

PAC MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10 , 2024 (MSS)

Attendance:

Adrienne Mouland (Principal), Gordon Swan (School Trustee),

Parents:

Diane Walker, Harmanpreet, Carrie Szabo, Laura Tudor, Roslyn Duclos, Candice Rizzardo, Quinn Rooke, Tina Etchart.

Meeting called to order 6:05 pm

First order of business is to secure new executive positions for the 2024/2025 school year. Roles, responsibilities and purpose of the PAC discussed. Quinn Rooke allowed her name to stand for the position of Treasurer and Tina Etchart remained as Secretary. None opposed. Motion carried. No other positions were filled. The matter of electing a President will be deferred until the next meeting.

Quinn Rooke (Treasurer)

Tina Etchart (Secretary)

Funding Requests:

No Funding requests

School Trustee report: Gordon Swan

This election year is a good opportunity to send something to each of the parties asking if they are willing to increase that funding (check with BCCPAC for more resources and support on this)

The gaming grants have decreased by half from \$40 per student to only \$20 per student. It is time for Parents to ask questions of the Ministry of Finance why the funding is cut to an all time low when cost of living and inflation have skyrocketed.

Applications for funding from the Gaming Grant Commission have been made for the 2024-2025 school year. Grant amounts are determined by October 2024 by using the school's 1701 reports based on the number of (FTE) full time enrolled students.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/data-collection/february/i1701.pdf>

Eligibility	<p>Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) or equivalent groups (e.g. parent support groups) at public schools, group 1 or 2 independent schools and First Nation band schools.</p> <p>District Parent Advisory Councils (DPACs)</p> <p>Details provided in Section 3 of the Community Gaming Grants: 2024 PAC & DPAC Program Guidelines (PDF, 3.4MB).</p>
Grant Amount	<p>PAC: \$20 per student, with a minimum grant of \$2,000 for PACs with fewer than 100 students</p> <p>DPAC: \$2,500 per year</p>
Application	<p>One application per year.</p>
Application Period	<p>Apply between April 1 and June 30</p> <p>Notification by September 30</p> <p>Late applications are highly unlikely to be funded.</p>

The School Board is making a request to increase funding for rural districts which is based per capita or fte basis (full time enrollment). In larger districts they receive more funding because they have more students and are able to spread the funding. We are receiving 178,000.00 for bussing and our costs are close to 700,000.00. Rural communities do not have robust public transportation systems in place to aid students arriving at school. Rural areas like ours are dependent on our bussing system.

<https://www.sd58.bc.ca/category/news/>

The next Nicola-Similkameen School District Board of Education meeting will take place at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, in the Princeton Secondary School Learning Commons. You will find the meeting agenda and associated documents attached for your information.

For those that wish to view online, this meeting will be live-streamed and recorded on YouTube (search "SD58 Board Meeting Zoom Meeting") or through our Facebook page "Nicola-Similkameen School District – No. 58". (www.facebook.com/SchoolDistrictNo58/) Please use the chat feature if you are attending virtually and have any questions during the meeting.

[OPEN Board Package SEPTEMBER 2024.pdf](#)

<https://www.sd58.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Press-Release-NSSD-June.25.2024-New-Superintendent-of-Schools.pdf>

<https://www.sd58.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/502.1-CODE-OF-CONDUCT-FOR-STUDENTS.pdf>

<https://www.sd58.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2024-Public-Budget-Planning-Process-2024-2025-2-1.pdf>

MSS Principal's report: Adrienne Mouland

Enrollment is up to 621 students, welcoming 141 Grade 8 students as its largest cohort.

There will be a Grade 8 Parents meeting next Wednesday September 18th.

Fall sports program has begun including; girls field hockey, 7 volleyball teams, boys soccer and cross country

Today was the first student led assembly run by 2 leadership classes, grade 9/10 and 11/12. They are working on building a stronger student voice. These assemblies are run by the students, for the students. Topics highlight student activities, extracurricular student achievements and accolades.

The new cell phone policy is going very well so far.

Treasurer's report: Quinn Rooke

Gaming account has a balance of \$64.03. The Main Operating account 215.52

BCCPAC fees are coming due for 2024-2025. The fees have increased from \$75 to \$100.

Surplus accounts \$886.67 . We approved volleyball jerseys to be paid out in the amount of <-258.29> and the writing competition for <-300.00>. And the art collection left a surplus of +88.92. The remaining balance of the \$417.30 will be put towards the Soccer jerseys. This brings our previous MSS accounts surplus to zero.

<https://www.drjodycarrington.com/kids-these-days-course/>

SD58 Nicola-Similkameen District PAC has purchased an online course: "Kids These Days", and 55 copies of the book, written by Dr. Jody Carrington, clinical Psychologist and best-selling Canadian author and speaker. "Kids These Days" is a game plan for (re)connecting with the kids we raise, teach, lead & love. DPAC wanted to purchase this as a resource for our families and community across the District to support each other as our families grow and change. In Jody's words "If you own a kid, work with a kid, or love a kid, you will find something inspiring in this course."

Two options to explore the program:

1. Start the online course: Go to Link:

<https://www.drjodycarrington.com/courses/kids-these-days> Sign up with your email address & use our District's 'coupon code': SD58 The online course has 8 modules, each with 30-minute videos & printable PDF exercises covering each chapter of the book. Also receive extra audio files!

2. Read the Book: "Kids These Days" - 5 copies are available for parents and staff to sign-out at each SD58 school library - Please see your child's Librarian to sign out your copy today or get your name on a waitlist.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:47pm

Next meeting Tuesday October 8th, 2024

Minutes prepared by TE