

	École Shoreline Community School PAC Meeting Thursday, September 23, 2021 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes
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Meeting Start 7:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees:	10 attendees (approximately)
PAC Executive:	Vacant (Chair), Lesley Valour (Treasurer), Vacant (BCPAC Rep), Vacant (Member At Large), Tina Tulloch (Member At Large), Sarah Morse (Secretary)
Administration:	Gautam Khosla (Principal) & Micha Seaberg (Vice-Principal)

REPORTS

Administration Update (Gautam/Micha)

- Welcome from Gautam – this year there are 16 classrooms, and the population is 350-360 students, with a few more coming. Approximately half French and half English classes.
- Start Up – this year doesn't have cohorts, which were in place last year to accommodate Covid protocols. This allows more co-teaching opportunities and group projects.
- School sports – short season ending in the beginning of October:
 - Ultimate Frisbee – has started and all students all are welcome.
 - Touch Rugby – approximately 30 kids are involved this year.
 - Cross Country running – has started and kids can still join -- Tuesdays after school and then meets.
 - Basketball - will start shortly. There will be boy's and girl's team.
 - PISE – starts October 5th on Monday's and Thursday's. It's an after-school group that offers a variety of activities. Space is limited to 30 students per session and will be done by grade.
 - Dungeons and Dragons – after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school starting October 12th.
 - Drama Club – lunch time on Tuesday & Thursdays.
 - Choir – after school on Wednesday's.
 - Arts & Crafts – Wednesday's after school.
 - Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) – Due to the many students interested, it will be running on a weekly rotating basis so that everyone can participate. Crew 1 will come in every other week on Mondays at lunch and Wednesdays after school, while Crew 2 will come in every other week on Tuesdays at lunch and Thursdays after school.
 - Big Canoe Program – all the classes get to participate and will learn to paddle and go down the waterway where they learn about the land and shoreline.

- Seaquarium – started today. Plants and animals (more to be added) from local waters are displayed and this year there is a giant sea cucumber, with a possible naming competition.
- Pro-D Day – Monday, September 27. Staff looking at the theme ‘You Matter’ and how they can bring this set of values into the school.
- Truth & Reconciliation Day – Thursday, September 30. Intention is to educate kids regarding reconciliation which is something the school addresses all year long. Multiple ideas have been raised which include buttons to wear to support reconciliation.
- Assemblies – are still not allowed due to Covid protocols, so there are still some limitations on bringing kids together.
- Parent Teacher Interviews - October 26 & 27 - staff will discuss how to run these. Last year 10-minute calls were arranged via Zoom. Zoom may be the only option again this year. Regular dismissal on the 26th and 1:50 Dismissal on the 27th.
- Foundational Skills Assessment (FSA) – these tests are delivered by the Provincial government to all Grade 7 students. The test has five parts and will be administered between October 4 – November 12.
- Lockers – after a lot of discussion it was decided that lockers can’t be used right away as it creates a lot of unsupervised gatherings of students in large numbers. We want the students to have lockers, but we can only implement what is practical. This will be reviewed regularly.
- Bottle Drive – Saturday, September 25 from 10:00 – 2:00. Volunteers are needed.
- Funding Cuts from School District – last April the School District announced major funding cuts that would have directly impacted the music program, student support services and other programs. The funding has been somewhat restored but the proposed cuts were to impact two years and cuts may still occur next year.

PAC Executive News

- Welcome – all parents belong to the Parent Advisory Committee. All Executive positions are open at the beginning of the year and at the next meeting parents can volunteer for these positions and voted on.
- Treasurer Update - Current bank balances are:
 - \$5,878 – General account
 - \$3,215 – Gaming - \$6,180 anticipated and will be notified in October.
- Parent Education Night Topics - PAC has up to \$500 in grant money to pay for speakers. Anyone who would like to look into the topics that they are most interested in, please provide a synopsis, contact information and costs. Education nights with speakers would be 1 hr with room for Q and A.

NEXT MEETING

Next PAC meeting – Thursday, October 21, 2021 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.