

Killarney Secondary Parent Advisory Council (KPAC)

ZOOM Meeting

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday Jan 26, 2022 @ 7pm

1. **Welcome & Introductions** – Divya Shajith, Chair
Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm
Approval of **Previous Minutes** – Liz Jones & Melissa Jiang
Approval of **Agenda** – Liz Jones & Mercedes Lee
2. **Principal's Report** – Kal Gill
 - Happy New Year to all the parents and students!
 - **Semester 1 ends January 28th** with January 31st being a semester turnaround day. On this day classes will not be scheduled but students are able to come to school to finish off and submit work as needed. Semester 2 starts on February 1st. Most students will start 4 new courses which will meet every day until the end of the year.
 - On the **Covid-19 front**, I want to remind parents to ensure that the **Daily Health Assessment** for your child is done prior to sending your student to school. Students who have symptoms should follow the provincial health guidelines, stay home, and self-isolate if they are sick as they risk making others unwell. Students who develop symptoms at school will be asked to go home.
 - My letter of January 7th did explain the term **functional closure** (temporary closure due to a shortage of staff). In this case, the school would pivot to online learning on TEAMS. So far, we have had no issues in covering staff absences (without a TTOC or EOC) internally.
 - As we enter the new calendar year, **planning for the next school year**, 2022-23, intensifies.
 - **Grade 7 Parent Information Night video posted** on the school website later in January. In this video Mr. Myring and Ms. Romano highlight the grade 8 program and review the articulation process for the current grade 7's looking to attend Killarney in September.
 - **Mini school applications** have come in and are being processed. The application, in conjunction with results of the school assessment and previous report card data, will be used to determine the 30 successful applicants for the program.
 - Students in **grades 8-11 will be doing course planning for next year in February**. Grade counsellors will be leading them through this process through the grade-wide TEAMS online platform. Each grade counsellor has created a course planning video for students. There are also instructions on how to select courses in MyEd.
 - In support of the course planning process, Departments have created course information videos found on the Guidance and Support > Course Planning tab on the school website.
 - Our **articulation process with our feeder elementary schools** has begun. We hosted an online meeting for grade 7 teachers and administrators on January 18th. Registration forms for our catchment students are due back to Killarney by Feb. 9th. We are currently booking online meetings with our feeder schools by our school-based team for February. The team consists of next year's grade 8 counsellor, Ms. Romano and school-based resource teacher Ms. Noble. The purpose of the meetings is to have a discussion about the grade 7's who will be coming to Killarney in September with the focus of how to best meet their learning needs.
 - The **semester 2 final report card will be published February 9th** by 3:00 pm on the MyEd family portal.
 - **UBC student teachers start their practicums** here on Feb. 22nd.
 - **Cross-boundary applications** accepted from February 1-28.
 - February 18th will be a **District Professional Development Day**. School will not be in session for students.

- February 21st is the **Family Day holiday**.
- **Pink shirt day** February 23rd.
- **Information regarding snow closures** can be found on the school website in the frequently asked questions tab I the announcements section—by 6:00 am the VSB will notify media outlets about potential school closures—parents are also advised to check the VSB website

3. **Treasurer's Report – Liz Jones**

GAMING ACCOUNT

Nov 24th 2021 Balance = \$36,483.85

Deposits -\$0.00

Cheques - \$8,248.64 – Gaming Funds Reimbursement

Jan 26th 2022 Balance = \$28,235.21

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Nov 24th Balance = \$1,020.12

Less:

Nov 29 Maintenance Fee = \$2.50

Dec 29 Maintenance Fee = \$2.50

Nov 24th Balance = \$1,015.12

DIRECT DRIVE ACCOUNT

Jan 26, 2022

Previous Balance	\$3,175.00
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Expenses	(\$725.03)
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Donations	\$250.00
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Current Balance	\$2,699.97
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Motion – that PAC allocate an additional \$250 to Business Club in light of increased interest from students.

This will help offset costs to students.

Seconded by Natalia

Passed

That leaves us just over \$1,200 of PAC funds unallocated.

4. **Clothing Drive - Mercedes Lee**

- This meeting I asked Mr. Gill if we were still able to do a garage sale in front of the school on a weekend provided we make sure we can follow all **Health Provincial Protocols**. The plan is to do it **springtime**. Principal did not give final approval and asked that we **continue to monitor the health situation** especially that the bin is on the school street parking. However, we going to get in touch with **Value Village** to deliver the items to their depot. Parents might use their trucks to complete these delivery chores.

5. **Adjournment:** This meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Next meeting: **Wednesday Feb 23 2022 at 7pm online**

Persons in attendance at this meeting:

Ana Verduzco, Beth Greer, Edmund Babas, Jason Buck, Jeff Liu, Jennifer Law, Jenny Phung, Kal Gill, Liz Jones, Melissa Jiang, Mercedes Lee, Natalia Feschenko, Ngoc Huy Nguyen, Osama El Bietar, Paulos Berhe, Sol Gacad, Thi Cuc Vo, Thùy Do, Tiffany Yang, William Ho, Divyashajith.