

Argyle PAC

Wednesday, Sep 15, 2021 (via ZOOM)

Welcome and introductions Meeting Commenced 7:02PM

Kim Jonat - Principal and Kulvir Mann - School Board Trustee attending
Leslie Jaremchuk - acting president; Lisa Storoz – treasurer; Gillian McCormack– Secretary; Sara Wildman, Mark Howard, Emily Rubin -Members at Large

Review and approval of May 2021 meeting minutes **Motion:** to approve the April minutes as amended. – Mark Howard. Second Lisa Storoz. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's Report – Lisa Storoz

1. Financials: Gaming: \$13806.42 and 5 cheques cut today for scholarship students with \$11306.42 left Operating: \$5260.71 Cobbs: \$146 \$1652.66 used for grads of 2021 \$1119.78 spent for 110 staff members at staff luncheon **Motion:** To accept the Treasurers report as presented – Emily Rubin. Second: Mark Howard. **Motion Carried.**
2. Some unused 2021 Grad Funding to go back into the pot?

Administration report – Kim Jonat -principal

Thank you to Kulvir Mann, trustee, for joining us. Introduced Vice Principals on Zoom call: John Crowley and Laura Stewart (new this year) coming from Cleveland Elem with background in French Immersion. John works with grades 9 and 11. Laura works with grades 8 and 10. Great to have students back full-time face to face after last year's hybrid situation. Our first start in new building. First grade assemblies in over a year, using large gym, one grade at a time. Discussed code of conduct, ways to get involved etc. Had first fire evacuation drill today. Evacuation muster stations changed and will change to field in future when field complete. Quick evacuations today: 2-6 minutes. Ideal is 3 minutes. Got to use new screen and sound system in gym; easy and nice to use. Very full school this year with big group of grade 8s coming in and last year's big grade 9 class. Learning communities are fantastic to add extra space for kids when weather forces them inside. More furniture coming soon to make it even more useful. Schedules getting sorted gradually, sometimes difficult because if a student has two singleton classes (usually sr courses - perhaps drama or Spanish) bumping up against each other. Hard to put together and some students must choose between classes if there is a conflict in singleton courses on schedule. Counselors working tirelessly into evenings to get students settled as quickly as possible. They try to balance semesters 1 and 2 on schedules, but depends on selections and space in courses. Linear, quarter system and now semester system have spanned last 3 years. Health and safety was a deciding factor in District choosing semester system. Later start very popular and added bonus of tutorial block before school starts for extra study or help from teachers. Students can go to any teacher for help, not just their own. Can also use this time to work on group projects or studio space time in arts, etc. It's only week two so we will likely see many kids starting to use this tutorial time soon. Teachers have started with review but gotten right into new material thanks to longer class time. One online parents evening already, over 125 parents attending, posted on website. Grade 12 parents night tomorrow night also on Zoom. All meetings recorded and Zoom links sent to parents beforehand. Students getting same info in Career Life Connections class. Terry Fox run on Friday rain or shine. Staff signing up for one of five time slots 10 minutes apart so it is staggered. A little more than 2km long with Leadership student marshals along the way. Students encouraged to bring a Toonie for Terry to period 4. Sept 24th school-based pro-d day. Sept 29th Orange Shirt Day. Construction ongoing. Lots done over summer like theatre lighting, welcome pole installed, new concrete picnic

tables, bike racks, hallway TVs. Field is progressing. Amphitheatre with staircase leading to sport court being built adjacent to gym. Turf field should be finished next fall but project being run by DNV. New wheelchair ramp installed in front of school, front doors fixed to open at same time for accessibility. Extracurriculars mostly going. JV Football team got to travel for first game in 1 ½ years ending in a win! Running, volleyball and clubs mostly in person.

Question: Will the field be football sized?

Football, rugby, soccer are three main sports it is being built for. It depends on daylighting of creek as well.

Question: When can parents visit school to look around?

No parents allowed yet but as restrictions ease school would love to have open house. Not at that point yet. Parents can walk around outside front and back and peer inside.

Question: Are there Zoom/Teams video of each class so students sick at home (with or without Covid) can stay up to date and feel more connected?

No. Students can reach out on Teams to ask questions. Not recording classes for kids sick at home. If student is at home sick a while, reach out to counselor and teacher and use tutorial time when back to school to catch up. Students not expected to catch up immediately if gone an extended period of time. Get friends to bring homework or send photos of things.

Program Rep Reports

1. AMA update– message from Ruth Mitchell of AMA: running fall Purdy’s fundraiser this fall. Does PAC want to join in? Higher return on sales if more involved. Can choose if buying on behalf of AMA or PAC. Usually Diana Chan will come on PAC meetings for report.
2. ADA update – no report today
3. Athletics update – John Crowley - VP
Alex Kelsch is the athletic director. He does exceptional work! Fall season: huge number of teams now. Incredible response to sports. Cross country running already: 25+ kids. In short term, no spectators allowed indoors. Getting kids playing is the first goal. Spectators welcome outdoors: football, field hockey, rugby etc. but please socially distance. Kids learning how to operate in COVID world during sports: must wear masks always unless high intensity part of sport. Great to see kids out and the kids are very excited to get back to it! Thank you to PAC for support for expensive equipment etc.

Old Business:

1. Teacher Wish List: We needed to revisit the DMA Printer request. We wanted to have some follow up about what the plan was for upkeep, maintenance and ink costs on an on-going basis. Mr. Bulger made this request. Sarah Wildman did draft something for the department. Tannis Hendriks may have sent it over. Not sure what happened at this point. Leslie will touch base with Tannis.
2. Recap and final costs of Staff Luncheon in June, 2021. Leslie was there and thought it went great. Kim Jonat also stated that it was lovely. A nice way to finish the year. We used Well Fed studios. They are professional, food is fantastic, everyone ordered their own lunch in advance and Viva Sisadraker gifted an Indian Cookbook to them. \$1119.78 – 110 people.

New Business:

1. 2020/21 Argyle PAC Scholarship Winners. We did have 5 winners of \$500 scholarships. Chantelle Deschamps, Linnea Irvine, Hanna Crook, Hentry Toland and Fiona McInnes.
2. PAC Elections. Will be on October 13 PAC Meeting. We need a quorum of 9 people. We engage Members at Large and Exec present to make quorum. Will be looking at a PAC Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and 5 Members at Large.
3. Leanne Woodward wanted to ask from Football if there might be any new funds for more new Football helmets. Helmets cost \$300-\$400 each and they have expiry dates and have to be replaced so there are needs every year. Requests typically come through administration or the Athletic Director. We typically collect wish list items and have one big list by around May of the school year for approval and spending the following year. We do see the occasional emerging request outside of that time line. Leanne will be trying to come to the PAC meetings to serve as a Football liaison.

Meeting adjourned. 8:03 PM