

**École Dr. Charles Best Secondary School
PAC Meeting Minutes
January 6th, 2025 7:00 pm**

In Attendance:

David Cyr
Kirby Ransom
Isabel Chiu
Pamela Chan

David White
Christine Friend
Joanne Elsdon

Christine Baker
Laila Atkins
Echo Zhu

Welcome & Introductions

Christine and Laila welcomed all parents and PAC members.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by David; seconded by Isabel. Carried

Approval of Minutes from Previous PAC Meeting– November 4th, 2024

Moved by Christine F.; seconded by Isabel. Carried

School Administration Update – Principal David Cyr

Three new teachers coming in; all positions available now filled. Some new classes proposed for the next school year, including Journalism 11.

Mural project underway; student council working on a mural indoors. Possible Indigenous carving at front door.

Two portable classrooms are getting wired; 12-plex in permit process. The new sign is ready to go and should be up soon.

Finance – Christine B. for Niloo

PAC Gaming \$27,086

PAC General: Total \$26,167

breakdown:

PAC \$10,893

G11DD \$(1,200.48) as they have ticket sales

After Grad \$5,430

Dinner/Dance funds \$11,044

Budget - remaining to fulfil \$19,757

Waiting for the donation details from the school and clarification if the large September donation or a portion of it is for After grad.

DPAC – David White

November 27th, 2024 via Zoom.

Special Guests: Assistant Superintendent Nadine Tambellini, SD 43 host Veronica Farnell and District Principal Craig Mah.

Craig Mah gave a report on behalf of the Indigenous education council:

- Partnership with BCIT to introduce Indigenous students to trades
- Broader training for principals and vice-principals
- Indigenous student learning plan with support block at secondary school level (example: “Take a Hike” program at Terry Fox Secondary
- SD 43 Indigenous Grade 4 FSA (Foundational Skills Assessment) higher than average

Veronica Farnell gave a presentation on digital information and compliance. This presentation with links will be posted on the DPAC 43 website in the new year (not yet—as of Jan. 6).

- MyEd BC Parent Portal
- New way to log in using BC Services Card
- Parents have complained about passwords changing all the time
- My Ed is being updated

Open Forum

- Questions on MyEd continued – new mobile app interface
- Report cards available until July 31st – all terms
- Reports not kept year after year
- Parents can reach out to principal to receive a printed copy
- Updates ongoing to make it more user-friendly

Other questions in the open forum:

- Can PAC executive members work for SD 43? – depends on PAC bylaws (many parents are also teachers in the district)
- Washroom situation in schools, especially vaping
- Traffic concerns – cars speeding by schools

Next Meeting Wednesday, Jan. 29th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Presentation by Stephen Wiffin – Tech 20 “Role of AI in our Schools.”

2024 Grade 11 Parent Dance Committee – Echo Zhu

Echo has had to resign as co-chair, but is still helping. New co-chair hopefully coming soon. Four different activities. More volunteers needed. If parents available, please help! Christine F. and Pamela both offered to assist.

2024 Grade 12 parent After-Grad Committee – Christine for Rosemary Brodt

The After Grad committee is hard at work planning fundraising opportunities to achieve our goal. We just held a bottle drive on Jan. 4th from which we have yet to hear a total amount earned but we collected 63 bags of bottles so were very pleased. There are also many great opportunities to lend your support coming up including Paint Night, Online 50/50, Me&Ed's Pizza and a Pub Night.

We are also well underway with After Grad planning. Our entertainment options are mostly all booked and there have been preliminary meetings of the Food & Beverage, Decorating and Prizes sub-committees.

We have our next full committee meeting on Tuesday, January 14th.

Motion to adjourn made by Laila, seconded by Christine B.

Next Meeting: March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.