

**FRASER HEIGHTS SECONDARY SCHOOL
MINUTES OF PAC MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**

The PAC meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with 31 in attendance, as well as our Principal, Mrs. Morissette, Vice Principals, Mrs. Pipke and Mr. Muir and Mr. Lim. Sheida Shakib-Zadeh welcomed all.

- **Minutes** **Sara Pickering, Secretary**
PAC minutes for May 17, 2011, MOTION to approve: Donna Friesen, 2nd Karen Anderson, all in favour

➤ **Other Business**

Introductions

It was so nice to see so many new faces this meeting. We went around the room and introduced ourselves.

Dry Grad – Gr. 12

Dry Grad committee is holding it's first meeting on Tuesday, October 4th at 7pm in the Library.

School Sign for 160th and 108th

The School board approvals for our sign are still pending and then we can get city permits. Mr. Muir will have more information at the next meeting.

- **Treasurer Report** **Rafik Karwa, Treasurer**

Rafik briefly reviewed the cash flow summary (attached).

Our General bank account is currently at \$4,865.70.

We are expecting monies from the gaming funds. (last year we received \$38,825)

Last year we received \$9,321 in parent donations and are still waiting for this year's numbers.

- **Dry Grad Report** **Janet Ruzick, Dry Grad**

Janet briefly reviewed the accounts of the Dry Grad of 2010/2011 (attached). The balance of the account is \$833.93.

- **Elections** **Sheida Shakib-Zadeh, President**

Elections were held at the end of last year and only 3 positions remained vacant. The positions have been filled as follows.

President – Sheida Shakib-Zadeh

Vice President – Sara Pickering (includes Communications position)

Treasurer/Gaming – Rafiq Karwa (dual position)

Secretary – Tiffany Zhen

DPAC – Karen Anderson

School Planning Council Chair – Michelle Picardo

- **Principal's Report** **Mrs. Morissette, Principal**

1. New staff

Mrs. S. Morissette New Principal

Mr. J. Tong Home Economics

Ms. S. Murphy Tech Education

2. School and District Updates

Our enrolment is currently at 1530 (same as last year). We are full and the school district does not want to add any more portables to this site.

3. What is going on Now

The students and staff are excellent and very hard working. There is a great atmosphere in the school.

Teacher Job Action.

The BCTF is in a legal position to strike. This made it challenging for us for collection of fees and locker assignments during the first week of school. We apologize for the delays. Very few students scheduled have needed to be changed.

Focus for this year

1. Improving written and oral communication and involvement in extra-curricular activities and
2. To further develop student's sense of belonging to and ownership towards FH and community.

Class size and composition

We are working on this as we are required to do. Currently we have 22 classes over 30 and 18 classes with over 3 designated (SPED) students in each. Three classes have both more than 30 and over 3. Our average class size is just slightly less than 26 students per class. We are watching the provincially examinable courses. Elective courses tend to have higher numbers of designated students but we aim to have SEA's and peer tutors there to assist them.

Dress Code

Only one small change: We are seeking PAC support in requesting students do not wear the hoodies with "FCUK" on them. We are also requesting no clothing with guns, knives, or reference to drugs or alcohol. This is not a change in past practice.

Grade 8 retreat

Our grade 8 retreat is planned for Wed Sept 21, tomorrow. Our Leadership students will be helping to facilitate the day. We have purchased t shirts for all grade 8 students which helps all of them with their sense of belonging to the Fraser Heights community.

Provincial Exams

There are changes to the provincial exams this year. The optional provincial exams have been discontinued. The scholarships will be calculated in a new way by counting the mandatory provincial exams in grades 10, 11, and 12. For this year only students can go back and retake the grade 10 and 11 provincial exams. Many students have signed up to retake grade 10 provincials.

New fruit and veggie program in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture we are hoping to get this started in the New Year.

Many clubs are up and running throughout the school.

FH Library and FH Athletics are on twitter this year. Students are encouraged to sign up for regular updates.

Principals Blog

www.viewfrommyschool.wordpress.com

Parents are invited to take a look from time to time to view my impressions of the school.

We are hoping for a wireless upgrade to the school which truly make our school a wireless campus. More news on that at our next PAC meeting.

There are 2 students trying to sell trips for the S – Trip to Big White. We have asked these students not to distribute S-Trip material here at school. These are not school sponsored or school supervised trips.

4. Upcoming Events

The Terry Fox run will happen on Sept. 28. This is a whole school event.

Parent Teacher interviews on Oct 19 - cancelled

Grade 9 immunizations Sept. 21

Photo Retakes on Oct 13

Oct. 17 Interim report cards issued – not likely to happen due to teacher job action.

Need to elect 2 new parent reps to the School Planning Council.

School district SPC training coming up on: October 5 at 7 pm.

ELL parent meeting and ELL Homestay parent mtg time change: Sept 22 at 2 pm.

CUE event 2 – 3:45 pm on Sept. 29

Grade 8 Parent Info Night - cancelled

Early dismissal times on Oct. 14 & 19 cancelled

Parent Teacher Interviews on Oct. 19 cancelled

Dry Grad meeting. Tues Oct. 4 7pm in the library is proposed first meeting date.

➤ **Next PAC Meeting – October 18, 2011**

Meeting Adjourned 8:07 p.m.