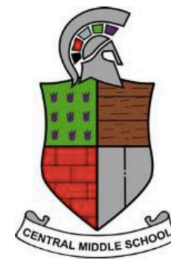


# École Intermédiaire CENTRAL Middle School



## Minutes of the April 13, 2021 PAC Meeting

Attendees: Carrie Peter, Christy Bowen, Monica Carthy, Laurel Hovey, Gillian Braun, Aaron Maxwell

### 1. Welcome by PAC Chair, Carrie Peter.

Laurel agreed to take the minutes while Aaron recorded the meeting on Zoom.

### 2. Carrie put forward a motion that once the March Meeting minutes are amended with Victoria Police Chief, Del Manak's name spelled correctly that they be approved.

After some discussion it was agreed unanimously that future minutes not be posted until they have been approved. Any time sensitive issues will be sent out in an appropriate email.

Minutes will be sent to all meeting participants for additions or corrections. Once the amendments are made Carrie will review and then put forward the minutes for approval at the next PAC meeting.

### 3. Reports

#### • Chair's Report – Carrie Peter

With the end of the year and our AGM (June 8<sup>th</sup>) approaching, Carrie put the membership on notice (30 days required) for a call for nominations for next year's PAC Executive positions. Especially needed is someone to take on the Treasurer's role.

Carrie is busy tweaking the PAC "New Parent" Brochure to be ready for any presentations to next year's incoming Grade 6 families. Gillian will set up a new tab under Parent Info on the school website called "New Parent" Info which will include this information.

Carrie has offered to act as a liaison with BC Housing and collaborate with them on the new Supportive Housing that is being built in the neighborhood. As the project is going forward it is important to work with them to ensure it is safe for all stakeholders. It is an opportunity to learn how to work together on this and other community issues and projects.

Gillian is also willing to be a voice and has already been involved with the Shelter that is across the road. The Security people from Our Place do the rounds in the neighborhood and check on the school after hours. It is now much better than before with regards to discarded needles, etc.

Carrie expressed concern that the new Bay Housing project and increased population density may impact our school enrollment. Gillian explained that the School District has a longterm plan - an additional Middle School in the downtown core, S.J. Willis a possibility, as well as another elementary school. This is a Board Office decision.

#### • Treasurer's Report – Laurel Hovey

As of today there is 4,056.35 in our General Account and 15,976.35 in the Gaming Account.

We have received the reimbursement from VCPAC for our annual BCCPAC Membership.

Not included in these bank balances are the 502.00 from Purdy's for the Easter Fundraiser and an invoice from the library for 83.96.

We have had to put a STOP PAYMENT on a misplaced cheque. We can do this online but it requires the authorization of 2 signatures, similar to how we would authorize an e-transfer. The person has asked for a replacement and has agreed to cover the 18.00 service charge.

BC Gaming Grant Webinar - Kristine and Laurel attended

There will be a recording of this available and all the information is covered in the Gaming Grant Guidelines available online.

Gaming Grant updates now allow PACs to pay for their BCCPAC annual membership out of Gaming Funds as well as for any Gaming Account banking expenses.

It is not mandatory but highly recommended that the Treasurer not be a signatory on the PAC's bank accounts. This is a bit of a problem for PACs who only have a few members. It is important to ensure that financial records be extremely transparent.

Application for next year's BC Gaming Grant can be done online between April 1 and June 30.

Laurel can make the application but would like someone who will be at Central next year to be involved.

- **Principal's Report – Gillian Braun**

School Trustees now listening to the proposed Budget Cuts at a meeting tonight.

Covid Protocols continue to change and parents and students are being kept in the loop. Everyone is really supportive.

1<sup>st</sup> day of Ramadan – new team of students doing the morning announcements – talking about fasting. The Lunar New Year was last month and these announcements are helping make the school more inclusive of all culture.

Modified Sports after school, now Ultimate Frisbee (Covid friendly) with over a dozen kids out there doing something "normal". Track and Field also going to happen.

April 20 – Student Led Conferences different this year with student taking their portfolio home to share with families rather than families coming into the school. Parents can connect directly with teachers as well.

It is time to review the School Code of Conduct and put it on the website.

School logo, Spartan, colours are green, red, brown and grey but schools are moving away from specific school colours. Spirit wear at High Schools are loosening up so that "fashion" colours are now also being offered.

Grade 8 Grad – was different last year due to Covid. Held out on the Basketball Court throughout the afternoon with students being presented with certificates and special T-Shirts for each grad. Hoping that the PAC will continue to support this recognition ceremony.

- **Vice-Principal – Aaron Maxwell**

Next year's school supply lists have been submitted and are now waiting for District approval.

Info regarding the Emergency Equipment Container will be sent out in this week's Update.

Hoping that it will be in place by the end of May. The container is not a District responsibility and the PAC has already allocated funds to cover the cost of it. There is, however, a District Consultant available to connect with regarding what the "standards" are and District Staff will do the installation. Gillian extended congratulations to Aaron on his new role as principal at Rock Heights next year. John Hamlin has been named as the incoming Vice-Principal at Central.

#### 4. Fundraising

- **The Purdy's Easter fundraiser** was successful with 27 orders placed giving us a profit of \$502. Kristine has suggestions for next year, including changing the timing for Christmas.

- **Fairway Market Community Cards**

Carrie and Jennifer Loo, from Fairways, are going to get together for a chat about how to promote the use of the Fairway Market's Community Fundraising Cards with the school community. There will be a push next year and the information will be included in the "New Parent" Brochure which Carrie is working on.

- **Monk's School Supplies**

Christy has connected with the new Monk Liaison and will start putting things in motion once the School Board has approved the class supply lists.

- **Face Mask Fundraiser**

Laurel has masks ready to go and a promotional Poster went out last week's Central Weekly. Gillian has agreed to have the info included in the daily announcements, and on the school's social media. It is a challenge to get our fundraising promotional information out to our Central Community. The Central Weekly is very cumbersome. The "School Messenger" program is not able to handle pictures (pdfs, gifs, etc.) so a lot of the material being shared in the Central Weekly needs to be downloaded and not all parents are prepared to access downloads. It is a challenge to get the information out there!

5. Grant Update

Thanks to Angela for researching the possibility of accessing funding for a chip trail and exercise equipment for the perimeter of the Central's playing field. Due to the time constraints and lack of availability of "chips" at this time this project has been postponed to next year.

6. VCPAC Report was tabled until the next meeting.

Thanks due to all!

Next Meeting : Tuesday, May 11, 2021