Date: April 8, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

# Attendees:

Kelsey Doolar, Amanda Austin, Cindy Galligan, Navneet Rondeau, Kyla Hambley, Sheelagh England, Ted Hunter, Mike Archibald, Bridget Munroe

# MINUTES:

Called to order at 7:03pm.

1. Approval of Agenda / Additions: Amanda motions to accept agenda as read. Cindy seconds and all in favor.
2. Approval of Minutes (Sent via email): Amanda motioned to accept the minutes, Cindy seconded, and all in favor.
3. Principal’s Update (Kelsey Doolaar & Mike Archibald)
   1. Ministry has asked Districts to create and implement a cell phone usage policy for uninterrupted learning time. The school is obligated under the government to do this.
      * + School is looking for feedback from parents regarding cell phone usage
        + Board will update the policy this spring then out to the public for review
        + Discussion:

-teachers are noticing that students are distracted in class due to phone notifications (vibrate/sound) on devices such as cell phones and smart watches; some students feel the need to read/respond now to all types of material on their device, not paying attention to the teacher or class, or leaving the classroom for a bathroom break with phone in hand

-some parents are concerned with how each classroom/teacher have different expectations regarding cell phones, classrooms must be consistent with the same rules across the school

* + - * some students don’t have phones for use in classroom for the times when teacher suggests taking photos of notes, or play a classroom online game
      * it is noted that some teachers encourage students to listen to music with earbuds to stay focused on individual work, but this may also cause distraction for other students (too loud, fairness)
      * students often use their phones for research or other schoolwork; maybe if there were enough working, up to date computers for each classroom, the use of cell phones for schoolwork will no longer be necessary.
      * some teachers request having cell phones laid on student desks so they can see if/when the cell phone is in use.
      * difference of ages/maturity/grades may require having a different policy for senior high vs. junior high.
      * Doolar: school must look into teaching students how to use cell phones and digital resources appropriately within their classes and within life, and who to turn to when a bad situation arises over social media.

-parents/friends can communicate directly with the office through phone call or email to pass on messages to students instead of communicating through cell phones to their children

* + - * Archibald: Golden Secondary would like to see consistency of a blanket policy throughout all the high schools in the district regarding how cell phones are used in the classroom.

-studies have found that schools that have banned or restricted cell phone use have a hard first 6 months. Afterwards, students are happier, they rediscover face to face interactions, are less stressed and anxious.

* 1. Awards Ceremony- looking to have a celebration of learning type event which would include athletic and academic awards. Ideas are welcome as the school is in the planning stages. The school is looking to include all students and their families to attend.

-ideas include a BBQ, showcase learning and schoolwork in the classrooms, display the Gr 12 Capstone projects, band performances, scavenger hunt to check out each room with small prizes

* 1. School Enrollment Projections- 2023/2024 year-340 students

Next year 2024/2025- 366 students expected, including international students

1. Treasurer’s Report (Bridget Munroe)

-Balance as of 20 November 2023 - Chequing Account ($2550.82)

Gaming Account ($4076.60)

Gaming Account withdrawal $750 Bursary-Nov

-receipt for juice boxes -expense from Navneet

1. Gaming Funds Expenses (Navneet Rondeau): Gaming Fund will increase by $6960 shortly.

-gaming funds can be used for many items; information is attached these minutes. Examples, field trips, extracurricular activities, family engagement activities, beautification of school areas, publications, student computers, playground/field enhancements, grad memorabilia, etc. Refer to the attached info sheet for more information.

-a new form has been created that is available to staff or groups at school to complete to request funds from PAC. PAC will then check to see if it falls in our criteria and vote to as to if the funds are given. Principals will distribute to staff.

8. Drama Club donation request- requesting funds for the following trip.

-3-day workshop, 7 students, to Vernon, Apr 24-27. Looking at possible transportation options, more expensive with a bus

-PAC agreed to discuss all donation requests at the next meeting once members have looked at more information regarding usage of Gaming Funds

1. PAC Signatories at CIBC update- all cleared and approved.
2. New business arising from the Agenda-none

Amanda motioned to adjourn the meeting; Cindy seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Next meeting: May 13, 2024





