

January 15, 2024 MINUTES, 5:30pm
Barriere Secondary School Parent Advisory Council

Meeting called by Leesa Schilling
Minutes prepared by Kathy Matthews

Attendees: Leesa Schilling, Jen Crosman, Kathy Matthews, Angie Farrow, Sherrilynne Corrie

Zoom Attendee: no link today

Staff: John Tyler and Andreas Ruberg

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Approved by general assent

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- junior boys basketball request
- athletics app
- review changes on bursary

FINANCIAL REPORT as of Dec. 31st , 2023

PAC Account balance: \$1,835.98

Gaming Account balance: \$5,093.34

Bursary Account balance: \$2995.21

Community Forest balance: \$0

Highschool Sign: \$1395.73

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Approved by general assent

REPORTS

Principal's Report:

-the speaker is in for PAC meetings!

1. Welcome to Mr. Ruberg, our acting Vice Principal.
2. Christmas lunch thank yous to everyone who helped! The afternoon activities included a small dance of around 40 students, mostly girls.
3. End of Semester is approaching: Monday, January 29th & Tuesday, January 30th are Project Completion Days. Classroom teachers will notify students and parents when a student is *required* to attend. If your child(ren) are not required to attend, they may choose to improve in certain areas of their course work, or, they may choose to use those days to recharge before Semester 2 (Jan. 31).
Grade 7 students will have regular school days on these 2 days.

Semester 2 course schedules will be distributed next Friday afternoon. No course change requests will be taken until the following week.

4. Feeding Futures Grants will fund:

- a. After school Tutoring and Snack program for current student athletes
- b. Breakfast and lunch programs
- c. Appliance Grants i. 2 Fridges ii. 1 Freezer

5. Student Voice Discussions continue

6. Grade 7 X country skiing/snowshoeing will begin Thursday, Jan. 18th with the Barriere Outdoor Club.

7. Grad Related a. Gowns- do we want to purchase or rent? Please ask the Grad Committee. b. Portrait Sittings coming up in February (12-14)

Trustee Rhonda Kershaw - not present

DPAC report from December meeting

-meeting is tomorrow

-more spots for Foodsafe; Kathy is almost done with her online course.

-other professional learning costs can be covered, contact Jen with suggestions

NEW BUSINESS:

-What is the policy for school gym rental? We have to book through SD73 rentals. Tell Mr Tyler, then he would book it.

-Do we have a hotdog maker for concessions? It was a big money maker at another school. Could be used for tournaments, etc. We will revisit this topic.

-Athletics App: Insta-team is not working well and it has many ads. More than 50% of our school plays sports, so we could use the appropriate package for a fee. Teamsnap is user friendly and uploads photos well. Angie will reach out to Travis to see which level of Teamsnap is needed and he can approach PAC for monetary support.

-Feminine Hygiene products: everyday products are being misused.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bursaries:

- Reviewed Barriere Secondary Parent Advisory Council Bursary Application form. Angie to take it to Stacey Gardner this week.

-PAC is wondering if students can create a google document to track their own volunteer hours and/or work hours? Leesa will ask Carol about this.

-invite Carol to next PAC meeting

School beautification project:

-tabled as this will likely be a spring project.

-some schools have created something with old banners. Our old triangle banners have been organized by decades into boxes so far. Angie thinks we may get plywood donated, then fabric, then plexiglass overtop. Angie is willing to help with this. Mr Tyler will locate the pennants.

Soccer Fields: tabled

PAC Fundraising:

Shuswap Pie Company: will advertise early and send home March 11th week. Would be due April 15th and ready for the end of April. More information to come (prices, order form, etc).

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 7th, at 5:30pm