

Argyle PAC

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 (In-person & via Zoom)

Welcome and introductions: Meeting commenced 7:04pm

Attending:

Kim Jonat - Principal

Laura Aimes - VP

John Crowley - VP

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

Reza Saeedi, Tara Dowling-Schafer, Tanja Haller, Hilda McAmarillo, Ingrid Gossler, Dana Ruilova, Christie Owen, Megan Renzitti, Mary Ann Bell, Linda Munro, Erika Vera, Caroline Chambers, Hollie McBeth, Nazanin Souri (sp?), Sanaz Keyhanfar, Danae Gale

Via zoom: Kulvir Mann, Danielle Mercer, Sarah Wildman, Maryam Karbas (sp?), Negar S.(?), Alessandra Chaves, Markus (?), Mike Pretorius, Jess Sprowson, Aguilera

Review and approval of June 2022 meeting minutes

MOTION: to approve the June minutes: Christine Gray

Seconded: Mary Ann Bell

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report – Ian Tatterton

1. Financials:

- total of \$28,489 in accounts
 - Chequing: \$21,531.71
 - Savings: \$6,957.34

2. Inflow: gaming grant coming soon

3. Outflow: \$9800 to fund items agreed upon at last meeting. Paid \$6400 for T-shirt printer needs, \$625 for glass blowing equipment, \$1209 for teacher appreciation lunch (from operating account)

MOTION to approve Treasurer's report: Leslie Jaremchuk

Seconded: Mark Howard

Motion Carried

Administration report – Kim Jonat

- Introductions of admin staff, Kim, Laura and John
- Enrolment is up about 100 students from last year. We are at about 1349 “primary” 63 “secondary” students. “Primary” students take most/all courses at Argyle. “Secondary” students are usually in academies and at Argyle only part time. Largest group at 280 (grade 8s). We are full and out of catchment students cannot transfer to Argyle.
- Have had a very smooth startup. New schedule again - 5th in 5 years! Standard semester schedule with 4 x 70 min classes a day. Kids seem to like shorter classes, some are missing more time to work on projects/labs.
- 8:30-9:11 every morning is “flex time”- used for coming in to get help from a teacher, workout in gym, work on projects/shop/art alone or with groups, group projects. Useful when kids are busy after

school to have that flex time to work on stuff before school. Flex time is 40 minutes of help from teachers for free if they need.

- Admin requests students please arrive by 9:00 if they can. Set a goal to come a little early so you have time to go to bathroom, locker etc.
- Bells sound at start of classes not at end.
- Lunch is one hour. No break and only 4 minutes between classes. Students can take snacks to class if teachers approved or eat on their way to next class.
- Grade 8s came in first day supported by Leadership students and staff so they could get a feel for everything and find their way around. This was followed by grades 9-11. Then Gr 12s had their grade assembly and BBQ.
- Grade 8s all got lockers. Grades 9-12 must request one if needed. They can use QR codes to sign up for one. Students can also request one later in the year if they decide they do need one. Lockers should be assigned next week.
- Due to day of mourning for the Queen on Monday, September 19, Grade 12 parent info night will be moved to following Monday, September 26 at Argyle (will also be recorded and live streamed).
- School photos done, two fire drills done.
- Friday, September 23rd Terry Fox: Argyle has done it every year since early 90s. Great tradition with students and staff marshaling and cheering along the route - students can walk or run. Period 1 classes will collect donations to go to Terry Fox Foundation. Please bring a toonie (or more) for Terry. School-wide free BBQ with help from Lynn Valley Lions and leadership students during lunch after Terry Fox run, then grade 8s doing “goose chase” team building activity in afternoon (get to know the school and each other) with a Cheakamus leader...like a treasure hunt/scavenger hunt. Points and prizes awarded.
- Following week is grade 8 retreat (new) for them to have one night at Cheakamus Centre because they missed their grade 6 Outdoor School experience due to Covid. Final groupings and details being finalized. Over 95% of class going. Staff and leadership students helping. The team-building activities are helping encourage kids to show up for clubs, tryouts, etc.
- Staff collaboration day Wednesday, September 28 (late start) and Truth and Reconciliation assembly Thursday, September 29 – will be short, focused and serious.
- Wednesday, October 5th is Curriculum Implementation Day being hosted at Argyle.
- Cafeteria update: appliances working and staff being trained. Food orders coming in next week. Imminent opening – perhaps next week or week after? Will be open in flex and lunch times. Discussing possibility of preloaded cards for parents to buy kids to use at the cafeteria so kids can buy food without cash.
- Turf field update: District and Argyle partnership. Priority #1 is using “contact-certified” turf. Anticipate an announcement re: field in the District’s next meeting. Need an agreement regarding maintenance and replacement. No firm date for completion. Question: Will it be large enough for football and rugby? Answer: yes, it will be set up for both and will eventually have access from all sides. Sport court should be turf, too, but no update on the completion of that. Gravel area near driveway is in discussion regarding paving it and making it a basketball court or something useful.

Program Rep Reports

1. AMA update – Diana Chan (not attending)
 - No update right now
 - AMA AGM and retreat meeting Wednesday, September 28 @ 7pm at Argyle
2. ADA update – Grant Featherstone/ Nancie Cargill
 - No update right now
3. Athletics update – John Crowley (for Mark Pearce)

- New Athletic director, Mark Pearce. Mr Kelsch did a fantastic job during pandemic! Argyle has a huge portfolio of athletics - one of largest and most diverse programs in the Province. Community coaches and sponsors are amazing.
- Some teams making final selections this week. Fall season is rushed as competitions come fast. Volleyball happening in all divisions, huge participation in girl's volleyball; soccer team in championship last year, running again; swimming, cross country, cheer, Jr and Sr football all running. The Jr football team had very positive trip to BC interior, playing and behaving/representing Argyle well. Sr. football team away in Salmon Arm this week. Very strong football coaching staff - so many from the community. Bantam rugby starting soon with girls playing with the boys. - Melissa Robinson coaching. Field hockey starting (early practices). Fall sports season ends around mid-November depending on championships.
- Looking for parents/community members to help with coaching. Any and all volunteers appreciated: please reach out to Mr. Pearce mpearce@sd44.ca . Argyle wants to be able to offer at least two bantam teams for basketball, girls and boys, if possible.
- PAC supported a new 10'x15' Argyle-branded tent available for athletics and other school activities. Will be well used, thank you!

DPAC Update - Gillian Paton (not attending)

- No update right now

Old Business

1. Staff Luncheon in June – Leslie and Emily
 - Went very well. For second year in a row we hired [Well Fed](#) to provide pre-ordered packaged lunches for the 125 Argyle staff. Each got an entree, dessert and fruit or veg plus drinks. They ate together in multi-purpose space and outside. Another successful and appreciated event.
2. [Fund Script](#) gift card fundraising. - Danae Gale
 - Set up. Need to set up direct deposit system for it. Families can buy gift cards to so many places they already shop: list of participating [retailers](#). Percentage of purchase of cards comes to PAC for effort-free fundraising.
 - For more fundraising: Say “Argyle” at checkout at Stongs as they will give PAC money. Same with Cobs at Park & Tilford, if you mention Argyle when purchasing.

New Business

1. Cafeteria opening plans (see admin report above)
2. Nelly's soap fundraiser: is anyone interested? Hold off for now
3. Discussed possible parent social/wine and cheese/school tours night with jazz band? Students being there could complicate issue because of alcohol. Likely sometime in February 2023. Perhaps a parent band or DJ? Write to argylePAC@gmail.com for info/to offer help.
4. PAC Executive voting at Oct AGM - positions needing to be filled are: Secretary, DPAC Rep, Members at Large – nominations? Leslie is able to continue in her role of PAC Chair, Ian can remain as Treasurer, Mark is able to continue as Co-Chair. Does anyone want to share/shadow Emily as secretary or take over the role? She cannot do all meetings this year and will be “graduating” after this school year. Also need a new DPAC rep as Gillian is finished the job. Tara interested in sharing (?) role. Members at large positions needing filling for guaranteed quorum at meetings to vote, etc.

5. Proposed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws (to be approved at the Oct AGM) Argyle PAC C&B hasn't been revised since 2018. Will be voting at AGM in October on changes: changing quorum from 9 to 7 to make voting easier, other old unnecessary wording taken out, no need for annual reports as there are meeting minutes and treasurer reports each meeting anyway (could say they "may" be done), SPC needs two parents from each school, teachers, students, CUPE etc get together to look at district goals and tweak them and ask does anything in the goals need to change? One goal right now is discussing building collaboration skills. Remove wording about "electing" SPC volunteers. Copy of amended Constitution could be posted on Argyle website or PAC page. Does it need to be given to school board office? Kulvir and Kim looking into it.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting: Leslie Jaremchuk

Approved: Mark Howard

Seconded: Tanja Haller

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM

Upcoming meetings for 2022/23 school year

Oct 12 - AGM

Nov 16

Jan 11

Feb 15

Apr 12

May 17

no meeting in June (unless needed)