

CEAP Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) MINUTES

January 17, 2019

Meeting called to order at 9:20.

In attendance: Jaime (chair), Lois (vice-chair), Cheri (DPAC liason), Karen (member-at-large), Don Bold (principal), Shannon (past-treasurer), Randi, Wendy, and Kelly (secretary).

Minutes from December 6, 2018 approved.

I. Principal Report:

Mid-year Reporting is currently happening:

- Elementary – Portfolio reviews are ongoing (including information from Freshgrade)
- Secondary –
 - For semester 1 courses, students are receiving their final grade.
 - It is half-way through the year for full year courses.
 - Marks are due the first week of February, and report cards going out the next week.
 - DL students to come in and pick up their report cards.
 - TIDES reports will be mailed out.
 - Cross-enrolled – For grades 8 & 9, they will have separate report cards from KSS/Ballenas & CEAP. For grades 10-12, their grades will all be on the same report.

Planning for the Next School Year:

- In **mid-February**, transition options will be given, particularly for KSS and Ballenas.
- Transition from grade 7 to 8:
 - An information session for CEAP grade 7 students/parents will be held on Thursday, February 7th at 6:30pm. Options for grade 8 enrolment will be discussed. This meeting will precede the KSS/BSS open-houses so the information will fit together clearly.
 - The BSS Open House orientation meeting will be on Tuesday, February 12th.
 - The KSS Open House orientation meeting will be on Wednesday, February 13th.
 - Prior to each evening open house at KSS/BSS, there will be a special open house in the afternoon around 2:00 for students of all grades to wander around and see the different programs.
 - Students can cross-enrol with the high schools *even if they are in different DL programs* than CEAP (e.g., Self-Design). Students would need to talk directly to KSS.
- The Course Selection Process will be a few weeks later:
 - Don will talk to all grade 7s about their choices (BSS and KSS does also.)
 - For older students - They will need to talk to Shelley Seifert to discuss their course selections, and she will forward the course requests to the high schools. The TIDES students will be done while at school. The DL students will need to make an appointment to come in and talk with Shelley.

- The selection numbers drive the timetable and the number of spots available for each course/program. CEAP students need to be included at the beginning.
- Schools try to send out a draft of the student's timetable in mid-June, so you can check them and sort out any problems. If a student does not get a course they want, their name will be put on a wait-list. Students often switch courses in the first couple weeks of September, so a spot might become available.
- Course choices for KSS and BSS are on-line.
- There is a BC Dogwood planner on the Ministry of Education website.
- From grade 10 on, courses will be on student's transcripts.

II. Treasurer Report:

- As of December 31st, the PAC has \$8944.20 in its account.
- A deposit of \$477.60 was just made (not included in above total).

III. DPAC (District Parent Advisory Committee):

Cheri attended a meeting last evening and the following was discussed:

- A draft of the District Calendar will be coming out soon.
- Kindergarten registration is beginning next week.
- Report cards ("Point-of-Progress" records) coming out soon.
- Graduation rates are being determined, but it is fairly complicated process.
- The MATA (teacher's union group) representative noted that if there was a problem at school, the first step is for the parent to talk to the teacher. Parents are allowed to bring a friend to that meeting, if they like. If the problem persists, there is a process to follow.
- At the next Pro-D Day, the teachers in SD #69 will be meeting with VIU staff.
- There is a SD #69 Board Meeting next Tuesday (January 22).
- The annual Chess Tournament will be held on February 28 at QBES.

Action: Jaime to ask Dallas if any CEAP students are interested in attending.

- Vancouver Island Parent Conference is on March 2nd near Victoria. It is one full day. Early registration, up to February 13th, is \$75.00. Late registration is \$100. Registration is on-line. DPAC will pay for 2 people to attend from our PAC. A vote passed to fund 2 more parents to attend with PAC funding.

Actions: Cheri will let DPAC know we want this funding.

Jaime will ask Dallas/Don to send out information on this conference in the elementary and secondary newsletters.

- A Vaping information session is being organized for February 25 or 27. It is a problem in the high schools.

IV. Old & New Business:

1. PAC Attendance – Further discussion about increasing new parent attendance, particularly parents of students in the elementary program.

- Perhaps we need more information on why parents don't attend.

2. Christmas Shop – The funds raised (\$302.25) will be split between BC Children's Hospital and the North Island Wildlife Centre. The remaining donations of items will be given to the SOS.

3. Food-Safe Course for Parents – The PAC is sponsoring 4 people to go (DPAC is covering most of the cost, the CEAP PAC will cover the remaining \$20.00 fee). If you are registered and do not attend, you will have to pay the \$20.00 back to the PAC.

4. Courses of Possible Interest for the grade 4-7 class -

- Entrepreneurship course – This course is aimed at grades 5 & 6, but suitable for grades 7 also. Since there is such a large group of grade 4s this year, it makes sense to postpone the course until next year. Jaime has spoken to Peter, the volunteer who teaches this course.

Action: Bring forward September 2019.

- Babysitting class - This is put on by the RDN on Saturdays. Attendees have to be over 11 years, so it doesn't make sense at this time with the majority of the 4-7 class being too young.

- Home-Alone class

6. Canadian Homeschool On-Line Conference – This is an on-line course that runs from February 6th to 11th. It is free to view if you watch the talks at that time. You can also get an indefinite membership for \$35.00.

7. High-School Activities:

- The Mt. Washington cross-country ski trip was rescheduled to Tuesday, January 22.

- A Hornby Island trip is planned for the end of the year.

*** The CEAP Parent Library was open during the PAC meeting. Shannon brought new books on topics pertinent to homeschool parents that were available to sign out.*

Meeting adjourned around 10:45.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, February 14, 2019 @ 9:15 in the Qualicum Commons parent lounge.

(NB: The CEAP Parent Library will be open during the meeting.)