

Argyle PAC

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 (In-person)

Welcome and introductions: Meeting commenced 7:04pm

Attending:

Kim Jonat – Principal; Leslie Jaremchuk – PAC Chair; Mark Howard –PAC Vice-Chair; Ian Tatterton - PAC Treasurer; Emily Rubin - PAC Co-Secretary; Christine Gray, Tanja Haller, Linda Munro, Karen Simpson - PAC Members at Large; Eric Stanger – ADA Rep; Tara Dowling-Schafer – DPAC Rep

Review and approval of Feb 2023 meeting minutes

MOTION to approve the January minutes: Leslie Jaremchuk

Seconded: Christine Gray

Motion Carried

Treasurer’s Report – Ian Tatterton

1. Financials (complete breakdown in PDF financials doc)

Gaming Balance: \$29,448.02

Gaming Uncommitted: \$5,218.90

Operating Balance: \$9,967.75

Operating Uncommitted: \$9,932.44

2. Approx. \$2000 in scholarship money being held
3. Funds being held in trust for Pipers Football and ADA
4. Parent Social profits (Net): \$5,525

MOTION to approve Treasurer’s report: Leslie Jaremchuk

Seconded: Christine Gray

Motion Carried

Administration report – Kim Jonat

1. Turf field is under construction! Drainage job started and they are pouring concrete (must be above 7 degrees to pour concrete). Sport court to east of field is underway as well. Target for both is still September (don’t have exact date) .
2. Gym repair is complete and gym 100% usable again. Additional lines added when repainting and another BB hoop will be added. Crews working on fixing the drainage issue that caused the flood.
3. Contract has been awarded to create usable play/sport/gathering space where there is currently a gravel patch (to right of driveway) Will be paved and have two basketball hoops. Could be used for many activities in PE classes or community as a multi-use space.
4. Nearing mid-term point of semester 2. Parent-Teacher interviews took place before spring break and mid-term reports coming out April 26.

5. 2023/24 planning underway. Course selection was done online by students. Staffing allotments in discussion next week so it is known how many classes (sections) of each subject will be run.
6. New registrations coming in soon. Enrolment is very healthy at Argyle.
7. French immersion theatre group came in to perform a play and other French immersion schools from around SD44 joined in.
8. Indigenous drum making today in the library thanks to LV Legion donation. Open to Indigenous students and friends.
9. School community enjoying the art painted on windows in hallways and library. Art and projects in display cases as well.
10. Curricular field trips...lots of fun stuff: Outdoor Ed visited North Shore Rescue, DMA went to EA Sports, Life Sciences will go to Vancouver Aquarium, Monova Museum hosted socials classes, Vancouver law courts visited by law students, field studies in Hunter park, etc.
11. Final grad planning underway: grad gowns ordered, Valedictorian application open, convocation write-ups due April 30, grad banquet June 17 at Westin Bayshore, convocation ceremony June 25 @ 11am at Orpheum Theatre.
12. Kindies visited to enjoy science activities. Argyle kids had fun teaching the kindies in the science labs. Made slime and other fun mixtures.
13. Grade 7-8 transition is ongoing, Counselors and admin having meetings with elementary kids, talking to incoming students, looking at needed supports, etc.
14. [Green Thumb Theatre](#) visited and performed "[For Now](#)" for grade 9s today. Themes of Social Awareness and Responsibility, Personal Awareness and Responsibility, Positive Personal and Cultural Identity, Communicating. Presentation closed with discussion about showing up for friends during tough times.
15. [ICBC Road Sense speaker](#) coming this Friday to talk to grads about smart choices.
16. [Tiana Sharifi](#) talked to grades 9-10 about sexual exploitation and trafficking and will be coming back to talk with grade 11-12 about consent.
17. Coming up: AP exams; Ministry exams; [2nd Outdoor Safety & Emergency Preparedness Open House](#) at Argyle on Saturday, May 13 from 11am-2pm with booths and NSR.

Program Rep Reports

1. **AMA update** – Kim Jonat and Emily Rubin
 - a. Cap U Jazz intensive on April 1st. Argyle Jazz choir students performed beautifully and enjoyed listening to 3 other high school groups as well as receiving instruction from music educator Laura Harrison and a drum workshop with Kofi Gbolonyo
 - b. Kiwanis Jazz Festival occurred
 - c. Upcoming Senior Music trip [Cantado Music Festival](#) in Edmonton April 16-19
 - d. Upcoming Junior Music trip to [ConBrio Musical Festival](#) in Sun Peaks April 28-30
 - e. Argyle's 41st Cabaret Night coming up on May 26. Committee working hard to get all aspects organized. Will feature all Argyle Music Jazz

ensembles, student combos, dinner, dancing, silent auction, Tickets on sale end of April

2. **ADA update** – Grant Featherstone/Eric Stanger (ADA Rep)
 - a. Updating re spring show: **Running May 2-5** Spring Festival tickets will be on sale soon. Kids are rehearsing “Ballet in Revolution” multiple times a week. A student written play (Beckett Stanger) with grades 9-12 performing
 - b. Purchase/donation of 2 iPads: Need two: one for sound, one for lighting so techs can have access to control boards through app while standing where one can hear sound and see lighting properly. Only need generation 6 iPads
 - Drama (also AMA for Cabaret) asking for iPad for lighting at approx \$400 plus long XLR cables cables to run it (approx \$400)**MOTION:** PAC gives up to \$400 for iPad and up to \$400 for cables
MOTION PASSED with majority
 - c. ADA would like to hold 50/50 draw at the upcoming show (May 2-5): Need gaming license. Money will go into held money with treasurer. **PASSED**
 - d. Purchase of portable retractable signage for use during performances (ADA taking care of this)
 - e. We will be running another Argyle Drama / JJ Bean coffee fundraiser with purchasing set up through SchoolCash Online. It should be ready next week and the order deadline will be May 8th
 - f. Stapleton Sausage fundraiser was successful, \$1200 profit. Happening again in fall

3. **Athletics update** – Mark Pearce (via email)
 - a. **Our winter sports season was an incredible success, as we had multiple teams participate in provincial championships. These teams included:**
 - Bantam Boys Basketball “Gold”
 - Senior Boys Basketball
 - Bantam Girls Basketball “Gold”
 - Juvenile Girls Basketball
 - Junior Girls Basketball
 - Senior Girls Basketball
 - Wrestling – Angelo Malenica placed 3rd in his weight class
 - **Gymnastics – won the Provincial Championship!**
 - b. Congratulations to all of Argyle’s winter sports programs on a successful season! We are excited to continue building on these successes next season
 - c. **The spring athletics season is underway and Argyle has multiple teams participating in both league, exhibition, and club play.**
Teams participating in NSSSAA league play include:
 - Senior and Junior Girls’ soccer
 - Senior and Junior Boys’ Rugby
 - Senior Girls’ Rugby

- Senior Boys' and Girls' Gold
- Mountain Biking
- Track and Field
- Senior Boys' and Girls' Ultimate
- Junior Boys' and Girls' Ultimate
- Senior Ice Hockey (North Shore High School Hockey League)

Teams participating in exhibition play include:

- Junior Boys' and Girls' Tennis
- Senior Boys' and Girls' Tennis

Teams participating in club play (within the school):

- Badminton

- d. We continue to work closely with our coaches and staff sponsors in establishing sound budgets to avoid going into a deficit or having a significant surplus. However, there are situations where teams go further in playoffs than anticipated, and this occurred with a couple of our basketball teams this season. Of course, this was a good problem to have!
- e. Argyle continues to strive towards providing a safe, fair, competitive, and rewarding athletics experience for all of our student-athletes

Thank you for your continued support of Argyle Athletics.

- f. Gold Cheer team won Provincials in their category and was highest point scorers of any category and Green team also won Provincials in their category. **Sea to Sky competition was won by Gold and Green came second.**

DPAC Update – Tara Dowling-Schafer/ Kim Jonat

1. <http://www.northvanpac.org/> for info
2. Upcoming [events](#) : April 19 - diversity and inclusion meeting coming up: "Advocacy 101" with Susan Wilson for parents/guardians/students; April 25 - discussion about updates in grading and reporting standards - grades K-9; April 26 - 2SLGBTQIA+ QMUNITY presentation about inclusivity
3. Next meeting May 3 @ School Board office - 2121 Lonsdale

SPC Update – Tara Dowling-Schafer (via email)

1. Went to the school board office on the 5th floor Wednesday, April 5 from 3:34-5:45 pm. Dawn the cheerleader mom was there too. There were 2 grade 8 students and 2 grade 9 students with the 3 admin. All the schools were there - elementary & secondary. We joined with Windsor & Seycove to show all our school plans to give feedback.

2. One main thing the four students brought up is that they would like to have more training on how to take a test and how to manage anxiety for tests. They said they watch a video about mental health with tests in the beginning of the semester, but they need a refresher.
3. We were trying to figure out the best way that students learn the info of the school - talking about how to get the word out about school events/sports etc to the student community. What is the best way to make sure students are receiving the info the school wants them to know. They all said word of mouth but then we were asking how did they find out info in the first place?
4. Re: announcements they only listen to the first one often so make sure it starts with the important message & give the sports update at the end. Some teachers ask the students to be quiet & some don't for announcements therefore some students hear them in some classes & not in others.
5. The TV's could use bigger writing & not change the info too quick because students don't want to stand around for the info to come around again.
6. Admin will do more surveys with QR codes to see how the school is doing in meeting their 3 goals (mental health, inclusion, first nations etc).

Old Business

- Parent Social with guided school tours - Feb 24, went very well, although attendance lower than expected.
- Gaming Request from volleyball for \$1500 - do we have further info to satisfy approval? They need to spend the money they already have so will be buying uniforms from the money they have. No to \$1500 request from PAC now given current funds. Let's wrap up spends that are already committed from PAC funds and then refresh asks in September
- Fundraising for spring - Samosa Fundraiser going ahead for April 10 ordering opening with cutoff Apr 30, delivery Fri May 12. Need helpers for order pickups
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch at the end of June - going ahead with Well Fed catering. Cash donations can be requested from families to fund lunch, or we can use funds from Operating Account. Agreed to Monday June 26.
- Do we want to have Stephanie Jansen from Alaire Advising do a presentation on post-secondary planning? Tack it onto a meeting and advertise it (shorter mtg along with a 1 hr presentation - suitable for grades 9-12)? Review the info she would be covering, then ask on FB page if parents are interested in attending. She is offering for free. Maybe run in June after a final short PAC meeting?
 - a. There is a lot to think about when it comes to post-secondary planning; so much so it may be overwhelming for students and parents to navigate. Your school delivers a very comprehensive post-secondary presentation. I can complement this information for parents by providing additional ideas and tools for post-secondary exploration. My presentation will highlight one of the most important aspects of career planning which is finding students' individual skills and interests that provide a direction for career exploration. This is an area that requires the most time and attention when planning a student's first launch.

Agenda

- Review the post-secondary planning process in BC detailing the holistic approach to applications

- Labour market trends - what employers value - careers in demand
- Provide some tools to help parents explore students' skills and interests; why it is important to discover themes from students' lived experiences
- Understanding all available post secondary pathways for students:
University/College, Trades/Apprenticeships, Purposeful Gap Year or Workplace Options
- Tools for parents to become supportive career coaches

PAC decided NO to this presentation at this time.

New Business

1. New Cheer fundraiser? Doing a “Neufeld” fundraiser open April 17 with delivery on May 13 in Upper Lot 4pm-6pm possibly.

MOTION to adjourn at 8:33pm: Leslie Jaremchuk

Seconded: Eric Stanger

Motion Carried.

Upcoming meetings for 2022/23 school year

May 17

no meeting in June (unless needed)