

Argyle PAC

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 (via ZOOM)

Welcome and introductions Meeting commenced 7:03pm

Attending:

Kim Jonat – Principal

Leslie Jaremchuk – PAC President; Ian Tatterton – PAC Treasurer; Emily Rubin – PAC Secretary; Mark Howard, Christine Gray – PAC Members at Large

Gillian Paton (DPAC Rep)

Helen Zaparniuk, Maria ?, Julie ?, Jiyeon Moon

Review and approval of January 2022 meeting minutes

MOTION: to approve the January minutes: Gillian Paton

Seconded: Ian Tatterton

Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report – Ian Tatterton

1. Financials:

- Inflow: \$177.05 from COBS Bread, \$928.85 from Purdy's
- Outflow: \$6,000 for DMA printer
- Request for exercise bikes from PE Dept. \$8,000 blanket approval from 2020 found and cheque will be sent to cover cost. Want future requests to be more specific with proposals so we can approve specific requests. Items should be ranked by importance in case all items cannot be covered by PAC in one year. Must have a time limit for spending. Kim Jonat says she wants staff to order items, if possible, by end of June after May approvals. Sometimes new clubs, etc, will come up after May approvals and will need review.
- Historical requests are coming up. Items not ordered/dealt with yet due to Covid/supply chain issues. Will be resolved by end of February.
- Engine bought for metal/wood shops. 'Motors and Tools – Accusharp Services, \$1612.80 (approved for \$ 1,722.80 – Mike Riml and Graham Robertson)
- \$36, 266.20 in gaming account. \$5,315.44 in operating account

MOTION: to approve the Treasurers report: Gillian Paton

Seconded: Mark Howard

Motion Carried.

Administration report – Kim Jonat:

- DMA Virtual Expo held in last week of 1st semester
- Several virtual parent nights in last couple of weeks of 1st semester: Post Secondary and grade 8-11 course programming meetings. All slideshows posted on Argyle website now. Students had course programming info explained in period 7 classes today. Course request sheets due March 8 but must be entered in MyEd before then. Students will be given an instruction sheet on how to do this online before handing in course request sheet to grade counsellor.
- New staff hired: Mr. Trevor Chong – Choices teacher, Ms. Julia Kadi – Science, Ms. Tanja Macek – Art, Mr. Jon Ramsay – English & Socials (these teachers to replace those who just retired: Ms. Ian Milord (SS), Ms. Jill Warland (art), Ms. Tricia Landry (Choices), Ms. Helene Gauthier (Science)
- This week: grade 7 virtual visits; Grade 11 Leadership kids teaching grade 8s tips about organization and time management tomorrow (trying to spread out Gr 8 info session throughout the year so not too overwhelming); Grad photo re-takes; Trustee Kulvir Mann coming by soon; Discussions taking place regarding changes to reporting and assessments (proficiency skills

instead of letter grades); Grads did scavenger hunt and had fun; Student Council is collecting “kindness messages” to make a “kindness wall” in anticipation of Pink Shirt Day; Annual backpack initiative beginning to raise money for NS Outlook Society; There are 3 new clubs at Argyle: dance, coding and gaming

- March 3 will be Parent-Teacher interviews in-person at Argyle. Same format as always: 5 minute interviews with limited spots
- Lockdown drill coming up Thursday, February 24 @ 2:15pm. Notice coming out tomorrow. Staff will go through lockdown procedure with students.
- Gymnastics Zone Championships, wrestling and basketball all in playoffs/in Provincials now. Spring Sports starting up and lots of choices. QR codes around school for students to get info.
- Question: What is happening with gravel on right side of parking lot? Answer: Was to be crushed gravel or grass but Kim Jonat is trying to cost out other options: paving and basketball hoops? Sports court next to gym will be crushed gravel to start but, long term, DNV will work with NS Sports Council to make it turf. Turf field in process of being finished – drafting “joint use agreement” right now.

Program Rep Reports

1. AMA update – Kim Jonat
 - AMA meeting next Wednesday, February 23. Music department had a virtual performance in January because planned concert could not go ahead due to Covid. Jazz Band playing live in school.
2. ADA update – Kim Jonat
 - Theatre will have new drapes installed during Spring Break. Drama dept. will be building modular Drama sets
3. Athletics update – Kim Jonat
 - Gymnastics rings installed and they are already being used – Argyle Gymnastics won Zone Championship and spectators will be allowed to watch Provincials at Sutherland (however, Covid guidelines for K-12 are different than for public)

Old Business

1. Purdy’s fundraising for Easter, plus adding COBS Bread going ahead (Danae Gale and Leslie Jaremchuk) Will be done on same day to make pickup easier. Potentially for April 11 pickup date. Families can order online directly with COBS and Purdy’s.
2. Any new info on cafeteria opening? Is the company able to provide more info on staffing requirements to encourage people to apply?
 - Answer from Amber at Canuel Catering: In terms of opening, I do not have a date yet. It is all dependent upon hiring staff. For the positions, I have multiple positions available across multiple schools. Does not have to just be at Argyle. We need a new manager for Windsor, as well we will need full staff for Seycove, Argyle and Handsworth. For Managers the starting pay is approx \$18/h. With shifts from 7am to 2/2:30pm Monday thru Fri. Food safe is required and we do NOT cover it. Previous food and cash handling experience is a good asset, but I am willing to train the right people. For support staff we have shifts available either at 7am or 9am start until 2pm. Food safe is again required but we do NOT cover it. No experience is needed, and I will provide hands on training. For the food safe, they do not have to have it in order to be hired but they must be willing to obtain it. It can all be done easily online. As well all employees must consent to a criminal record check. We do this thru the company at a discounted rate and it is deducted from the first paycheck. We are looking to hire staff ASAP and can begin training right away. You can also pass along my email and anyone interested can contact me directly. (amber@canuelcaterers.ca)

New Business

1. DPAC update - Gillian Paton: DPAC meeting end of January. Mentioned Brad Baker replaced by Rose Green. Black History Month in Feb. Anti-Racism survey report due in May - additional consultations done by third party going through SD44 policy wording to make sure they are compliant with the anti-racism policies. SD44 applying for grants to cover costs for this. NVPAC budget is on track. If PAC has executive changes please update on DPAC website. Several seminars upcoming. NVPAC looking for a secretary. Cyndi Gerlach creating standing committee to discuss mental health stigma in schools.
2. Do we want to run a Samosa Fundraiser sometime in the spring? Maybe May to avoid clashing with other fundraisers? Leslie could look after this with several volunteers. Voted YES to go ahead. Will request possible dates from Vibha Sisodraker.
3. Proposal: Dance Instruction: Teacher Alicia Arreaga proposed a dance company come in and teach cultural dance to French and Spanish dances (salsa dancing etc). It is curricular but considered an “enhancement”. Possibly March 11? As many classes as possible will be brought in during day to learn the cultural dances. Cost: \$735.00
4. Proposal: Games club:

What

We are starting up a lunchtime **Games Club** at Argyle Secondary School. The vision is for this new club to provide a fun and supported environment in which kids can socially engage with one another. Incorporating video games are part of the available activities. Board games are also made available. The beta testing of the club with a very old gaming system (a donated Nintendo Wii) has gone very well. In order to attract more kids to the club and maximize its potential, we are seeking PAC funding to purchase a more state-of-the-art Nintendo Switch gaming system that will allow four (and eventually up to eight) kids to play together at the same time.

Who & Why

While the new Argyle **Games Club** is open to everyone, it has a special mandate to be a gathering place that welcomes kids on the Autism spectrum, as well as other students who may have a harder time finding a place to fit in at lunch. Our hope is that it will be a space where both neuro-diverse and neuro-typical students can socialize together, fostering positive connections between peers during “down time” in a staff-supported environment.

When

The **Games Club** currently meets during each Day 2 lunch hour. However, it may take place during every lunch period at a later date.

Where

The **Games Club** meets in Room 182, beside the Choices room.

The Request

We are seeking funding to secure a Nintendo Switch gaming system for the club. After consulting students in the school, this appears to be the most appropriate and ideal console for our purposes. It is also the system-of-choice at games clubs in other schools.

Estimated Cost Breakdown

Nintendo Switch consoles	\$380.00
Extra two controllers	\$100.00
Charging dock controllers	\$30.00
Super Smash Bros game	\$79.00
Super Mario Kart game	\$76.00
Subtotal	\$665.00
Tax (5% GST + 7% PST)	\$79.80
Total Estimated Cost	\$744.80

MOTION for PAC to pay for cultural dance class: Ian Tatterton Seconded: Gillian Paton **VOTE PASSED**

MOTION for PAC to pay for Games Club: Helen Zaparniuk Seconded: Gillian Paton **VOTE PASSED**

5. Debra Rasmussen stepping down as Vice Chair - does anyone want to fill this role? Mark Howard has put his name forward. **VOTE** for Mark Howard to be Vice Chair **PASSED**

6. Should we move PAC exec voting to May instead of October? Check/change bylaw? Could be done at AGM? Could miss catching new Grade 8 parents doing this or they can be members at large to start? Leslie will look at bylaws before next meeting to vote on this.
7. Mark. Howard mentioned Argyle Environmental Club wants to donate their fundraised money (\$500?) to Abbotsford flood victims.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting: Leslie Jaremchuk

Approved: Gillian Paton

Seconded: Ian Tatterton

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Upcoming meetings

No meeting in March

April 20, 2022

May 18, 2022

No meeting in June (unless needed)