

# Garibaldi Secondary School PAC Meeting Minutes

## March 8, 2017

**Attendance:** Tamara Gardner, Shirley Boag, Patricia Kleine, Darren Rowell, Tom Levesque, Brenda Rubeniuk, Nicole Bowden, Terry Stanley

**Call to Order:** 6pm

**Chair:** Tamara Gardner

- Adoption of Jan 11, 2017 minutes: 1<sup>st</sup> Brenda 2<sup>nd</sup> Terry

**Secretary:** Patricia Kleine – nothing to report

**Treasurer:** Shirley Boag

- Accounts:
  - General account: \$1530.27
  - Gaming account: \$17007.41
- Cheques written:
  - Music club for square use at dessert & dance \$568.48
  - \$1084.44: Art \$91.68, fitness \$500, video \$492.76
- Two invoices for yoga, dry grad

**DPAC:** Pascale Shaw - absent

### **Principal/Vice Principal's Report:**

- Possibility exists to get parents out in the classroom to see what's going on
- Teaching & Learning Focus – ADST (Applied Design & Skills Technology)
- Science 8 – 10 Maker Challenges
  - Use any combination of safe chemicals and self-built launch pad to launch a film canister the farthest
  - Create a large, clear and symmetrical crystal
  - Create a organic composter (new this year)
  - Design a balloon car that will travel the farthest
- ADST 8 – The Big Shakedown
  - Design a strong and durable skyscraper to withstand the next big earthquake
  - Constraints: 8 strips of pine; hot glue; min 8" tall; footprint no bigger than 12"x12"
  - Design a ping-pong launcher that launches a ping-pong ball the farthest.
- Science 10 to 12 - Design Lab
  - Design and conduct an experiment to test:
    - The effect of \_\_\_ on the dissolving time of an Alka Seltzer tab
- IB 12 Biology – Design Lab
  - The effect of soaking your hand in diff temp of water on grip strength
  - The effect of aquarium water on the growth of garlic
  - The effect of pH on amylase activity
  - Effect of temp on cell membrane rupture
  - The effect of pH on chicken bone strength
- Electronic report cards
  - MyEd BC (My Class) has capability for students and parents to view:
    - Students Schedules
    - Assignment marks (if teachers use grade book)
    - Report cards
      - Marks, Percentage, Comments
    - Are we ready for an electronic report card?
    - What are benefits?
    - What are drawbacks?
    - How should we proceed as a school?
- Video of Peter and the Star catcher
  - 9 showings / 5 nights
- Tonight is psycho session

- Music Program – Choir & Band retreat
  - Gr 8 band; Sr students mentoring younger students; Choir is going next
- Spirit week
  - Monday school colors, Tue tacky tourist, Today cowboy day, Tomorrow tie dye, Colors day Friday
- Spring Sports
  - Track & field, Ball hockey, Rugby, Water Polo, Girls Soccer
- School fees & Academies
  - Interdisciplinary Academy (IA) - \$85 covers lighting, etc.
  - IB Diploma Programme (DP) - \$400 per year – covers IB exams
- Class size & composition language – SD42
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    - English 8-12 – class size 28
    - Shop – 22
    - Science: Junior – 28, Sr – 24
  - Ratios
    - Librarians – 1 per 702 students
    - Counselors – 1 per 693
    - ELL – 1 per 33.3
  - Composition – Click Down
    - 2 identified = click down of 1 (class size decreases by 1)
    - 3 identified = click down of 2
  - Staffing based on number of kids in school. A class of 30 will not become 2 classes; may need to compensate teach somehow if class size is significant
- Resource Grant
  - \$700,000 Grant / \$50 per student (750 x \$50 = 37,500)
    - Resources and re-designed curriculum
    - NEEDS to align with re-designed curriculum
      - Hands on Materials
        - Maker Space
        - Play Based Learning Centers
      - Literacy Resources
      - Aboriginal Literacy and curriculum resources
      - Design thinking
      - Resources to support divers/all learners
      - Coding and Robotics
      - Math Manipulative
      - Online subscriptions
- Link Crew
  - New program for 2017-18
    - TWO teachers being trained to implement: Mrs. Gibbs & Ms. Lemieux
    - Program LINKS a senior student and a grade 8
    - Provides orientation
- Safe Teen
  - Facilitators come in and provide Personal boundaries, social dynamics, online safety
  - Full morning of work they do with the kids on discussion topics and debrief
  - Huge benefit to junior grades
  - Coincided with last pro-D day. Rolled into PE class
  - Safe teen crew brought the counselors through the program
  - Safe Teen has been sponsored by PAC at other schools
  - District sponsored it this year, but that won't happen again
  - Will put in request to PAC to bring in Safe Teen next year
- Grade 8 enrolment 2017-18
  - 2016-17: 130 students
  - Full house on Grade 8 info night
  - 2017–18: 170 students
    - MYP Middle years programme NEW for 2017-18
    - Drama & Music were programs of choice for students & parents

**Next Meeting:** April 12, 2017 at 6pm

**Adjourned:** 6:50pm