École Chief Dan George Middle School

January 27, 2026 [In person] – call to order 7:04pm PST

Welcome – Chair

We acknowledge that the Chief Dan George Middle School PAC meeting is taking place on the traditional and unceded territory of the Sema:th First Nation and Mathxwi First Nation. With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers.

Previous Minutes Approval

> ***Motion*** *to approve the previous minutes by Michelle, seconded by Naomi .....Carried*

Available for download from our Facebook PAC page.

Principal's Report – Suzanne Dallas

- Assembly Plan Update: Student Voice volunteers have been amazing giving them a sense of being part of something bigger
    - This last assembly's topic was Love. A video was shared of the students sharing examples of something kind a person has done for them. The students plotted out sections of land for each pod to monitor for garbage.
    - Irine Nviiri will be coming to speak to bring attention to Black HIstory Month
- Data was shared comparing how we are doing with other schools in the district.
    - Our grade 7 and 8's are within the norm, or slightly higher. Grade 6's are also close
    - Beginning Feb 4 there will be Math Support Wednesdays after school
    - Our literacy score is encouraging for grade 7/8 - district average is 41% and we are at 43%. Grade 6 are lower than the district average
    - There is a 6-week twice a week for 30 minute literacy group sessions (three different groups identified)
    - A question was asked how the kids are doing that are getting the support; for the most part they are excited to come.

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- Emergency Preparedness Update
    - Blinds are on order so all the windows can be covered in safe spaces to not be visible from the outside.
    - Discussion with kids has been had and conversations had around expectations during drills
    - Today's drill went better than the previous one

Questions:

- The trash video shown yesterday, what was it?
    - The humans became animals and the animals became human. Animals were throwing trash into the ocean - like humans do. "Turning Point" is the name of the YouTube video
    - It was later noted that there is a scene where the polar bear is at his computer and it was blurred out so students could not see what was shown (should any parents look up the video)
- Parents have been asking if there is anything special that will happen for the English grade 8 class since their trip was cancelled. Is there someone we can direct them to?
    - Unsure at this time, and will have to follow up. Assuming that there will be some field trips planned. Will have more details at the next meeting.
    - It was noted there were not enough students to make the trip happen.
- There was a brief mention of the French trip and that it is being planned and still underway

Treasurer's Report

- General Account balance - $11,347.80
- Gaming Account balance - $18,590.75
- Small discrepancy by $2 with a recent cash deposit and what is in the bank.
- We had to cancel a cheque for the Bookfair; it was sent but they did not receive it. It cost $13 to cancel. It has since been rectified.

Discussion around ordering cheques and payments moving forward. We are looking to do more e-transfers. It was agreed that we would order 50 cheques instead of 200 in case there was a required bank change. The PAC will keep an eye on transactions throughout the year and see vendor preferences so it can be reflected in next year's budget.

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Motion to approve spending funds to order new cheques in an amount up to $150 for the admin account by Michelle, seconded by Miranda. .....Carried

DPAC Update

- Trades speaker (Michael Pearson) was at the meeting
    - He noted it was a big commitment for kids, all electives must be complete in Grade 11 so they can focus on trades in Grade 12
    - If you have questions or are thinking about it, it is recommended that you look into the requirements.
    - It was noted that it is difficult for French students as often choice needs to be made; it's difficult to do both.
- Conflict Resolution Topic: it was discussed at DPAC. They recommended speaking to the students teacher first, and then go up the chain of command if there's not a resolution someone is happy with
- DPAC is reviewing their constitution and bylaws - keep an eye out for a post noting when review is available.
- Educational Opportunities are available (referenced on the PAC page for the January newsletter for the District PAC)
    - A recap of the various opportunities were noted - everyone is encouraged to review the newsletter to see what may be of interest to you or your children

Click **HERE** to access the DPAC January newsletter

Fundraisers Update

- **Paint Night:** Success! 45 people attended
- **TCBY:** Success! We sold 276 cups. We made $318. We did better this time around than last time. $0.15 tax per cup was applied this time and we still did well. Another one will be done in May - waiting on admin to confirm dates.
- **Hot Lunches:** February through May are open. Bar Burrito will close February 15th. Booster Juice and Crazy Bread are on March 31 (closing on the 21), Boston Pizza is April 23 (closing on the 13), White Spot is May 21 (closing on the 11)
- **Panago Coupons:** Starting in February, we have up to 250 of them to sell. Typically they charge us $10, we make $4. In the past we've never sold out of them. They will be sent to the classrooms once they arrive in March

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- **Babysitting Course:** Happening May 15, more information to come closer to the date.
- **Ongoing Cobs Bread**: Mention your child attends Chief Dan George, shop at Gladwin Crossing.
- **Bookfair:** We need to book dates for next year now. There was discussion of talking with the school admin about taking it back over as it is a lot of work and not a PAC fundraiser/event.
    - **ACTION:** Laura will speak with Julie about the Bookfair before the next PAC meeting.

Any Other Business

Reptile Club: Is it happening this year? Yes, any student is welcome to join. Mme Gagnon is running it. Unclear if The Reptile Guy is coming or not and is something to ask Mme Gagnon

There will be a transition meeting held in February for Mouat should anyone have questions about the trade program or other high school related questions.

General discussion around having Michael Pearson come speak to the grade 8 parents around preparing/planning high school and students who are interested in the trades program.

Adjourned 8:03pm

Attendance

Laura Lewis, Cynthia Benedict, Michelle Moore, Becky Spruit, Amanda Mitchell, Rachelle Borries, Kim Prentice, Naomi Baker, Miranda Hamilton, M. Dallas, M. Bellavance