



VEDDER MIDDLE SCHOOL

PAC Minutes

Oct. 13, 2021 Called to order by Amy, Chair at 7:05pm

In Attendance

Members Present:

Amy (Chair), Theresa (DPAC Rep), Gabe (Principal), Sarah (Vice Principal), Chris (Vice Principal), Aleena, Bonnie, Haley, Laura, Lydia, Luc

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The minutes for the Sept 22, 2021 meeting and agenda approved by Luc and 2nd by Amy. All in favor.

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

- Cops for Cancer - Tour de Valley was at school Sept 21. All students outside to welcome riders. Have promised \$2500 from VMS, have raised \$4000 so far - ongoing.
- Orange Shirt Day was Sept 29; students walked to Coqualeetza where they observed drummers, shirt presentation, and story sharing. RCMP member, Tracey Abrahamson joined as well. It was powerful & meaningful. Students and teachers were incredible.
- Cereal Box Challenge - goal was to bring in 1000 boxes to donate, 1286 were brought in. SSS Leadership arranged for Salvation Army truck to come & cereal was loaded on to truck.
- Leadership activities are being offered to Grade 6/7 students as well as the 8s to catch those 6/7 eager kids before they get to Grade 8 and loose interest. So far over 100 kids have come out to be leaders.
- Podcast (radio show) called "VMS This Morning" being run by Grade 8 leadership under the direction of Mr. Wilhite, drama teacher.
- White Hatter presentations booked for beginning of November. Internet safety, digital literacy. 1st presentation is for parents and can host 900 families. 2nd presentation is the following day working with students. Parent presentation = \$475, student presentation = \$550. Wondering if PAC would consider sponsoring these presentations.
- Three Crows Production organized by Val Tosoff, Aboriginal Education Teacher. Grades 6 & 7 presentation called "How the Raven Stole the Sun". Grade 8 presentation on Residential Schools. Wondering if PAC would consider sponsoring these presentations. \$2500 total.
- Hot Lunch - organized by Aleena & Sarah (VP). Using Student Pay system. First is Jim's Pizza, next will be Subway.

- Remembrance Day Ceremony planning happening. There will be joint effort through Family of Schools.
- Early dismissal Nov. 5th @ 11:30 am for parent/teacher interviews for students at risk. Interviews are voluntary for the teachers.
- Vaccinations will be happening at the school for the regularly scheduled Grade 6 vaccines (not Covid vaccines) through Fraser Health. Also will be vaccinating the Grade 7s who were missed last year due to Covid. Dates will be Nov. 3rd and Nov. 17th. Info to come next week, parent permission required.
- Sponsorship has been obtained by Breakfast Clubs of Canada to offer breakfast for our students. Now with their support, we are able to upgrade equipment/food choices. Have hot foods/fruits/yogurt/etc. EA staff work in the mornings to support this program in the multipurpose room.
- Bowls of Hope is sponsoring the lunch soup program at the school. All kids are welcome to come sit and have a bowl & chat, whether the soup is "needed" or not - destigmatizes the process.

Treasury Report

- Budget for approval presented by Amy. Has loose, broad categories so we are able to be flexible during the year with things we would like to contribute to. Presentations that were asked about during principal's report are within budget, so we will go ahead and sponsor those. See separate Budget document.
 - **Motion to approve budget by Theresa, 2nd by Lydia. All in favour. Motioned carried.**
- Suggestion was made to give thank you cards to 2 organizations:
 - Sardis Community Church who sponsors VMS families each year for hampers.
 - Masonite International who purchased 10 hockey tickets for every Chief's game this year and have donated them to VMS for families. There will be upcoming contests for students to win the tickets to take their family to a game.

DPAC Report

- Last DPAC meeting was Sept. 22nd. Meeting minutes will be posted to VMS website for parents to peruse.

Other

- Boundary realignment for new South side school, Stitó:s Lá:lém totí:lt. French Immersion will stay at VMS, student population at VMS expected to drop down to 700 students but with rate of growth Chilliwack continues to see this number may end up being higher. Things are still in flux.
- Hot Lunch
 - Jim's Pizza Oct. 28th for Grades 6 & 7, Oct. 29th for Grade 8. Orders close on Oct. 15th.
 - Subway coming Nov 24th & 25th.
 - Volunteers are split into two groups: 1) Behind the scenes who run reports, contact vendors, collaborate with the school and 2) Ground crew who will be at the school on

delivery days and organize food into classroom groups. Will be using leadership students as runners to the classrooms. There has been a great parent response for volunteers!

- MunchaLunch vs Student Pay - we will try the Student Pay system for the months of October and November since it is free and will revisit MunchaLunch if parents feel the Student Pay system isn't working well. MunchaLunch costs \$300/year plus credit card fees of around 2%.
- Will be running Hot Lunch as a fundraiser, so charging an extra \$1 per item to generate funds for the PAC.
- Foundational Skills Assessment: Gabe supports the test and will not be excusing students from writing it unless the reasons are very compelling. Testing begins next week for all Grade 7 students.

Next Meeting

- Nov 10th, 2021 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm