

# **Argyle PAC**

## **Wednesday, Nov 17, 2021 (via ZOOM)**

**Welcome and introductions** Meeting commenced 7:04pm

**Attending:**

Kim Jonat – Principal

Leslie Jaremchuk - President; Ian Tatterton - Incoming Treasurer; Lisa Storoz - Outgoing Treasurer;

Emily Rubin - Secretary; Mark Howard, Christine Gray - Members at Large

Nancie Cargill (Argyle Library/ADA rep), Gillian Paton, Christie Owen, Debra Rasmussen

**Review and approval of Oct 2021 meeting minutes**

MOTION: to approve the October minutes as amended: Lisa Storoz

Second: Gillian Paton

Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Lisa Storoz/Ian Tatterton

1. Financials:

- Received gaming funds: \$24,860. With two scholarships going through we are at \$35,666.42 in gaming account. \$5260.71 in operating account

2. Need to move control of Gaming Funds disbursement from the school admin (Doug Peake) back to the Argyle PAC Treasurer

- Gaming funds from BC Gaming should be held by PAC as per BC Gaming rules. We will cut cheques from PAC to school/teachers directly instead of going through admin.

MOTION: to approve the Treasurers report: Gillian Paton.

Second: Mark Howard.

Motion Carried.

**Administration report** – Kim Jonat:

- Held first successful P/T interview in new school. Great to have parents inside and have them see the new school for first time. With teachers having 3 or 4 classes each there are not enough spots for all parents to meet all teachers, but there were more spots open in semester system than linear system.
- Grade 8s did first rotation change
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> Professional Day: Lots of staff on large Zoom conferences.
- October 28<sup>th</sup>, hosted first live music event in-person: Jazz Coffee House. Strings and Jazz Band performed in multipurpose space/theatre. Lovely to have live music and live audience back.
- Library connected with Vancouver Writer's Fest with students joining in talks, connecting with writers.
- Literacy 10 ministry assessments: Major tech glitches, province-wide, on first morning and the rest of tests postponed until January. Kids who experienced tech glitches will have opportunity to write again in January. Any students can re-write up to 3 times and their best mark is accepted.

- November 10<sup>th</sup>, Remembrance Ceremony live-streamed to classrooms from multi-purpose space. No live-streaming to community because of CAF media ban due to Armed Forces member in attendance. She spoke on behalf of Veterans Affairs Canada. No Cadets allowed as well, but choir and band performed as well as French student speakers. Student trumpet player, Calla, played Last Post. Student piper, Connor, played bagpipes. Ceremony live-streaming went well into classrooms and around the school with better tech than previous events.
- Fun theme days happening at school this year. “Anything But a Backpack” day was today with humorous results. Lots of kids participated and had fun. Grad theme days happening as well. Nice to see school spirit and community spirit return.
- Hosting Vancouver Sea to Sky volleyball championship. Our boys won both games and are into semi-finals tonight.
- Fall sports coming to a close. Cross Country had several top runners: Nannette finished 11<sup>th</sup> out of about 300. Some swimmers going to Provincials in Richmond. Boys Soccer team in Provincial champs. Girls Volleyball in Jr Invitational. Winter sports starting up and lots will be using gym. Winter sports: Basketball (Boys), Basketball (Girls), Cheer & Stunt, Gymnastics, Ski and Snowboard, Wrestling. Wrestling is able to use multi-purpose room instead of busy gym.
- Christmas Concert upcoming at St Andrew’s Wesley’s downtown on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Live-streamed for those who cannot attend but also live in person. Vaccine passport required to attend. Bands and choirs featured.
- Student group doing “Food Truck Friday” after school with music and fun activities. Looking at grade-wide movie nights as well. Fun ideas to build school spirit. Need adult supervision to make these ideas work.  
Need a couple of parent reps for Argyle’s School Planning Committee. This committee has students, teachers, support staff, parents and admin reps. The purpose of the committee is to do an annual review of the school goals by monitoring & assessing progress towards the goals, communicating progress, and determining what the goals will be for the following year. Some goals are multi-year while others may be for a single year. The Committee meets about 5 times per year, two of which are with several other schools in the Argyle and Handsworth FOS. The two larger sessions are after school, 3:30 to 5:30, but the timing of the Argyle only sessions is more flexible. It could be an evening session with dinner if that works better for most, or after school. Our current school plan is posted here: <https://vibrantlearning.sd44.ca/school-plan/argyle-secondary/> (on the Argyle website it’s under “About Our School > School Plan”)
  - Leslie Jaremchuk and Gillian Paton stepped up. Ian Tatterton offered his wife pending her approval.
- Three PAC gaming requests from admin: Two athletic and one admin for grad.
  - Now that we know sports are in full swing we need to request funding for teams that qualify for championships as it can be quite costly to enter and pay TOC for coaches. PAC funds help bring down costs for teams.
  - Athletic fees: financial support for families who find cost of sport prohibitive. School sports are important to student physical/mental health. Sometimes families need full financial support and sometimes just partial.
  - Grad “V-stoles” to wear on top of their black gown for grad ceremony. Wash and hang-dry. Same as ones used in grad photos. Adds class and formality to

graduation ceremony. Cost for 310 students would be \$5780.78 with 15% volume discount: about \$18/stole. Rental is \$5.50/student – within 4 years you pay for them. Includes taxes and shipping. Impacts all students going through the school as they graduate.

- discussion regarding these 3 requests: Lisa S. confirmed we have money to do all three. Leslie J. wants to make sure sports dept. isn't taking up all funding and that it is equally spread out throughout year. Lisa S. asked if we can decide on funding for teams each year but Kim J. answered no time to get money before teams need it. Ian T. wondering if there can be a yearly budget for each group (sports/music etc) with a \$ cap.

VOTE: grad V-stoles PASSED with majority vote

VOTE: \$2500 for athletic financial assistance PASSED with majority vote

VOTE: \$2500 for athletic team championship entry fees PASSED with majority vote

- Annual presentation of supplemental school fees for the 2022-2023 school year, as well as seeking approval of the Academy Fees (basketball, digital media) for next year. Process starts in October and needs to be in Superintendents office next week. Teachers need to submit rationale regarding their course fees. Policy (706) in place can only be charged for certain things: for instance, in Foods they charge for extra food so kids can cook instead of just watch demos. A few changes: Marketing/E-commerce - colour printing costs have gone up; Grade 8 PE – outside instructors coming in or outside activities (martial arts, skating etc). Many are for take-home projects (art/photography) Band and choir fees pay for clinicians/festivals. Administrative processing fee (about 4%) for School Cash Online tacked onto school fees so this explains odd dollar/cent amounts on fee schedule (eg: \$31.35) Academy fees must have PAC approval (DMA Lite, DMA and Basketball) The fee schedule for the current year is posted on the website here:

<https://www.sd44.ca/school/argyle/Parents/payschoolfeesonline/Documents/2021%20-%202022%20School%20Fees.pdf>

## Program Rep Reports

1. ADA update – Nancie Cargill (in meeting)/Grant Featherstone (via email)
  - Nancie Cargill discussing JJ Bean fundraiser for new theatre curtains. We are asking community members to bring completed order forms and payment to the Argyle Library front desk by Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> (Nancie in library from 10-2 every day). Accordingly, orders should be prepared for pick-up the week of Dec. 6th-10th. Make cheque out to Argyle Drama Association. Hoping January 27-28 there will be live theatre performances written, produced and performed by students. Any help with publicizing this fundraiser is greatly appreciated as we are hoping to outfit the theatre space with drapery as our next step! Does anyone want to help with fundraising, costumes, sets etc? Drama needs volunteers for this wonderful program to help kids enjoy Drama.
  - With the return of live audiences, we are excited to open our doors for the Winter Festival Jan 27th and 28th. This will feature student written, directed, and performed content from gr. 8-12 students. Further details on ticket sales and fundraising to come. If there is anyone who can help with fundraising, concession, door, supervision, etc. please contact Grant Featherstone.

- Argyle Drama students, gr. 8-12, have been collaborating on short film projects which will feature in a Spring Film Festival (May 4th-7th). More details to come in the new year on this red-carpet premiere event.
  - The Argyle Drama association is looking for parent and community support to grow its program. The students have taken on the challenge of film in the time of a pandemic with real vigor, and we are all excited to see what comes next. Please contact Grant Featherstone ([gfeatherstone@sd44.ca](mailto:gfeatherstone@sd44.ca)) if you would like to support our productions/program.
2. AMA update– Diana Chan (via email)
- AMA had a fantastic samosa fundraiser earlier this school year. Currently we have a Purdy’s and Poinsettia fundraiser happening, and it will be ending this week.
  - Coffee House is late Oct was a success! We hosted the event in the theatre and had a small audience come in for a night of live music. The Strings and Senior Jazz Band was featured.
  - The music department was also involved in Remembrance Day service that happened last week. We had a hybrid service where there was a small live audience and the service was also streamed to classrooms.
  - We are looking forward to our Winter concert featuring senior band and concert & chamber choir. This will happen on Tuesday Dec 14 in St Andrew’s Wesley United in Downtown Vancouver. The event will be ticketed to help with tracking and ensuring we don’t exceed limit capacities.
  - The next big event will be our semester-end showcase that will feature classes from this semester. This is scheduled for January, after we return from winter break!
3. Athletics update –Kim Jonat covered this in her comments

### **Old Business**

1. Plan for a Wine & Cheese “Meet the New School” Tour fundraiser for parents for when things open up again - Leslie/Christine/Mark
  - Ideas: Drink choices and individual charcuterie plates, so no buffet. Cash bar for extra drinks. Possibly local band and/or Argyle Music students performing. Casual event for parents plus possibly staff members offering school tours (to entice parents to come). Kim needs to ask about this as it’s not an educational event. Kids would have to be completely separate given alcohol in school. Tours would take at least a full hour and staff would have to volunteer. Perhaps parents could be trained to do tours? A very small silent auction perhaps? Anyone want to volunteer to help plan? Let Leslie J. know.
2. Received email from BFitHealth with offer of \$300 gift certificate - how to use? Will donate to Cabaret Night silent auction happening in May.
3. For PAC positions we still need Vice-Chair and DPAC Rep:
  - Debra Rasmussen has offered to be Vice Chair  
VOTE: Deb R. PASSED as Vice Chair with majority vote

- Gillian Paton has offered to be DPAC Rep  
VOTE: Gillian P. PASSED as DPAC Rep with majority vote

### **New Business**

1. Leslie J. asked Kim J. re: in-person PAC meetings: do we know when we would be allowed back in the school? Kim J. answered we can probably do it now, using the QR code at school entrance and have all attending masked and feeling healthy. If some want hybrid meetings it could get complicated tech-wise. Kim needs to ask if vaccine passports would be needed since it is a parent event but many at meeting agree to ask only vaccinated parents to attend in person. Mark H. offered to set up the IT end of things to make hybrid happen. Likely to happen in the library for quiet space.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Leslie Jaremchuk.

Second Emily Rubin: MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM

### **Upcoming meetings**

No meeting in December

January 19, 2022

February 16, 2022

No meeting in March

April 20, 2022

May 18, 2022

No meeting in June (unless needed)