Semiahmoo Secondary School PAC October 20th, 2020

***Meeting Minutes***

***Location*:** PAC meeting held virtually on Zoom

***Welcome and Call to Order***

* Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Sheilagh Wubs (PAC President)
* In attendance: Erin K, Adele Yu, Sheilagh Wubs, Coralee Curby, Lisa Peng, Wendy Xu, Anita L, Debbie Johnson, Zhu, Gabby Rannu, Zhou Zhang, Rob Wardal, Jackie, Kanika Soni, Elizabeth Vargheuse, Emily Z , Erin R, Harry L, Jane S, Jasdeep, Jenny C , Jenny G, Jimmy Xie Kitty, Kristi Isak, Pin L, Reynaldo Bilan, Robert Dewinetz, Thamir Murtadha, Tsundu Tsomo Ainsley Winter, Derek Strauss, Jackie, Jasdeep , Bal Ranu, Bram Klijsen, Claire Zhu, DW , Debbie Johnson , Derek Strauss, Kanika Soni, Bram Kilijsen, Daisy Dai, Derek, Jackie He, Tsundu Tsomo, Felix Zheng, AC Tarique, Nicole French, Yufei Zheng, Tahir Khawaja, Cici Liang, Christopher, Daisy Dal
* Quorum achieved for this meeting
* Sheilagh W. outlined participation guidelines in online PAC meetings.

Participants are asked to: 1) Keep mics muted 2) Submit questions and comments in the side bar chat space. 3) Post name as: First name, Last initial, grade of student (e.g. Sheilagh W gr.12). To change name on Zoom hover over name in Participants and click “rename”. This will help with recording PAC attendance and identify grades of students represented.

* Erin Kendall (VP) to monitor participant questions throughout the meeting.

***Adoption of Agenda:***

* The agenda was accepted on a motion by Adele Yu and seconded by Ainslie Winter (carried)

***Adoption and discussion of Previous minutes***

* The minutes from the previous PAC meeting held September 22nd, 2020 were adopted on a motion by Erin Kendall and seconded by Ainsley Winter (carried)

**Reports:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***Treasurer’s Report:***

* Sheilagh W. reported that the requested $30, 000 Gaming grant was approved for Semi PAC.
* Semiahmoo Secondary staff were requested to submit their Gaming Grant proposals for approval in September. Proposals were reviewed and funds have been allotted. Some funds remain for future requests to ensure availability throughout the year.

***DPAC Report***

* Adele Yu reported her attendance at the DPAC meeting held on September 23rd, 2020. Next DPAC meeting will be held Wednesday October 28th. Everyone welcome.

***Website Update***

* Adele Yu discussed the new PAC website (semiahmoopac.wixsite.com). This website is available for all parents to join. The website will be regularly updated with information and resources.
* Adele reminded PAC of the upcoming treasurer position and for PAC members to submit names if interested. Julia L. has volunteered to work alongside the incoming treasurer as she moves from this role.
* Adele shared Local and Provincial Mental Health and Wellness Resources posted on the PAC website. These resources provide information and contacts for supports. Resources are also available through Semiahmoo counsellors or administrators when further support or information is required. Please contact counsellors or admin if any significant needs arise.
* Options Solutions information is also posted on the PAC website. This resource is a support in navigating Post-Secondary planning and transitions.

***Principal Ranu Report***

* Principal Ranu shared some important dates in November. November 13th will be a completion day for students to catch up on any work for first quarter classes. Nov 16th Progress Reports will be available for 1st quarter classes.
* Several athletics teams have begun practicing while following the by BC School Sports guidelines.
* Several student clubs have started up and are posted on Semiahmoo Secondary website.

***New Business:***

* Sheilagh W described the process for staff funding requests. Staff are asked to submit their requests and proposals in September. PAC guides the request approvals considering the maximum benefit to the entire student population. Executive members met to review all requests made by Semiahmoo staff.
* The current budget allowed PAC to provide a wide range of supports. PAC was able to cover a variety of departments, which maximized student support.
* Some staff requests were missing information making it difficult to understand the scope of need. Staff were asked to provide more information to outline the targeted outcomes.
* Due to the uncertainty of funding supports next year, PAC approached the requests conservatively to ensure there will be some funds remaining. As well, there may be requests for support later in the year and remaining funds will be available to access. Residual funds may also be allocated for a School Legacy Gift.
* The budget was approved by Claire Zhu and seconded by Elizabeth Varughese.
* This motion was revisited later to complete voting. Motion carried.

***Administration Presentation | Welcome to Semiahmoo: Everything you need to know about Semi***

* Semiahmoo administrators Bal Ranu (Principal), Debbie Johnson (VP), Derek Strauss (VP) and Rob Dewinetz (VP) shared updated information about Semiahmoo Secondary.
* Currently there are approximately 1686 students at Semiahmoo Secondary. Mr Banu reports that the Grade 8’s are full of energy and finding their way and the Grade 12’s have shown great leadership and spirit in these trying times. Administrative team are looking at ways to engage all students and support their motivation during these times.
* Current staffing at Semiahmoo: 92 teachers - 6 new teachers to Semiahmoo, 27 Support staff including Educational Assistants.
* When the new high school opens at Grandview, approximately 250 students from Semiahmoo Secondary will attend. There will be a process for applying to the new high school which will be shared when details are available.
* Semiahmoo typically has around 46 student clubs with many running virtually. Parents are encouraged to support their students to get involved in at least one school activity beyond academics.
* Athletics: Semiahmoo’s athletics department has many high-level competitive teams. Practices and skill development have begun for some teams.
* The Sr. Girls basketball team has started practicing and all teams will follow the protocols as outlined by the District, Health and BC School Sports. Check the Semiahmoo athletics and school websites.
* Careers Department: Ms Brit and Ms. Ellis are the facilitators for the careers department. Information is available through the School website. For questions regarding student supports please contact [Ellis\_J@surreyschools.ca](mailto:Ellis_J@surreyschools.ca)
* Mr. Strauss (Vice Principal) shared on behalf of the counselling services department. There are 5 passionate counsellors available for course planning, as well as social-emotional and counselling support. Please reach out to your student’s counsellor if support is needed.
* Students can book appointments with counsellors. If there is an immediate need, students can come to the counselling office for support.
* Mr Strauss discussed that all counselling is confidential. Only under specific situations where a student may be at risk of harm to self or others, this does not apply. Further supports and responsive care will be initiated under these circumstances.
* Both administrators and counsellors are assigned students by alphabetical lists (last names).
* Marnie Jamieson (Semiahmoo Counsellor) will be providing information on Mental Health resources and supports. Please contact school counsellors or administration if there are any needs or questions in this area
* Ministry Assessments: Grade 10 Numeracy assessment is required for all students. Grade 10 students must take it this year as well as in grade 11. The Grade 12s who have not written this exam will also complete this year.
* Grade 10 Literacy assessment is required for grade 10 students. Only grade 10 students will take the Literacy Assessment this year. Half of the grade 10’s will take the assessment in January and the rest will write in June.
* This year’s Grade 12 students do not take a literacy assessment this year.
* Grade 11’s will take numeracy and literacy. About 101 have missed this.
* Ms. Johnson shared about the International Baccalaureate program. Semiahmoo students currently in grade ten can attend online information meetings which are posted on the School website. Applications are due in early February.
* Robert Dewinetz (Vice Principal |Professional Learning for Teachers). There will be a focus on Teacher Learning with Office 365 and moving to online learning and training.
* A focus of Professional Learning is on Assessment practices – how do we do a better job of communicating to students and parents? Professional learning is also focused on Core competencies: looking at meaningful ways to imbed creative, collaborative, and critical thinking into classroom instruction and develop student competencies.

***Logging into MyED BC***

* Go to website special drop down in parents tab “MY ED”
* Login account is created when parent provides an email
* Email: [sysadmin@mysedcuationgov.bc.ca](mailto:sysadmin@mysedcuationgov.bc.ca)
* Username and temporary password are provided and sent to parent email
* Check email and pop ups should be enabled
* You will be prompted to change your password and set a security question. It is important to remember your security question and to change your password.
* You must use a laptop or desktop computer to initialize your Login account or reset password

***Parent Questions for administration***

* Parent Q: Ainsley asked if there is any information on Grad? A: No clear information yet. Parents will be updated as information is available.
* If there are any parents interested in being a part of the Dry Grad committee, please connect with [semiahoopac@gmail.com](mailto:semiahoopac@gmail.com)
* Parent Q: Is there any updated information on Covid? A: Administration is working very closely with the School District and Fraser Health to ensure protocols are being followed and timely information provided. There are no confirmed Covid cases at Semiahmoo.
* Administration team expressed that they are open for questions regarding students. Please reach out anytime needed!

***Adjournment***

* Sheilagh W. thanked the administration team for their attendance and sharing of information. Parents also thanked for attending this meeting and adapting to the new Zoom format
* Next PAC meeting will be held by Zoom November ? 2020. If you are new to Zoom there is an 8-miniute tutorial posted on the PAC website (semiahmoopac.wixsite.com)
* Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.
* Next PAC meeting by Zoom on Tuesday November 17th 2020. Zoom link will be posted on PAC website @ semiahmoopac.wixsite.com