**Semiahmoo Secondary**

**PAC Meeting Minutes**

**April 6th, 2022**

**Present:** Otis H

Adele Y

Jas S

Lu C

Lucky C

Bal Ranu (Principal)

**Location:** via Zoom Video

**Parents in Attendance**: Zhu, Apple, Bin, David, Helen, Shirley, Song, Wanyi, Changshan

1. WELCOME

* Otis called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM
* Otis welcomed the parents and families attending via Zoom

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

* The agenda was accepted on a motion by Lu

1. ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

* Adoption and approval of November 29th, 2021 meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were accepted by a motion by Lucky and seconded by Adele

1. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT- Bal Ranu

* The school attendance is down from 1700 to 1400 with expectations of it going down to around 1350, because of the new Grandview High School. The new school opening should have led to a reduction at Semiahmoo but that hasn’t happened.
* There will be 16 blocks and 500 kids in band next year which will be the largest in Surrey and the school will need to hire a new teacher for band. Some challenges remain in regards to needing more space.
* The Surrey School Board is trying to make school budgets more transparent. They will be shared at the September PAC meeting in 2022.
* The school will start to do student learning plans with students which helps outline how they are functioning at school as well as a reconciliation component.
* Bal opened the chat feature for any questions from parents.
* Some schools carry over budgets if they have plans to do larger projects and Semiahmoo is looking to update sound systems and redoing gym floors.
* June 8th is commencement and May 30th will be the Dry Grad for the first time in 3 years
* The school will post all scholarships on social media to celebrate the hard work of students
* The table tennis team won the Provincials

1. TREASURER’S REPORT-Lu

* There is $40,500.00 in the Gaming Account
* In the General Account there is $8450.00
* In June we will make the application for next year’s Gaming dollars, but we will not receive the funding until mid to late September. Any money unspent will move forward to next year
* Parents are welcome to review the banking information at any time if they choose to do so by contacting the PAC
* Moving forward, the budget can be shared online so PAC can be more transparent with families

1. DPAC REPORT-Adele

* DPAC meetings are held the 4th Wednesday every month
* Due to Spring break, there was no meeting so there is nothing to report

1. ADDITIONAL PAC FUND REQUESTS

* The committee reviewed additional fund requests from school staff who sponsor various programs in the school. These requests totaled approximately $14.800.00. These are additional funds meaning that the PAC has already provided funding to various programs weeks previously.
* Adele shared the requests which included the materials requested, the cost and the number of students who will benefit
* There should be approximately $25,000 remaining funds at the end of the year to be used next year. This number may be around $12,000.00, if all previously approved funds all get used by the school programs
* Next year, we would like to encourage more student clubs to come forward with ideas and programs that the PAC will financially support
* There were no objections, and the committee approved all requests
* Lu will let the school know that the funds have been approved

1. EXECUTIVE TEAM NOMINATIONS

* There are a minimum of 4 necessary positions in a PAC: President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. The PAC tab on the school website has all the information outlining the roles of each person.
* The PAC does not play any role in raising money, only distributing the Gaming money already approved
* If these 4 positions can’t be filled the PAC will be dissolved and we will receive no money from Gaming so it’s very important that people come forward and offer their names for these positions
* It’s always helpful if families have some experience from elementary school PAC but it’s not mandatory
* You can nominate yourself or someone else and send nominations to the PAC or you can do nominations at the next meeting

1. NEW BUSINESS

* No new business

1. ADJOURNMENT

* Otis adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm