

MEETING MINUTES

Argyle Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

7:00 pm | Argyle Library



In attendance: Kim Jonat – Principal; Leslie Jaremchuk – PAC Chair; Mark Howard – PAC Vice-Chair; Mary Ann Bell - PAC Secretary, Christine Gray, Tanja Haller – Members at Large, Danae Gale – Communications, Neesha Blajberg , Angie Howden-Duke, Eric Stanger, Maria Aguilera, Tara Dowling-Shafer, Mehrnaz Izadnegahdar

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. Quorum confirmed.

1. Welcome and introductions.

2. Review and approval of September 23, 2023, meeting minutes

MOTION to approve the September 23, 2023, minutes.

**Moved: Leslie Jaremchuk | Seconded: Christine Gray
Carried**

3. Treasurer's Report – Leslie Jaremchuk for Ian Tatterton

We received the gaming grant which was deposited in the bank account October 5th for \$26,860. One cheque written for Mark Howard's expenses for ADA.

Financial Report tabled to next meeting.

4. Administration report – Kim Jonat, Principal

- **Grade 8 Cheakamus Retreat.** Grade 8s participated in 2 back-to-back day trips as opposed to an overnight due to the large size of the grade 8 cohort. Feedback overall has been positive. Staff would like to thank PAC for the bursary support. There were more requests for financial assistance this year than in previous years, and staff are grateful to have been able to provide support and eliminate barriers to participation.
- **Terry Fox Run** has been happening at Argyle for over 30 years. Staff debrief afterwards suggested that more in class time be spent to explain why the event takes place. Lynn Valley Lions partnered and ran a BBQ for all students.
- First school-based **professional development day** was September 22. There are 6 professional development days in the school year, 2 of which are school-based and are chosen by staff/teachers. Argyle's development day focused on assessment reporting to further understand the newly introduced proficiency scale for students in grade 8 and 9. All grade teachers need to understand the system as students enter the higher grade levels. At all grades, descriptive feedback is being encouraged and less of the more generic class level reporting.
- **Truth & Reconciliation Day Event** (September 29). Became a collaborative event. To start, a student-led video was played in the classrooms. DMA students filmed and edited, and students in BC First Peoples 12 did the majority of the speaking (optional). After the film,

students moved to gym for speakers, choir performances, and representatives from the Squamish Nation attended and shared their culture through storytelling.

- **Learning Conferences** are coming up on October 18. Appointments opened on October 11, and start with 2 meeting requests per student, if there is space available then more appointments will be opened up.
- A province wide **Professional Development** is coming up on October 20.
- **Grad Council** has started, and theme days for grads were last week. Students were encouraged to choose themes that had low barrier to participation. Canadian Universities event took place on September 28, and another one is scheduled for October 25 and will take place in the morning as it is a late-start day. Grad photos coming up.
- **Grade 8** – first rotation is coming to an end soon.
- **Clubs** – Have noticed a resurgence of clubs taking place and new clubs being organized. Many of the clubs hold appeal to students across grades and interests.
- **Field** – The opening of the turf field is imminent. Dry weather was needed for pellet and sand spreading, which has taken place. The uprights have been installed, netting is going up and the field hockey nets have been moved from Griffin Field. The field was undergoing inspection on October 11 and the opening will be pending the final report. Student council is planning a celebration event at the end of the month at a home football game against West Van and will do the same for other team home games. Once the field opens there will be some ongoing work on the south access side, for a concrete pad that will house supply containers.
- **Sport court** – is open ... PE classes and teams are using it.

5. Program Rep Reports

- **Argyle Music Association Report – Andrew Smith**
 - a. Senior choir and band are going to California in May for senior trip.
 - b. AMA Samosa Fundraiser wrapping up on October 15.
- **Argyle Drama Report - Eric Stanger (ADA Rep)**
 - a. Filming of the *Thriller* remake is almost complete, and a sneak-peek of the final product will be shown at the Halloween Costume Contest in the gym and officially featured in the Spring Film Festival. Film Festival will take the place this year of the live theatre program.
 - b. ADA will be auditioning for our original one-act musical next week. This will be the feature of this year's Winter Festival (Dec. 13-15).
 - c. ADA is currently setting up the Stapleton Sausage fundraiser, which will have a poster going on the school webpage once completed.
 - d. Planning to run a JJ Bean fundraiser after the Stapleton Sausage is finished, finishing closer to Winter Break holidays.
 - e. ADA has two PAC funding requests which will be developed in more detail and put into writing:
 - o \$500 funding for a test headset and an iPad. This is to test a brand of headset and an iPad Air and case to allow for mixer control from front of house (Mark Howard is helping us set this up). This is a multi-department piece of equipment, which would be used for live events at the school. There is a new Tech Club at Argyle, sponsored by Andy Thompson, with very enthusiastic students who will learn about sound and lighting design-mixing with this equipment once up and running.

- o Funding to purchase a set of lavalier microphones to properly amplify student voices in live performance with backing music and record sound in film projects. While we are still researching the best brand/setup, this will cost up to \$8,000. ADA will make an official request for the gaming grant before the deadline on Oct. 27th.
 - f. ADA is talking with Nutrends printing to create roll-up signage for Argyle Drama live events (Argyle students have already designed the images). ADA would like to use the 50/50 funds raised last year, which are being held by PAC in the gaming account, to pay for these.
 - **Athletics Report – Mark Pierce via email**
 - a. Argyle's fall athletic season is well underway with the following programs and teams being offered to Argyle's student athletes:
 - o Bantam Girls volleyball - two teams, gold and green
 - o Juvenile Girls volleyball
 - o Junior Girls volleyball
 - o Senior Girls volleyball
 - o Junior Boys soccer
 - o Senior Boys soccer
 - o Junior Girls field hockey
 - o Senior Girls field hockey
 - o Junior football
 - o Senior football
 - o Swimming
 - o Cross Country
 - o Bantam rugby
 - o Cheer – two teams
 - b. Argyle's winter athletic season will be starting up in early to mid-November. We will be offering boys and girls basketball, skiing and snowboarding, wrestling, and gymnastics. Further information regarding winter programs will be provided as it becomes available.
 - **District PAC (DPAC) Update – Tara Dowling-Schafer**
 - a. The DPAC is having a wine and cheese meet and greet for DPAC reps and PAC chairs on October 18, which is the same evening as Argyle's Learning Conferences.
 - **School Planning Committee (SPC) Rep Update – Tara Dowling-Schafer**
 - a. First meeting is coming up.
 - b. If interested in attending, reach out to Kim Jonat.

6. Old Business

● Fundraising Requests

- a. PAC used to make funding allocation decisions in May, which felt too late in the year to make a difference. The process has been moved to the November PAC meeting.
- b. AMA and ADA fundraising efforts fall under PAC, but all team/club/program fundraising must come through a teacher sponsor. Kim Jonat has held a meeting with teachers and has created a 'cheat sheet' about how to run fundraising initiatives. The deadline for requests is October 27 and multiple reminders have been sent to teachers.

- c. Argyle parent, Angie Howden-Duke, presented a fundraising opportunity for consideration. She is a Yoga Therapist and Energy Psychologist and runs **Collective Meditations** online for schools and groups. Cost to participate is set by the PAC and the PAC receives 50% of whatever is raised. The first one is scheduled for October 19. It was agreed that Angie could promote the event on the PAC Facebook page and in the school newsletter.

- **Communications**

- a. **Looking for a parent volunteer** to coordinate creation of a new Argyle PAC website. The current website is historically linked with the Upper Lynn Elementary website and can be separated. Volunteer would work with teachers, Murray Bulger and Chris Miller (DMA) and an interested student. The website must include a calendar with PAC dates and fundraiser dates.
- b. **Angie Howden-Duke** has volunteered to shadow Danae Gale and take over as communications coordinator for Facebook and the website.

7. New Business

- a. **PAC Executive elections** – The following positions were available for nomination. Nominations were called for and as none were received:

Chair – Leslie Jaremchuk

Vice-Chair – Mark Howard

Treasurer – Ian Tatterton

Secretary – Mary Ann Bell

DPAC (shared) – Tara Dowling Shafer / Neesha Blajberg

SPC Rep –

Members at Large – Christine Gray, Tanja Haller, Sara Wildman, Eric Stanger

MOTION To elect the nominated individuals to the executive positions by unanimous acclamation

Moved: Leslie Jaremchuk | Seconded: Mark Howard

Carried

- b. **Review of initial funding requests**

- i. 6 requests have been received to date including requests from Athletics, the Environmental Club, Model UN, and the Student Council.
- ii. Funding requests are due to Kim Jonat by October 27. Allocation decisions will be made at the November meeting.

MOTION to adjourn at 8:31pm

Moved: Leslie Jaremchuk | Seconded: Mary Ann Bell

Carried

Upcoming meetings for 2023/24 school year:

- November 8
- January 10
- February 21
- April 10
- May 15
- No meeting in June (unless needed)