

DUNSMUIR MIDDLE SCHOOL P.A.C.
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, September 20th, 2016

Present:

- ✓ Fern Smythe *President*
- ✓ Michelle Alexander, *Vice-President*
- ✓ Terry Ward, *Treasurer*
- ✓ Michelle Scoville, *Secretary*
- ✓ Marie Bell, *Communications*

- ✓ Darren Russell, *Principal*
- ✓ Larissa Coates, *Parent*
- ✓ Adrianna Stewart, *Parent*
- ✓ Paula Wilson, *Grand-parent*

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

2. Approval of June 7, 2016 minutes

- The minutes of June 7th, were motioned to be approved by Michelle Alexander and seconded by Marie Bell. Motion passed.

3. Approval of Sep 20, 2016 agenda

- The agenda was motioned to be approved by Paula Wilson and seconded by Terry Ward. Motion passed.

4. AGM

- All positions were available and offered to attendees. President, Treasurer, Communications, and Secretary were willing to continue on in their respective roles. VP was filled by Michelle Alexander and the SPEAC rep remained vacant.

5. Principal's Report, Darren Russell

- From the school's perspective back to school has gone well. Staff and admin have put in long days so were excused from 1st PAC meeting. The team will attend in October.
- Change in VP's. Keith Boggs has gone to Colwood Annex and Dunsmuir welcomes Andrea Millen. Her background is in behavior and LS/IS. DMS has 120 designated students including 44 behaviour students that came from the now cut Elements program.
- Seismic upgrade is officially complete but there's still lots of things to be done. None of the current 6/7/8 students saw the 'old' Dunsmuir (grade reconfig and out of bounds during seismic)

- New multi-purpose room is open to students. It's large enough to hold a full grade level (ie for presentations) has a mini stage area, ping pong tables and foosball. The room will be available after hours for rental by outside user groups.
- Outdoor space exists off the multi-purpose room but is currently unattractive and under-used. Plans are in the works to improve and green-up the space with planters, benches, picnic tables etc. in the spring to make it more inviting and useful.
- Bus lane lounge area gives students a dry, comfortable place to wait for busses and has lots of electrical outlets for devices.
- Dance studio has a huge floor, new sound system, change room, and some storage space
- Meet the Teachers night will be held September 27th. Format will be a quick welcome and introductions in the gym, followed by two core sessions (20min) and then a third session for flex
- Darren thanked PAC for hosting the second Duelling Pianos show held on Sep 17th. Feedback has been excellent.
- Current DMS enrollment is around 750 students broken down roughly as follows:
 - ~240 Grade 6's 9 cohorts, lots of space
 - ~250 Grade 7's 8 cohorts, Full
 - ~260 Grade 8's 9 cohorts, some space
- Dunsmuir anticipates that as many as 50 more students will register by Christmas due in part to the rapid build-out of the Royal Bay community. There are no empty classrooms available. If more classes are added would likely have to give up applies living space (ie sewing, drama...)
- Currently have 8 portables. After seismic was completed 5 were removed (4 to Royal Bay, 1 to Colwood). Dunsmuir would have liked to keep 10.

6. Reports

a. **Treasurer, Terry Ward**

Account Balances:

General: not available

Gaming: not available

- Terry has been unable to locate PAC mail in the renovated office. Is working with Earleen in the school office to get things sorted out.

7. New Business

- Fern reported out on recent Duelling Pianos show held in conjunction with David Cameron. Ticket sales were lower than the first show but overall profit was higher. A single song request went for \$500. There were a couple of corporate donations and an anonymous contribution for the cost of the beer. There is still some tallying to do, but the event appears to have made approx. \$4,800 which will be split between the two schools.

- In consultation with those present, it was decided that PAC would meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month for the 2016-17 school year (attempting not to conflict with Royal Bay PAC and SPEAC meetings). Meeting are scheduled for:
 - October 25, 2016
 - November 22, 2016
 - January 24, 2017
 - February 28, 2017
 - April 25, 2017
 - May 23, 2017

- Budget meeting will be held immediately following the October 25th PAC meeting. Dunsmuir has asked PAC to consider budgeting per cohort groups and creating opportunities for students via clubs that require funding.
- Darren will advise staff that budget requests must be submitted by October 19th, 2016
- Paula commented on a successful Bottle Depot/drop program that ran at Hans Helgesen and Adrianna mentioned a similar program offered by Alpine for fundraising. Nobody immediately wanted to spearhead such an initiative.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 25th, 2016