

**École Dr. Charles Best Secondary School
PAC Meeting Minutes
November 4th, 2024 7:00 pm**

In Attendance:

David Cyr	David White	Christine Baker
Claudia Roca	Larry Caingcoi	Laila Atkins
Isabel Chiu	Maricel Echevarri	Echo Zhu
Tatiana Grozenok	Pamela Chan	

Welcome & Introductions

Christine and Laila welcomed all parents and PAC members.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Tatiana; seconded by Isabel. Carried

Approval of Minutes from Previous PAC Meeting– October 7th, 2024

Moved by Laila; seconded by Tatiana. Carried

School Administration Update – Principal David Cyr

Construction on the 12-plex on the west side of the school building will begin November – December this year, with completion expected by September 2025, the start of the school year. The new electronic sign is still delayed – 8-week timeline. Learning updates will be available on Thursday; parents should save a copy. The band performance last Wednesday was fantastic. Parent-teacher conferences went well. Sports teams will be finishing soon; a lot of athletics going on.

Finance – Laila for Niloo

General Account \$22,873.58; Gaming Account \$40,390.57. Parent donations for September were \$4135.00, for October \$1339.86. Mr. Cyr says everyone is happy with the Staff Wish List.

DPAC – David White

October 30th, 2024 in the Education Learning Centre, 1080 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam (adjacent to the Winslow Gallery Room).

Special Guests: Assistant Superintendent Nadine Tambellini and Wendy Yu, District Principal on Anti-Racism.

Ms Tambellini spoke briefly about Kindergarten registration with program choices available on December 3rd. There are more options now for parents with kindergarten-age children.

Wendy Yu discussed BLC—Building Leadership Capacity, which some teachers have joined.

Ms Yu gives a 25-minute presentation to schools with the message “What is Anti-Racism?” She

mentioned some highlights and a website <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase/diversity-and-inclusion/anti-racism> . Examples at some schools: Centennial did a Black History Month assembly, student-run newsletters on racism.

Presentation via Zoom by Katie Jameson with Outside Pin Consulting on What is Inclusion? Wed. November 13th, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Next DPAC meeting: Wednesday, November 27th @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Grade 11 Parent Dance Committee - Echo Zhu and Claudia Roca

Meeting last Friday made some progress. DJ and silent auction getting organized; catering needs to be finalized. Generic email to be sent to reach more parents. Date is March 8th, 2025.

New Business

Pamela asked about a possible new school building; some students feel the present school building looks old and dreary. Student council should take this up.

Motion to adjourn made by David; seconded by Larry. Carried 8:15 p.m.

Next General PAC Meeting: January 6th, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. in the school library.