

Pac Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 20, 2021, virtual meeting via Zoom

In Attendance:

Linda Piroddi, Tanya Riggs, Rachel Griffith, Alain Blais, Grant Naylor, Erin Mitchell, Shane Gathercole, Rachel Lagroix, Kristy McKay, Christine Richards.

Minutes by: Rachel Griffith

Meeting called to order by Linda @9:30am

Adopting of March minutes, 1st Linda, 2nd Christine, **PASSED**

Administration Report:

- School District is seeking input on the new dress code draft until May 14. Email dpac73dresscode@gmail.com
- M.Blais presented the draft of the new District dress code policy. Draft is available to read online.
- The next SOGI Champions meeting is May 7.
- Mme Lafleur talked to staff about Mother's Day and Father's Day, recommended the book "Stella Brings The Family" to read to students.
- LG is starting a Diversity Club next year.
- Can PAC please ask parents to send pics of Mme.Luci and Mme.Bouchard for a retirement slideshow.
- Staff numbers are staying the same next year, with approx. 445 students next year.
- Yearbook is coming together, deadline to order is May 7.
- No update from the Province re: the results of the Foundation Skills Assessments.

Treasurer's Report:

- Linda presented the March 2021 bank account transactions.
- Melissa and Meiling attended the BCCPAC Gaming Account meeting via Zoom.

Fundraising Report:

- Jerky sales until April 26
- Looking into sausage sales from Gary's Deli for next year

New/Tabled Items:

- SOGI update from Erin presented. Talking about creative ways to continue to build a community during Covid.
- PAC will email parents the Draft Dress Code after tonight's DPAC meeting.
- Hybrid learning options are still a Provincial level issue, not a school or school district issue.
- Motion made for Hot Lunch renewal of \$315, 1st Linda, 2nd Erin, **PASSED**

Correspondence/Clubs:

- **Canadian Parents For French (CPF)**
 - www.cpf.ca
- **DPAC**
 - February 2021 minutes are available to read on the DPAC website DPAC.sd73.bc.ca
 - bccpac.bc.ca is hosting a Parent Education Conference on May 28, and Erin is attending the Annual General Meeting this month.
 - Erin presented the BCCPAC update, all updates are available to read @ bccpac.bc.ca

Funding Requests:

- No requests

Meeting adjourned @10:17am

Next
May
via

meeting
Tuesday,
18, 2021
@9:30am
Zoom

Administrative Procedure 350.2 – Appendix

**STUDENT DRESS
CODE**

Background

The District recognizes that a student's choice of dress can form an important part of self-identity and that students should be free to dress in a manner of their choosing, subject to the terms of this Administrative Procedure.

Procedures

- All principals will publish the dress code in a manner that will ensure it is familiar to all parents, students and staff members by September 30th each year.
1. Students must not wear the following clothing which undermines the District's commitment to a safe and inclusive learning environment. This includes:
 - 1.1. Clothing that promotes the use of tobacco, illegal drugs or alcohol;
 - 1.2. Clothing that advocates illegal activity;
 - 1.3. The wearing of clothing, insignias, symbols or adornments that denigrate or promote hatred of a person or persons, including, but not limited to, clothing that denigrates or promotes hate based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, or age;
 - 1.4. Clothing which contains pornographic or obscene images.
 2. Student clothing must conform with health or safety requirements, including requirements arising from participation in specialized programs and events.
 3. Other than for religious purposes, health and safety requirements, or where required to accommodate a disability, students must not wear clothing which obscures their face.
 4. Wherever possible, staff shall respond to Student Dress Code violations in a manner that:
 - 4.1. Is discreet, respectful and clearly references the specifics of the dress code concern;

- 4.2. Does not require the student to wear clothing provided by the school and instead requires the student to wear additional clothing of their own to obscure the violating dress choice;
 - 4.3. Is consultative with the school administration prior to addressing a dress code concern with a student.
5. The District will consider the approval of a school uniform for a specific school when the following criteria have been met:
- 5.1. The Superintendent receives a letter from the principal that outlines the consultation process involving the school parents' advisory council (PAC) and leading to the recommendation of a school uniform, as well as a description of the proposed school uniform;
 - 5.2. Evidence that at least eighty percent (80%), with one (1) vote per family, of the school community voted by secret ballot to approve a school uniform;
 - 5.2. Evidence of a plan to provide school uniforms to any student who is disadvantaged;
 - 5.3. Provisions for exceptions that maybe necessary for religious reasons; and,
 - 5.4. Provisions for a process for individual families to opt out of a school uniform requirement.

Legal references: *School Act*, ss 8, 17, 20, 22, 65, 85
Regulation 265/89
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA),
RSBC 1996
Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Constitution Act, 1982
Criminal Code of Canada, RSC 1985
Copyright Act, RSC 1985

Other references: Administrative procedures 350, 355
Introduction to British Columbia's Redesigned Curriculum, 2015

Adopted: September 22, 2008

Revised: December 12, 2016; August 26, 2019, [INSERT DATE OF
APPROVAL]