

Argyle PAC

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 (via ZOOM)

Welcome and introductions Meeting commenced 7:04pm

Attending:

Kim Jonat – Principal

Kulvir Mann – SD44 School Board Chair (Argyle Rep)

Susie Chant - MLA NorthVancouver/Seymour

Leslie Jaremchuk – PAC President; Ian Tatterton – PAC Treasurer; Emily Rubin – PAC Secretary;

Mark Howard, Kathryn Green, Danielle Mercer - PACMembers at Large

Gillian Paton (DPAC Rep)

Nancie Cargill (Argyle Library/ADA rep)

Salome Valente, Jiyeon Moon, Caroline C., Emma Milley, Trina Sabet, Sandy Hoshizaki

Review and approval of November 2021 meeting minutes

MOTION: to approve the November minutes: Ian Tatterton

Second: Gillian Paton

Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report – Ian Tatterton

1. Financials:

- Inflow: Contributions from Stongs Market, Gaming funds, Province of BC income return and SD44 income return. Currently \$44, 288.78 in operating account
- Money in from Purdy's/AMA fundraiser: \$928.85
- Outflow: Written cheques (approved previously) to Gaspard for grad stoles: \$5780.78 and Prostock Shoulder Pads: \$2999.77

MOTION: to approve the Treasurers report: Mark Howard

Second: Gillian Paton

Motion Carried.

Administration report – Kim Jonat:

- Big thank you to PAC: Epson garment printer arrived and is working beautifully. Takes 2-3 minutes to print a shirt and looks outstanding. Ideal for smaller runs to save cost and hassle. Exciting to see it working! Nice sharp edges on printed image. PAC covering \$6000 promised this year. Remaining \$ came from school accounts where previous principals had created surplus and Argyle Football also contributing so it can be used for team uniforms/swag.. Will be great for school and overall community. Coasts under \$5 to print a white cotton shirt.
- Thank you to Ian T. for dealing with extra work regarding cutting cheques and having PAC deal with funds directly.
- V-stoles arrived and look fabulous. These will be worn on top of black gowns for grad.
- December and January were very different from each other due to semester system and continued Covid issues. December we had in-person music concert, hosted a basketball tourney, senior boys volleyball zones hosted at Argyle, provincial soccer champs, Santa's breakfast, bookclub etc. First week of January staff reviewed safety protocols again, looked at ways to enhance (lunch and breaks especially). Staggered breaks are working well and they are grouping learning communities by colour-code: 8 of 50 classes on break at a time. Lunchtime, 15-20 classrooms are open for kids to eat in. Kids have adjusted very well and

more are going home at lunch. Admin and staff are preparing for different situations: using Teams again so staff and students can use if either are away due to illness. Some staff have had Covid, but not enough for “functional closure”. Welcomed students back after winter break and presented power point reviewing existing and new safety protocols. Students doing a phenomenal job at dealing with all this. Kids are wrapping up classes, finishing projects, getting ready for exams/assessments. Grad assessments beginning.

- Next week is semester turn-around. Friday is Review and Completion – students can come in to complete work, redo work or make-up missed work. Monday is semester turn-around day. No classes either day.
- DMA academy open house, PSI info night, course-programming all back to being virtual. Student course programming begins in February.
- Construction update: side parking lot open and available for parking, as well as community entrance and skybridge also open. School community will soon have access to concrete amphitheatre once railings are installed. Once we get warmer weather it will be a nice outdoor teaching area.
- Secondary School District Survey link sent out. Open to parents, students, staff - need feedback on schedule as it ran this year (likes and dislikes) Feedback will be collected and reviewed to decide next year’s schedule.
- 3 retirements: Ian Milord, Helen Gauthier and Jill Warland will retire at end of this semester.
- Question: How is field coming along? Answer: DNV has been told Argyle’s priorities regarding field. They are still in “design phase”. Couldn’t do anything with snow. Creek has been daylighted. Target for completion is Fall. For “sports court” to left of field: NS Sports Council and DNV discussing. Will likely do crushed gravel in interim so it can be functional before turf goes in. Both are mainly NVD projects.
- Athletics: still going ahead with games (no spectators). Practices mostly with masks and little mingling. Ski team was up at Blackcomb today practicing (Meet coming up Feb 3) Cheer going ahead. Winter sports wrap up in February. NS Athletic Association helping with scheduling.
- Athletics, music, clubs very necessary for student physical and mental health and connection to school. Trying to keep them running as well as they can.

Program Rep Reports

1. AMA update – Diana Chan (via email)

- We have put in enhanced safety measures, including keeping everyone who is playing a wind instrument at least 2m apart when playing in the band room.
- We are re-imagining how to produce concerts and performances to showcase what our students have been working on as we come to the end of Semester 1 - these are likely going to be videos and recorded projects that we will be sharing with our students and families later in the year.

2. ADA update – Nancie Cargill

- Grant Featherstone disappointed there was no audience allowed for Winter Festival. Will record and hopefully will have future in-person viewing.
- Still working on getting theatre curtains, then wants to focus next on theatre seating fundraising.
- There will be another coffee fundraiser in February

3. Athletics update – Kim Jonat
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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 - ON HOLD

New Business

1. DPAC update - Gillian Paton: November 24 meeting discussed anti-racism committee. Gave update about responses to survey: 1300-1400 community members and about 500 staff responded. Draft report due out in February. Speaker grants available if Argyle wants to host any speakers.
Question: Did anyone discuss how to go about doing a speaking engagement?
Answer: No, the meeting didn't go into that much depth but Gillian will ask next meeting.
2. Question for Kim Jonat: What are the plans for the cafeteria opening in the school?
Answer: Sutherland and Windsor(?) cafeterias are open. Cannot open ours due to no available staff. Criteria (hours, pay etc) not available. Argyle students have better access to food from outside Argyle (LV Mall etc) than some other schools. Cafeteria being open or closed in future depends on public health orders. Kim will ask company for what expectations are regarding working at the cafeteria to get people interested in working there. Leslie: Swipe-card pay system would be very helpful and make a great fundraiser.
3. PAC will do an Easter Purdy's fundraiser: Danae Gail will take care of it.
4. Question for Kim Jonat: Is there funding for more outdoor seating? Answer: A bit premature given construction is not finished and more space will eventually open up. Each concrete table costs \$5000.
Question: Any undercover space planned? Answer: No more than behind library. Special events will have tents. The cafeteria doors can roll up to bring the outside in.
5. Kathryn G: For Platinum Jubilee - On Govt of Canada website it says education institutions can apply for up to \$5000 grant for community events. Could celebrate any achievements. Ian looked it up and Grant expired in December.
6. Question for Kim: Have there been any discussion regarding funding to do with things happening on school roof (gardens etc) Answer: Nothing happening yet as ideas need to be considered and consolidated, teachers need to decide which ideas they really want to do keeping in mind how busy they are, summer break etc.
7. Susie Chant: Thanks for letting her attend. She was an Argyle parents until at Argyle 2016. Her office wants to provide a school scholarship and wants to discuss with school contact. Asks how else can she be useful? She's thrilled to hear about the T-shirt printer as she wants to do a T-shirt project.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Leslie Jaremchuk.

Second: Emily Rubin

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM

Upcoming meetings

February 16, 2022

No meeting in March

April 20, 2022

May 18, 2022

No meeting in June (unless needed)