!
 - iii) Valedictorians are being chosen. Write ups are being written.

- iv) Grad-itude tour - make sure all students have their permission forms in, even if they aren't sure. No form, they can't go. If they did not grow up in Salmon Arm, they are still welcome to go.
- f) Lots of important dates and reminders, see attached if needed.

g) How should SASS prepare students for life after school in a meaningful and supportive way? - Rob

- i) Managing your time/timetable, selfcare, taxes - parent
- ii) Personal finances/personal management of life (household etc) - parent
- iii) Time consequence - job, university/college. If there is a deadline for something, there's a deadline. In real life, there are consequences - parent
- iv) Teaching them how to deal with rejections (schools, jobs etc) - parent
- v) Understanding that their prefrontal cortex is and will be developing for several years so they will be learning as they go. Managing adversity - parent
- vi) Learning about employment/human rights laws - parent
- vii) Diverse learners - their key connections (often EAs) are frequently changed and it's a struggle - parent
- viii) How to understand where they fit into a community more than just being an individual (besides being a student/child). What does that look like to be a part of the community? Opening their eyes to different people experiencing their community in different ways (income levels etc) - parent
- ix) SD has been going into grade 11 and 12s classes asking students what they want, as well. Most of what has been said was also said.
 - 1) "Continue to let us fall forward. Let us make our mistakes and learn from them"

h) How often should high school students attend school?

- i) All of the time - parent
- ii) It varies by program and student. Some thrive on 5 days and some 1-2 days. Interest based, often. - parent
- iii) Being able to zip along quickly and be done earlier than others can sometimes give students an "out" as they've got their credits. It could make students miss on on other key classes and things when they're choosing to fly through - parent
- iv) Well rounded students - in terms of scholarships. A lot of things play into getting scholarships/bursaries. Having some flexibility to make sure you are well rounded is important - parent
- v) Utilizing spares with a heavy course load so they can make it through.
- vi) Students are really wanting to be seen and heard and more community building is needed within students - parent
- vii) Culturally, many students are missing classes due to sports and family trips. Many sports organizations are booking things during class times and it's becoming a struggle - parent
 - 1) Academic Flex is in place for next year for students because on any given Friday, for instance, there are just barely 400 students in attendance. Attendance for any given reason, is a struggle. This will give students a chance to catch up on work if they need - Rob

DPAC Report - Terry

- a) Great educational videos on the DPAC site. PAC 101 etc. Spent the meeting going through lots of training videos about PAC's and how to run one successfully. DPAC has one more meeting on June 8th, 2023, 7:00pm.

New Business

- a) Grad chairperson Kori
 - i) Invited many grade 11 parents out to see how Dry Grad runs so there is some knowledge into how it all comes together. Dry grad starts at 6:30pm, 1 hour to get in. If you show up late, you do not get in. Clean up crew will come in and organize at 12am. Several team leads are in place (food, decor, security, inclusivity etc). Planning starts early as some grant applications need to be in Dec 31st. Several thousands were received as well as the 50/50 raffle. Just over \$4000 has been sold, so far. \$22,867 revenue, expenses have come in just under that.
 - ii) Some costs: Dj, 2x caricature, professional selfie station, food/beverage, marquee sign (can be used for future use), prizes, decor
 - iii) Security - bag check upon arrival at theatre doors. Upon security check, grads and/or grad guests will check in for wristbands.
- b) Executive needed for the 2023/2024 school year. Share with those who may be coming into either school for positions (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer).

Marianne VanBuskirk

- a) The SD board is still in the process of the budget and strategic planning.
- b) Thank you to Teena for her 4 years of dedication to the Jackson/SASS PAC.

Parent suggestion - schools send out the DPAC info on PAC 101 sessions so more parents know about it and may want to engage now

Adjournment: 9:17pm