



VEDDER MIDDLE SCHOOL

PAC Minutes

February 3, 2021 Called to order by Amy, Chair at 7:01pm

In Attendance

Members Present:

Amy (Chair)	Natalie (Vice-Chair)	Theresa	Laura
Gabe D'Archangelo (Principal)	Nancy (Treasurer)	Julie	Cara
Sharon Bernard (Vice Principal)	Jill (DPAC Rep)	Tai	
Sarah Gamboa (Acting Vice-Principal)	Meghan	Allison	

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda and January 6th minutes were approved by Julie and 2nd by Natalie. All in favor.

Principal's Report (given by Gabe D'Archangelo, Sharon Bernard, Sarah Gamboa)

- Important upcoming dates:
 - Feb.10th - deadline for Late French Immersion application; waitlist will be made available if needed
 - Feb.11th - district wide K-8 early dismissal for parent/teacher meetings (focus on students who need support)
 - Feb.15th - Family Day statutory holiday
 - Feb.19th ProD Day (no school)
 - Feb.24th - Pink Shirt day (worldwide anti-bullying event); Feb is Kindness Month at VMS
 - Mar.12th - end of term 2; start of March Break
 - Week of Apr.12th - reports card sent home
- VMS recognized Black Shirt Day
- Athletics partnership with Sardis Secondary is starting with basketball program; Gr. 6 on Wednesdays and Gr. 7 & 8 on Thursdays; students stay in cohorts; coaches are from Sardis Secondary; in normal years the idea is for secondary school teams to practice at VMS to show middle school students what senior sports look like; additional sports may be offered later this school year
- Other partnerships being discussed with Sardis Secondary include senior mentors for VMS, at-risk youth, and French Immersion support/peers
- Late French immersion registration open for next year, open until Feb 10. District is trying to find common vision for all French Immersion schools/programs
- Outdoor Education – some outings are beginning to occur with 24 outdoor ed. students; when outdoor ed. teachers are away on trips, their students, who are not in the outdoor education program, are taught by TOCs (sometimes Gabe); covering topics such as anti-racism

- Grade 8 students normally have a tour of Sardis Secondary in anticipation of moving schools next year; this year Sardis is marking a virtual tour video
- Grade 8 students beginning articulation/course selection for their elective classes; counsellors available to help students think ahead about future education requirements
- 2021 Grade 8 hoodies arrived and have been sent home
- "Let's Emo:t" hoodie contest concluded; excellent art submissions received; winner to be announced soon
- Pink Shirt Day (Feb.24th)
- Upcoming Indigenous Youth Wellness Conference (virtual) - information will be sent home to families next week
- School spirit events are underway:
 - kindness month posters are on display in the hallways
 - kindness chain is growing, with a goal of wrapping around the entire school (anyone can submit an act of kindness that they witness, resulting in an additional link in the chain)
 - VMS news - student reporters are creating videos to update school on upcoming events/news
- One School, One Book started this week (Ghost, by Jason Reynolds); Sarah thanked PAC for supporting the purchase of the books; linking book to Black History Month and social justice in classrooms

Treasurer's Report (Nancy)

- Current Balance - \$22,700 total in both accounts; no transactions in bank account since last meeting

DPAC Report (Jill, DPAC Chair)

- Series of resources have been updated for Chilliwack families:
 - Child and Youth Committee's family resource guide (childandyouth.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/family-resource-guide-2020-01.pdf)
 - Pathways website (<https://chilliwack-fraserhealthrural.pathwaysbc.ca/>)
- School Board by-election is Feb 13; advance voting – Feb 3, 10 & 11
- ChillTV is hosting candidate debate on Feb 5th at 7pm
- DPAC seeking topics for parent presentations

Chilliwack School District Strategic Plan

- Jan 27th School District hosted strategic planning session with parents; 4 representatives from VMS PAC attended
- Follow-up opportunity for all parents in district to provide additional input will be sent by District

Next Meeting

- **March 3rd, 2021 at 7pm**

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm