

VEDDER MIDDLE SCHOOL

PAC Minutes

May 12, 2021 Called to order by Amy, Chair at 7:04pm

In Attendance

Members Present:

Amy (Chair) Gabe Principal Sharon Bernard (Vice-Principal) Sarah Gamboa (Acting Vice-Principal) Nancy (Treasurer) Jill (DPAC Rep) Kristina (Secretary) Meg

Julie Tai Joe Aleena Theresa Laura

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The minutes for the April 13, 2021 meeting and agenda approved by Julie and 2nd by Tai. All in favor.

Presentation from Mr. Massie of Sardis Secondary School

 Joe Massie (VMS parent and Science and Agriculture teacher at Sardis Secondary) spoke about the Sardis Secondary School Sustainable Vegetation Production course offered over the summer. Currently there are four VMS classes who have been working on the VMS area at the Sardis Farm. Very popular. Kids have a lot of fun. The summer course is available for up to 50 students in middle school and 100 in high school. Runs from July 6 – Aug 26. Contact school for more information.

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

- Faculty Changes
 - Sarah Gamboa Vice Principal (no longer temporary)
 - Sharon Bernard Moving to District Vice Principal of Kwíyeqel Secondary School. She will be missed by all.
 - Mr. Falk joining VMS as a vice principal for the 2021/2022 year.
 - Mr. Petkau grade 8 with Mr. Shea.
- Multiple temporary teacher positions still need to be filled.
- Two more new water stations coming to VMS in coming weeks. Total of five.
- Transition schools have all been met with virtually. Grade 6 incoming students will get to see classes in person before Sept. 284 students coming in from feeder and non-feeder schools.
- May 21 Non-Instructional Day
- May 24 Victoria Day No school.
- Activity Day in June planned for current grade 6's. Grade 8 will be putting on a mini sports day for the grade 6's to cap off the year. Will include a hot lunch afternoon.
- Numeracy month was a smashing hit! Lots of kids entering their answers, and receiving prizes.

Treasurer's Report (Nancy)

• Not much change since last meeting. Combined total of \$21,588 in both accounts.

DPAC Report

- BCCPAC parent conference planned virtually for May 28 & 29. \$50 per person to attend. Jill attending on behalf of VMS. Parents are welcome to join. Great lineup of speakers.
- Downtown community market Mill St. June 6 Aug 29.
- Elements of Mental Health Wellness adult workshop. Free lunch & learn. Next two weeks on Tues and Thurs from 12-1.
- Frauds & Scams webinar May 19 7-8:30pm Liaison officer speaking. No cost and virtual.
- Family Smart Seminar May 17. No cost, and virtual. How to manage mental health in tight quarters.
- Contact school for more information/links for these activities.

Elections

- Chair Amy Re-elected
- Vice-Chair Natalie Re-elected
- Secretary Kristina Re-elected
- Treasurer Nancy Re-elected
- DPAC Rep Theresa taking over for Jill (leaving VMS)

Other

• Loss of two students over past four years. Thoughts on putting in a memorial of some kind (tree or bench) for Brandon & Carter. To re-visit at Sept PAC meeting.

Next Meeting

• Sept 2021 – Date TBA

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm