**FRASER RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting**

**Fraser River Middle School**

**General Meeting – November 1st, 2021 – In Person and Zoom**

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| **AGENDA** |  | **Action** |
| 1. Call to Order | Territorial Acknowledgement and Welcome  ***New Westminster Schools recognizes and acknowledges the Qayqayt First Nation, as well as all Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.*** | * Claudia Gastaldo   Started 7:10 |
| 1. Attendance |  | * Christine Stover   Taken in person and zoom |
| 1. Approve Agenda | Additions/deletions to the agenda | * Claudia   Motion approved and second. Francis and Tricia |
| 1. Guest | * Club support | * Chad Oatway – Teacher Rep Ski/Snowboard Club   Not here  Can be tech difficulties |
| 1. Pass previous minutes | * Review Past Minutes – October General | * Claudia – will read and pass minute meetings here as technical difficulty |
| 1. Principal’s Report | * Ongoing update and report | * Jen Harrison   Thanking PAC and Volunteers with pizza voluntary Oct 8th and teacher appreciation day with the yummies.  School goal for 2021 and 2022 school year:  Guided by the First People’s Principles of Learning, our goal is to create an engaging environment where students learn and collaborate through cross-curricular experiences. (also posted on the school website for more info)  Had a busy week: spirit week and Halloween activity. Food drive as well.  Upcoming Events: Remembrance Day Assembly Nov 10th, and Holiday Event on Thursday dec 16th early stages of planning. Pac support will be needed for the event and also for the (Band Concert on Dec 14th 6pm looking for volunteers for cookie and coffee table).  Holiday events: helping families in need.  Family services sponsor a family, will sponsor families. A few of them.  Donations – gift cards for families in need. Any connections to gift cards, support needed.  Queens Avenue is very busy, be very mindful to driveways, and no u turns, and speeding. Bylaw officers will be coming regularly.  FACs: foundation skills assessment is coming along and good results.  Spending ideas: money allocated for clubs will get spent. Ski and snowboard clubs 300.00 to participate for students in need. One spending priority,  Another spending priority: outdoor classroom space. Will get a quote for a outdoor class quote from habitat. An investment over several years.  Field trips: hoping to get children out of classrooms.  Other Ideas: Puzzles fidgets, for students, childcare workers, learning spaces, pods |
| 1. Treasurer’s Report | * Process for signing privileges * Grant update: 10,880.00 * Expectations to receive grant | * Claudia / Francis Ribeiro * Getting Francis and Winnie signing officer signed in.   We received $680.00 more this time.  $10,880 compared to $10,280  We apply for grant April-June, and a write up on how we spent the money. We look pretty good.  We can also buy ourselves a speaker, as zoom can be the future.  Approved for spending 100.00 or less on budget for speaker for zoom meetings. |
| 1. NW Youth Services | * Ongoing monthly update | * Haven’t heard yet as Angeline moved on. Was with us for 6 yrs. |
| 1. DPAC Report | * Meeting updates | * Charmaine report.   2500 for gaming funds. DPAC provides up to $250 for each PAC for educational speakers or workshops of benefit for both parents and students.  Guest Speaker was from FamlySmart. Non profit organization that works with carers who look after youth with mental health challenges. Youths do not need a diagnosis or referral to contact FS. There is no waitlist or cost for support. Parent Peer Support Worker works alongside professionals, service providers and parents/families. PPSW for New West and Bby is Graeme and can be reached at:  [Graeme.partridge-david@familysmart.ca](mailto:Graeme.partridge-david@familysmart.ca) or familysmart.ca Resources and videos for youth and for families are available online.  Bus transportation – DPAC is going to write a letter to the MLA for Rmd/QB regarding 2020 election campaign promise for a dedicated bus from QB to NWSS. Focusing on that part of election promise and not the West end to FRMS.  Boards 5 year capital plan – write a letter to MOE Jennifer Whiteside, advocating for the urgent need for land acquisition and for funding for the FRMS expansion.  -DPAC passed a motion to write a letter to MLA  Jennifer Whiteside and Ministry of Education in support of the 2022-23 capital plan that the district submitted to the province.The capital plan asks the province for money to acquire land and build a new middle school for Fraser River zone, as well as expand existing FRMS. Parents are encouraged to write to the MLA to show their support for the Capital Plan |
| 1. Fundraising/ Grants | * Spirit Wear Timeline | * Karon Trenaman   Ken the spirit wear company. Revising price list. Same items as last year, waiting for revised price list. And coordinate with Lena to send out on cash online. Karon will follow up. School cash online will go out on. |
| 1. Community Building | * Staff “thank you” -review * Dates to help coming up? * How can we help with family hampers/gifts? | * Claudia * Staff thank you – we did donuts, muffins, cobs and coffee, yogurt and napkins. Thank you for the drop offs. Reimbursement for coffee. 99.49 * 250.00 spent in our needs. * Dec 14th and Dec 16 to help. * Connections from the community for Gift Cards to Businesses? |
| 1. Teacher Appreciation | * Think about ideas for December meeting to plan staff thank you within covid parameters | * Claudia * Winter Time – right before the break. Any food connections? |
| 1. Miscellaneous | * Transportation/ Safety - any updates? | * Francis   Survey the school community …how much stress it is. Francis will compile a simple survey supporting bus transportation. |
| 1. Next Meeting | * Monday, December 6, 2021 – General | See you all there |
| 1. Adjournment | Thank you for coming! | Adjourned 7:40 |