

**École Dr. Charles Best Secondary School
PAC Meeting Minutes
October 7th, 2024 7:00 pm**

In Attendance:

David Cyr	David White	Christine Baker
Kirby Ransom	Laila Atkins	Isabel Chiu
Niloo Fowler	Christine Friend	Jennifer Sam
Echo Zhu	Claudia Roca	

Welcome & Introductions

Christine and Laila welcomed all parents and PAC members.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Echo; seconded by Christine Friend (CF). Carried

Approval of Minutes from Previous PAC Meeting– September 23rd, 2024

Moved by Niloo; seconded by Laila. Carried

Election of Members-at-Large for 2024/25 school year

Moved by Niloo, seconded by Christine Baker (CB) to elect Christine Friend, Isabel Chiu, Pamela Chan and Joanne Elsdon as members at large. Carried

Finance (Niloo Fowler)

Niloo gave an update on present bank balances and presented the PAC Budget for 2024/2025. Gaming Grant received was more than expected - \$32,560. Teachers' wish list \$28,061. David Cyr mentioned that the amount budgeted for Truth and Reconciliation Day activities may have to be increased for a particular speaker.

Move to accept budget as presented by Niloo; seconded by Christine Baker. Carried

DPAC (David White)

Little to report as PAC 101 meeting on October 2nd was specifically for parents new to PACs. Details given on Constitution & Bylaws, How to Run an Effective Meeting and Finances. The next meeting is October 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Learning Centre, 1080 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam. All parents in District 43 are welcome to attend.

School Administration Update (Principal David Cyr)

Robert Zambrano is the new Superintendent of Schools for SD43. Mr. Zambrano will begin to

transition into the role in the coming weeks and assume full responsibility effective December 1, 2024. Current Superintendent Patricia Gartland announced her retirement in August.

Truth and Reconciliation Day speakers were well received; a different speaker next year. Parent/Teacher conferences are Oct 23rd. Learning updates are set for Oct. 16th; this is an interim report. Photo retakes are set for Oct. 17th.

This year our annual Post-Secondary Institutions (PSI) Day will be on Tuesday, October 22nd during Blocks 1 & 2. There will be 16 PSI's presenting at Best and all Grade 11, and 12 students are required to attend.

62 clubs going well, including archery and fishing. In athletics, senior boys team is doing well. Feedback requested re: communications- hope things are getting better. Questions raised re: parent/teacher conferences, Quebec trip and Europe trip.

2024-25 PAC Committees

Echo gave an update on the Grade 11 Dance Committee: meeting on Oct 3rd, so far, not enough volunteers. There are 425 Grade 11 students, which means about \$21,000 needs to be raised. Prices are going up for many things. Discussion re: new rules and renting tables and chairs. The theme will be The Roaring Twenties, date March 8th, 2025.

Rosemary Brodt was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following:

BestGrad 2025 AfterGrad Report - Oct 07, 2024:

We had an excellent turn-out at our first meeting. We have established a committee exec (2 co-chairs, a communications director, social media director and treasurer) and we were able to secure volunteers for all the sub-committees needed. We also discussed and secured volunteers to run all the fundraisers we have planned for before Christmas as well as quite a number of those that we have planned for the spring.

Fundraisers being held before Christmas include the following. Please see the school newsletter or join us on Facebook or Instagram if you are interested in more info:

Sun-Oka BC Apples: Campaign opens October 15th

Winter Market: November 15th (EVERYONE WELCOME SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!)

Purdy's Chocolates: Campaign opens ?? - deadline Nov 26th

Poinsettias & Christmas Planters: Still in process

A budget is in progress but our sub-committees are having their initial meetings now and we have a second full committee meeting planned for October 16th to discuss updates and ensure everyone is underway.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Move to adjourn made by David W.; seconded by Niloo. Carried 8:15 p.m.