

PAC Meeting – JLJ/SASS
Wed Sept 27, 6pm -Jackson Library

Attendance:

See attachment of sign-in sheet

Welcome and introductions

Adoption of Mins from May 30th 2023 -

1. Heather Hanna
2. Ellen Gonella
3. Unanimous

Treasurer's Report – see attached report.

Applied for Gaming Grant in June – no word yet
All cheques from last meeting mins have cleared – see notes on reports

Principal's Reports –

Gord Ritchie– Jackson Campus (see attached report)

Great staff support to keep in contact with families on alert/evacuation notice from fires and they are settling back in. There is a higher level of anxiety coming back this fall due to the crazy end to the summer and the uncertainty.

Annual code of conduct – new district wide cell phone policy that has more buy-in from staff and students helped by early info on and enforcement of this policy.

Attendance is still a struggle.
652 students registered – very full classes.

Teen House move to Bridge program has happened. Students able to have own classroom with support as well as able to take part in in-school electives more easily.

Storefront available to grade 9-12 at DAC site. Extra awesome Metis leadership and more flexible sechedule.

Jackson Communications via: website, monthly email newsletter, daily announcements – encouraging kids to take initiative and responsibility for their own involvement

Lunch program – online ordering up and running. Same great program as last year.

Athletics- up and running – football, volleyball, cross country

Clubs – lots to try out

Orange Shirt Week – very successful and a focus for the whole week. Great kick-off. Looking at possibility of connecting to locally supported orange shirt supplier for next year?

Meet the teacher Oct 4, drop -n starting at 5:30. Food!!!

Student Portal is not as user friendly as we'd like but there is an option to access it through BC Services app.

Rob Cadden -Principal Sullivan Campus (see attached report)

36 families in North Shuswap were directly affected by the wildfires – continuing to support them since evacuation etc starting Aug 19. Still feeling the effect but also the great community support.

Staff in place (80) to cover all classes offered.

Slightly less kids enrolled than last year.

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all sports- volleyball, football, cross country, soccer

Clubs – lots, check out website

Orange Shirt week – great this year too!

Post-Secondary Insititute Fair Oct 5 – booths for reps from post secondary options to check out and there are options to have more in-depth chats if you sign up for them. Trying to give lots of support to take off pressure at end of the year to know “what next” and to help have some plans so as to avoid feeling overwhelmed.

Communication: website, daily announcements, Internal TV, X, Phone, email

Academic “flex” program is an optin for kids who can’t commit to the regular schedule. Flex time blocks being tried with a full – time position to support this “supervised study” option.

Attendance – working through this on-going issue. Looking at systemic issues and how to support this generation

DPAC

Sept meeting very brief – online meetings.

See the DPAC website for how the structure works with the Provincial, DPAC and PAC levels of advocacy and how they combine to support families and the schools

Thurs Oct 12 next DPAC - social 6:30, meeting starts at 7 – Zoom meeting.

Reps that come from each school are the only ones with voting ability.

New Business

2023/24 elections

Elayna willing to remain as treasurer – motion to nominate Elayna Young 1. Christy Wright 2. Andreas Meerza 3. Unanimous

Matthew Scott Hutchison – willing to stand as Chair until next meeting (KaylaVannieuwenhuizen verbalized previously she might be willing to take this role on but was not at the meeting to officially stand in this role at that time) 1. Andreas Meerza, 2. Petra Badne 3. Unanimous

Michelle Wellingham willing to stand – 1. Andreas Meerza 2. Robyn Keeting 3. Unanimous

DPAC Karen Kehl willing to try it out for one meeting – will update at next PAC Meeting if she will stand for election in this role

Fundraising Rep – this is still open. There seems to be no goals for specific fundraising (ie. New mascot or something like that that wouldn't be covered by a gaming grant and that would require targeted fundraising aside from Grad). Several folks indicated that they would be interested in a fundraising campaign if there was something specific to raise money for. At this time clubs/teams have to ask for funds through a support teacher.

Next meeting set tentatively for Oct 25 at 6 pm at Sullivan

Grad follow-up re 50/50 APP

We used an APP that allowed folks all over to participate and once set up was complete (which we can piggy-back on now that it is set-up for this year) it was fairly user friendly.

\$9100 collected. Winner granted \$4550. Fees for service/app \$1040 leaving us a take of \$350.85. The money did come in in chunks over a 2-3 week period, so it is not an instant or even daily deposit.

Looking at how to get feedback from this grad to new grad committee to avoid any issues.

Marianne VanBuskirk – SD Board update.

There is work being done on the new policy and long term strategic plan. New vision and mission statements have come out of the survey from last year and are a part of the long-term planning and focus. With values including Belonging, Respect, Reconciliation, Perseverance, Empathy, Equity. See <https://sd83.bc.ca/2023/06/21/strategic-planning-moving-forward/> for the update with more info on the process.

Huge thanks to Teena Biley for all her hard work as PAC Chair for years!!!!

Big Thanks to our principals in their care and hard work for our schools.

Board working hard to support students and staff affected by the wildfires in our district.

Open to communication – email, come to board meetings (live-streamed and recorded when not in-camera), check out website, read emailed newsletters.

