**Semiahmoo Secondary**

**PAC Meeting Minutes**

**Nov. 29th, 2022**

**Present**: Otis, Lucky, Lu, Nicole B, Bal, Adele, Emily Y, Jill Z, Nate, Stanley N, Linda, Larry, Winnie W, Rubina, Michelle, Imran A, Patti G, Shirley, Kinder S, Satya K, Ana P, Vidhya M, Darwin F, Pachiappan, Merlin, Bridget, Tori, Xiaoyan, Emily Y, Jill Z, Helena X, David Y, Sofia, Dominika Z, Cheryl L, Nathan

**Location**: via Zoom Meeting

**Welcome**

* Meeting was called to order at 7:05

**Call to Order**

* Adoption and approval of September 20th meeting minutes. It was accepted on a motion by Otis and seconded by Alsaffi
* The agenda was accepted on a motion by Adele and seconded by Lucky

**Principal’s Report**

* Grade 8 students will not have letter grades because they are graded on a proficiency scale. It is a pilot program this year but next year it will be the same system for Grade 8 and 9
* Effective the 2023/2024 school year, all students will be required to take an Indigenous-focused course worth 4 credits, as part of the graduation requirements.
* Dec.14th is the band concert
* Basketball has commenced
* Clubs have started
* The month of December is all about giving with Semiahmoo hosting food and clothing drives
* There will be a pancake breakfast on the last day of school before the holidays

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Lu outlined the PAC Budget
* Two new applications came in from SPAC Club
* The current balance is $55790.00 and $35776.80 has been approved for funding student programs therefore we have approximately $12,764.15 left to pass forward for next year
* The cost of yearbooks has increased because delivery charges have increased and productions costs have increased. 700 yearbooks cost more than 1000, it’s a cost recovery model. The school does it all with Adobe and the kids are trained to complete it. Some are graded for it and some do it for fun. They work lunch and after school to get it done.
* Otis moved to approve the fund allocations and Kinder seconded the proposal.

**DPAC-Otis**

* It is a great opportunity to be involved at a higher level
* You meet many engaged parents
* Funding programs for children with disabilities was a discussion topic
* Importance of voting was discussed
* DPAC meetings will now be moved to be in person and not virtual
* Creation of new schools is a topic generally discussed, seismic upgrades, catchment issues as well as larger issues in education in surrey schools

**New Business**

* One question about whether students with second language who are fluent can take a challenge exam? Counsellors have all the information about these exams
* Families interested in DPAC can visit surreydpa.ca or you can send questions to PAC email and address Adele

**Workshop**

* Donna and Erika, who are social workers from MCFD shared information about how to become a foster caregiver.
* There are thousands of kids in care who need support
* Basic criteria you need is that you must be 19 and the child must have access to their own room
* Many of the children face neglect, abuse, or other complex issues
* To contact them or get more information you can visit the PAC website or send questions to semiahmoopac@gmail.com

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:05