

MEETING MINUTES

Argyle Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Wednesday, November 08, 2023

7:00 pm | Argyle Library

In attendance: Kim Jonat – Principal; Leslie Jaremchuk – PAC Chair; Mark Howard – PAC Vice-Chair; Member at Large Danae Gale – Communications filling in for - PAC Secretary, Members at Large, Christine Gray, Tanja Haller, Neesha Blajberg, Angie Howden-Duke, Eric Stanger, Sarah Wildman and Gwen Waite, Hilary Barisoff, Ahren Britton, Kath Britton

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

1. Welcome and introductions.

2. Review and approval of October 11, 2023, meeting minutes

MOTION to approve the October 11, 2023, minutes.

Moved: Leslie Jaremchuk | Seconded: Christine Gray

Carried

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

A financial report was given in the absence of the treasurer. Not much has changed since the last report.

Approval of the Financial Report was tabled at the next meeting as clarification was needed about whether a few previously approved spending requests had been spent or not.

4. Administration report – Kim Jonat, Principal

- **Halfway through semester 1** - interim report cards will be released Monday, November 20.
- **Grads** have completed grad photos, theme week, BC Post Secondary Fair at Argyle on October 25, and PSI visits.
- **Homecoming for football game** – a fun community-building event with lots of student groups involved (cheer, tech team, environment club, student council) and the Lynn Valley Lions. A fun, well-attended event.
- **Halloween** – student council ran a fun costume contest event. DMA released a Thriller video on YouTube. The video was a collaboration between DMA and drama students all done by students with support from teachers. It was a student-led project involving lots of students.
- **Grade 9s** participated in 'Take Our Kids to Work Day' on November 1, 2023.
- **School Planning Council** productive session November 8. Parent reps Tara Dowling-Schafer and Gwen Waite.
- **Remembrance Day** - student-led assembly featured student emcees and speakers, choir and band performances, cadets, and Mark Santos a former Argyle grad.
- **Holiday Season** around the corner – the library will feature displays about various diverse seasonal holidays. The annual Senior Music Concert will take place at St. Andrew's Wesley on December 12.

- **DMA Youth Expo 2023** – Saturday, December 9 at the school from noon until 3 pm. This is a free event that offers a community learning experience for those interested in all things DIGITAL MEDIA!
- **2024/25 School Supplemental Course Fees** – list of school fees distributed to support learning beyond base level curriculum. Food, textiles, woodwork, and metalwork fees have increased for obvious reasons. Fees are cost recovery not money making. Argyle PAC voted to approve fee changes for academies that are hosted at Argyle.
Changes: DMA Lite Academy fees to increase \$50 to \$550 per year. DMA Academy fees to increase from \$1250 up to \$1450, as equipment and software costs have increased. Basketball Academy fees remain unchanged.

5. Program Rep Reports

- **Argyle Music Association Report – no AMA rep in attendance**
 - a. Senior choir and band trip to California has been canceled - new trip being planned.
 - b. AMA Christmas fundraiser underway - Purdys and poinsettias.
- **Argyle Drama Report - Eric Stanger (ADA Rep)**
 - a. The *Thriller* video remake was released on Friday, October 27. It was very successful and was featured in the North Shore News and on CBC.
 - b. ADA Winter Festival rehearsals are underway, the event takes place December 13-15.
 - c. Stapleton Sausage fundraiser was successful, raising \$1300.
 - d. Planning to run a JJ Bean fundraiser closer to Winter Break.
- **Athletics Report – no rep in attendance**
 - a. Argyle's fall athletic season is complete or in playoffs.
 - b. Argyle's winter athletic season is underway.
 - c. Ski and snowboard are not underway due to lack of snow.
- **District PAC (DPA) Update**
 - a. No update
- **School Planning Committee (SPC) Rep Update – Gwen Waite**
 - a. Argyle family of schools met to work on school goals, looked at surveys from students and staff, and reviewed strengths and opportunities.
 - b. Looked for trends in student data about health and well-being.

6. Old Business

- Angie Howden-Duke will run an online fundraising Collective Meditation event. All in grade 4 and older are welcome to join. It's a guided meditation to help reduce stress. 50/50 split of registration cost goes to PAC.
- Angie Howden-Duke has connected and is coordinating with Murray Bulger and a DMA student to redesign the PAC website. Work needs to be completed by the end of term one, which is the last week of January.

7. New Business

a. Presentation by Leadership 11 students

Leadership students are planning to host a Career Fair for students. Inviting a variety of professionals to speak at the event. Requested funding from the PAC of \$600 for event refreshments, prizes, and thank-you gifts.

b. Fundraising opportunities

- o **Tru Earth** fundraising can provide a year-round fundraising income stream and help the planet by reducing single-use plastics.
It's a simple program to run that does not require any volunteers, just promotion of the link to order. The Argyle PAC gets a unique fundraising link that can be shared with friends, family, and everyone! PAC earns at least 20% on all sales. Orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free on orders \$30 or more.
Approved to add this year-round PAC fundraiser. Danae Gale will set up and share link.
- o **Safegrate** fundraiser was presented and discussed. No groups stepped up as interested in taking on this program at this time.
- o **Parent Social** fundraiser opportunity at Wildeye Brewing presented by Leslie. The owner has come forward to offer a fundraising evening opportunity if we want to do one. No takers at the moment but a good possibility for future.

c. Review of initial 25 funding requests

- o We always keep \$5000 in reserve funds in the gaming account.
- o Approved \$16934.08 in spending:

Mark Pearce	1,800.00	Senior Boys Basketball- new set of uniforms (home and away)
Darren Rath	3,500.00	Gold Cheer - team uniforms
Kathryn Dishaw	708.17	Athletics - Ultimate - Argyle logo ultimate discs
Kathryn Dishaw	895.91	Athletics - Ultimate - Reversible tank tops
Milan Boljuncic	500.00	Model UN Club - conference January 2024
Milan Boljuncic	500.00	Students' Council - carnival, cost of activity rentals
Grant Featherstone	130.00	Drama/Music/Tech/Film - iPad battery and case
Grant Featherstone	3,500.00	Drama/Music/Tech/Film - wireless mic equipment
Damien Liu	600.00	Math Club - contest fees
Alex Kelsch	300.00	Club - Tabletop Games - games and figurines
Kim Jonat	300.00	Club - Creativity for Change - craft supplies
Bryan Lockless	200.00	Leadership/Careers - Career Fair 2024 refreshments/prizes
Alicia Arreaga	1,100.00	Spanish - Latin dancing workshops
Kim Jonat	2,000.00	Anti-racism grade assembly + in-class presentations - HopeU
Sean Soper/Mark Pearce	900.00	Digital citizenship presentation- Safer Schools Together-Gr8/9

d. Elect PAC Member at Large

MOTION to elect Gwen Waite as a Member at Large
Moved: Leslie Jaremchuk | Seconded: Tanya Haller
Carried

MOTION to adjourn at 9:13pm
Moved: Leslie Jaremchuk | Seconded: Mary Ann Bell
Carried

Upcoming meetings for 2023/24 school year:

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