

École Dr. Charles Best Secondary School
PAC Meeting Minutes
September 23rd, 2024 7:00 pm

In Attendance:

David Cyr	David White	Christine Baker
Kirby Ransom	Laila Atkins	Isabel Chiu
Niloo Fowler	Rosemary Brodt	Penny Lehoux
Pamela Chan	Kevin Brodt	Elaine Comeau
Damaris Muganda	Christine Friend	Ali Heidari
Nashmin Khamooshi	Jennifer Sam	Echo Zhu
Claudia Roca	Fernando Neneses	Joanne Elsdon

Welcome & Introductions

Christine and Laila welcomed all parents and introduced the PAC Executive for the new school year.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Niloo; seconded by Rosemary. Carried

Approval of Minutes from Previous PAC Meeting– May 6th, 2024

Moved by Christine; seconded by Laila. Carried

School Administration Update from Principal David Cyr:

New principal David Cyr spoke of the energy and enthusiasm he has noticed at the start of the school year.

1670 students this year, school is able to provide for all. All staff in place—85 teachers. Focus is on connectedness.

The staff wish list is long; some things especially mentioned: LED lights for the theatre; jerseys; ceramics room. Everyone is on the wish list.

The electric sign board – delay waiting on city permits.

The 12-plex is coming; changes in the parking lots will be needed. Mr. Cyr later gave a tour of the site of the 12-plex.

PAC Finances (Niloo Fowler)

Niloo gave an explanation of the different accounts and which things are funded by each.

General Account: \$22,873.56 (After Grad, \$442.61; Grade 11 Dinner/Dance, \$10,942.99; PAC funds, \$11,487.96); Gaming Account, \$7830.57. The Wish List of \$10,000 can be covered. Scholarships are usually around \$4000.

DPAC (David White)

The meeting of May 29th was mainly the election of the new executive, with Rosey Manhas continuing as president.

The DPAC meetings are not just for DPAC representatives but can be attended by all parents in the district; however, only DPAC rep's can vote on motions. Welcome letter and invitation from Rosey Manhas, DPAC43 President. Next meeting is Parent Advisory Council 101 Orientation Session on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. This is especially useful for parents new to the PAC.

The next regular meeting is October 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Education Learning Centre, 1080 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam.

PAC Committees

2024 Grade 11 Parent Dance Committee (Rosemary Brodt)

Rosemary explained the fundraising with the Grade 11 Parent Dinner/Dance to offset expenses for After-Grad for Grade 12 students. Expenses going up all the time; tickets were about \$65.00 in the past.

Winter Market, Nov. 15th. About 70 vendors picked – opportunities to raise cash. Grade 12 parents welcome to help out.

Echo Zhu and Pamela Chan expressed interest in organizing the Grade 11 Parent Dinner/Dance for next year. Claudia Roca, Elaine Comeau and Kirby Ransom said they will also help. Thanks to all!

Grade 12 Parent After-Grad Committee

After-Grad is scheduled for Saturday, June 15th, 2025. Rosemary Brodt and Charise Ruiz will be committee co-chairs. Thanks!

New Business

Scheduled PAC meeting dates are as follows: Oct. 7th, 2024; November 4th, 2024; January 6th, 2025; March 3rd, 2025; May 5th, 2025.

Next meeting is set for Monday, October 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Motion to adjourn made by Elaine; seconded by Echo.