

**Semiahmoo Secondary
PAC Meeting Minutes
Sept 20th, 2022**

Present: Otis H
Adele Y
Lu C
Lucky C
Bal Ranu (Principal)

Regrets: Jas S

Location: Semiahmoo School Library

Parents in Attendance: See sign-in sheet

1. WELCOME

- Otis called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM
- Otis welcomed all parents to the school
 - Asked parents who has helped in Elementary School and High School
 - Mentioned that 4/5 parents are graduating this year and moving on. Need new parents to join the PAC Executive. If we can't put a PAC together then we cannot apply for the gaming grant.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- The agenda was accepted on a motion by Amy Deacosta and seconded by Otis

3. ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Adoption and approval of May 17th, 2022 meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were accepted on a motion by Otis and seconded by Adele

4. PAC INTRODUCTIONS

- Member of the executive team had an opportunity to introduce themselves to all parents in attendance

5. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT- Bal Ranu

- Went over his history at Semiahmoo.
- "I'm here to support you with anything you need"

- Parents were encouraged to reach out to Admin for individual concerns
- Was supposed to go down to 1300 but ended up to 1450
- Mr Lund is new Vice Principal, athletic oriented and very calm
- Mr. Ranu welcomed all the Grade 8 and new parents and provided a summary of, “Everything You Need to Know about Semiahmoo Secondary School”
- There are 9 new teachers this year.
- Listed upcoming events.
- Biggest Band Program in the district
- Construction overhaul coming, possibly next year, cancelled project for current year 1 week before start
- Club for pretty much anyone - encourage all students to join at least one club and if there isn't a club, students are encouraged to make a club. Club Day is beginning of October.
- 20 different sports teams.
- Students start to plan for Graduation during Grade 10
- Careers Dept has many different Trades offered for students Grade 11-12.
- IB Program draws students from all different cities and is a very successful program. Had students score perfect at this school.
- Provincial exams are gone but there are 2 Ministry Assessments required for Grades 10 and 12 to test how students are doing 2 assessments required
- No letter grades, CSL Grade 8 this year and Grade 9 next year. No grades, just provide feedback as to how student is doing. Grade 9-12 currently have grades, but will eventually phase out to grade 11.
- Parent asked: Communication between teacher and parent?
 - Email is best.
- Parent asked: Clubs after school or during.
 - Lunch time or after school not during class.
- Parent asked: Why is IB program special and what is so special about it?
 - It was created in Switzerland and there are 12 profiles that students learn , students stay together and teachers have same students for 2 years. It's advanced classes that really help students get ready for University.
- Grade 8 Special Ed.. What do you have for Special Ed
 - Bases program designed to provide students with the skills to be able to be successfully employed after graduation
 - LST program help students with learning difficulties in certain subjects
- MYED Portal provides families all the information for their kids such as grades and attendance, course requests, report cards, assessments
- Parents are encouraged to download Thunderbird Times app for new info – it is the main way we communicate. Twitter is attached to Instagram which is attached to the app. Kids do not NEED a phone, all information is on the TV by the office daily.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT-Lu

- There are two accounts: Gaming and General
- There is \$26,997,35 in the Gaming Account
- Should receive \$28,900 for Gaming Funds this year, less than previous year as students have moved to Grandview - \$55,897.35 to spend for current year – propose to spend to \$35,776.80 from this account for current year budget
- Receive \$20 per student from gaming funds with a head count from end of previous school year
- In the General Account there is \$8450.00 – propose to spend \$1,000 from this account for current year budget
- See Treasures Report for Breakdown
- Gaming money needs to be used to support as many students as possible, there are limits and guidelines on how to use the funds
- Money can only be used for activities above and beyond the usual curriculum. It should not be used for textbooks or technology. It should be for additional areas like athletics and clubs
- Parent asked: Government Gaming funds are given to each student, can the funds go to each specific student for club.
 - No, the funds are to be used collectively to provide all students to benefit from multiply clubs.
 - There are two ways to get funds for clubs, through PAC and through Admin
- Parent asked: Is this funding from the community
 - No, the funds are from the government for all BC Schools. Last year the funds that we received for the grant was also for students that transferred to Grandview. PAC provided the funds that were allocated to Grandview students to Grandview Secondary PAC
- Parent asked: Are donations tax deductible.
 - You have to go through the district and they will give us the funds and provide you with a tax receipt
- Budget for 2022-23
 - Motion put forth to vote on the Budget as proposed by Otis and seconded by Lucky – passed unanimously
- Parent asked why Yearbooks are so expensive
 - Good question, need to ask the Yearbook club

7. DPAC REPORT-Adele

- DPAC meetings are held the 4th Wednesday every month except December and March
- Still provide hybrid meetings, next Wednesday is first meeting, can participate in person or via zoom
- Encourage grade 8 parents to visit website and be a part of the Board. They are short-handed right now
- School Board Trustees report at every meeting about Surrey Education System and any topics that need to be covered.

- Great place to voice your concerns about school/education, about support for your student
- Need a parent to fill DPAC next year, please see Adele if you are interested.
 - Email address is: semiahmoopac@gmail.com

8. NEW BUSINESS

- No new business

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Otis adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm