

# École secondaire Kelvin High School

## PAC Minutes for October 12, 2022

In Person PAC Meeting

Thursday, October 12, 2022

Attended by: Miles Barber, Tim Cox, Meghan Davidson, Melanie Charbonneau, Kelly Sutyla, Kate Bozat, Olena Klishchova, Lina Frank, Desneige Meyer, Micael Moura, Shaliri Narayan.

**Student Council Presentation** - by Sarah, a student council vice president. Two big upcoming events: **Homecoming** - events October 13th 4:30-7:30. Celebrating football and volleyball teams, selling food(pizza)/hot chocolate. Whole school pep rally at 3:00. Cheerleaders (POMS) performing. Also promoting book and clothing drives for northern communities. **Mini Spirit Week/Halloween**. Events during the week at lunch hour prior to Halloween by grade levels. Many activities including theme days are planned. Student council strives for more diversity as well as rebuilding community spirit.

### Accepted meeting minutes of May 2022

a. **Introductions** by M. Barber, Chair

#### b. **PAC Overview, Executive and Divisional Roles**

**PAC Overview** - forum for parents to raise general questions about the school and the PAC to share administrative plans. For specific questions parents should address administration directly after meetings. 5 meetings per year, normally on Thursday evenings usually one hour in length.

**Executive Roles** - Roles to be filled: President or Chair - M. Barber would like to step down after 3 years. Secretary - filled by Kelly Sutyla. Treasurer - filled by Desneige Meyer.

**Divisional Roles** - Roles to be filled: South District Representative - vacant. French Immersion Representative - filled by Desneige. 3 meetings a year with brief written summary sent to PAC outlining meeting points.

**c. PAC Projects and Funding Raising**

In the past there has been a one-ask of Kelvin families to make a donation. This is done during our Tri-conferences - (student led parent/teacher conferences) Nov 17 5:00-8:00pm and Nov 18. PAC would like parents to man some tables. Likely to use Permission Click, new app to collect \$. Staff Appreciation Day is one project - in the spring and includes providing staff with coffee and breakfast foods. Extra fundraising projects are brought to the parent council by the student council or other school groups/clubs.

**d. Administration Report**

1. **Enrolment** - spring projection was 1235 students, actual 1227. Staffing based on enrolment, therefore no change.
2. **COVID** - Continue to monitor situation and will see what the winter months bring
3. **Truth & Reconciliation Week/Orange Shirt Day** - Week long events and discussions culminating in Orange Shirt Day Oct 29. A wonderful opportunity for students' learning and continued conversations about residential schools and their impact.
4. **Grade 9 Walkathon** - fundraiser for cancer research. The grade 9s raised \$11,900 to date with their goal being \$15,000. Afterward they had a BBQ with their grade 12 mentors.
5. **Clubs/Sports/Other** - All clubs and sports are up and running!
6. **French Immersion** - 3 separate programs at Kelvin: English, French Immersion and IB (International Baccalaureate). Grade 10 students participated in a francophonie day on Oct. 3rd.
7. **IB (International Baccalaureate)** - the grade 12s are doing "Shakespeare in the Snow" which includes a trip to a camp. G4 on calendar. Kelvin is compared to global IB schools and has fared very well. Kelvin has scored above the world average in most IB subjects in 2021-22 school year. Mr. Cox acknowledged our IB teachers at October's staff meeting.

- 8. Grade 12 Post Secondary Presentation/Safe Grad/Virtual Assembly** - university and college presentation taking place in next two weeks. We send many school messengers to our graduating students and parents and we have a graduation information tab on our website.
- 9. Homecoming** - info presented by Student Council Rep just prior to the meeting start. Whole school pep rally at 3:00.
- 10. School Messenger** - to access communication sent by the school since September go to the "community & family" tab and choose "school messenger". All communications are posted on our website.
- 11. Website** - Always feel free to contact Tim, Melanie or Meghan with any questions. You can find teachers on the website by choosing "student resources" and then "teacher communication". Google classroom codes for parents to join can also be found there along with teacher emails.

### **Other Items/Parent Questions/Feedback**

-Government of Manitoba gives the opportunity to nominate teachers for excellence in teaching - info will be sent out to parents on how to do this.  
-Guest speakers possible - can look into having an expert come in.  
Possible topics; social media/drugs/vaping, etc. Could be a PAC or stand alone event.

#### **-Parent questions**

-What are IB requirements? In grade 9 there are 2 tests to write in the spring. Students are selected based on results depending on the amount of students applying. IB coordinator Melani Decelles contact info.

-Can my grade 10 student enter IB in grade 11? Grade 10 is a prep year for the final two years of IB. Could possibly do partial IB. Suggested to also contact IB coordinator.

-Can my student take a language exam? Students can get up to 4 credits apart from their regular curriculum, like language or volunteering.

Language Exams are held twice a year, in winter and spring, and are generally held on Saturday's at different WSD high schools. Students can contact the guidance office for an application.

#### **-Feedback**

-Would be good to have more info for newcomers regarding clubs, etc. There was a club fair in the library @ lunch to help educate students on what is available. Grade 12 mentorship is good to target grade 9s but does not help newcomers in other grades. Consider moving the new student lunch to the first day or week of school. Spirit week in April is very popular and it was suggested that the school put on something in the fall - this is being implemented this year, so feedback and suggestions work!

Meeting adjourned 7:22pm