Seaton PAC
November 17, 2026
6:30pm

Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge and are grateful to live, work, and play on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Syilx peoples of the Okanagan Nation.

Attendance:
Tasha Gagne, Adrienne Alexandre, Danielle Smith, Gus Busenius, Sean Ling-Allen, Camillia Courts, Jason Gozjolko, Dawn Ansdell, Denise Chorley, Flora Lee Trueman

Tasha: Thank you to those who volunteered to be here

Approval of agenda with modification to remove the AGM typing: Dawn and Sean
AGM minutes approved

Gus:

- Athletics: Sr. Boys soccer made provincials, Sr.Girls volleyball find out this week if they go to provincials, we host boys' valleys for volleyball
- Bike racks are now finally installed, still working on getting the ones in the back completed, total cost came to $18,000. $300 donation from Grad legacy fund 2 yrs ago, Marta Green worked hard to secure $16,000 in grants!
- Continuing the ongoing struggle with attendance. It is not improving. Gus absconded all SBRT's, the 3-admin staff each focused on different grade levels to follow up. 200 kids with very high absences. The team made direct contact with each child and their families. The 3 of them spent many manpower hours focused on this, was not sustainable, and the problem did not improve. They are now pivoting to going into the classrooms to support the students and teachers to help them get caught up when they are present in class. Their goal is to try and break the cycle of falling behind and getting increasing anxiety which makes it harder for the students to go into class and catch up. They have already utilized resources for mental health, YISH, etc. 14% of students are missing a significant amount of school. All other high schools are similar. 70 letters went out for the month of October for kids who missed more than 5 days of school in that month.
- This week alone, 5 families moved their children from in person classes at Seaton in favor of online schooling. It is the end of semester 1, report cards are due this week, and anxiety is high around this time.
- Students need 80 credits to graduate grade 12. For grades 10-11-12, there is only a 4-course buffer. It's easy to fall behind and hard to catch up and graduate on time.
- Through various spares, support blocks, or dropped courses over the 3 years, many kids don't have a buffer anymore once they reach grade 12. Each year, the admin team has meetings with parents for many kids that are now on a 6-year grad plan rather than a 5-year grad plan.

- Tasha went to a Foundry location and was very impressed with their services. She is very excited that we will be getting one here in Vernon soon.

Sean:

- SD22 Wellness Committee speaker series Thursday Nov 26 with Dr. Nicole Legg, topic is mental health and understanding anxiety at the Coldstream community hall @ 6:30-8:00
- Dpac meeting mentioned that a new policy is being introduced for all visitors to a school during school hours, must stop by the office to get a visitor badge and sign in before they will be able to do anything in the school. This is to increase security in our schools.

Tasha:

- Anyone interested in setting up a chat group for PAC. Preferable app is Signal
- We will forward fundraising emails to Grad and Booster Club committees
- PAC bylaws are from 2007, can we run through it to update them? DPAC has been working on this for all PACS
- No PAC meeting next month
- Indigenous rep still needed

Danielle:

- $31,916 to spend in gaming account
- Admin request for heat press to use with the cricut they already have, $600, approved
- Neuro club for crafts, activities $200 approved
- Inclusion Department, chromebooks, headphones and calculators, not approved, must come from school budget
- ELL's $1000 for field trips requested, $500 approved, let us know if more is needed
- Best buddy's club, board and card games $200, approved
- Vocations, fieldtrips, for students getting their completion certificate rather than dogwood, $2000, approved
- Vocations, ipads, with protection and apps. $5000, has to come from school budget, not approved
- Academic and school awards, purchasing new plaques and awards $1500, approved
- Healthy living class, crossnet soccer etc. not approved
- Annual high school show at gallery vertigo, gallery costs $150, approved
- Vertical space problems, wake boards, $1600-$2000, not approved
- Drama Festivals (like provincials), $4000 or more requested for students gr10-12 to attend, approved $5000
- CPF movie day at the Towne Nov 18th, $500, approved
- Seaton Robotics Club, equipment and supplies for 3D printer, out of town competitions, $5000 requested. Approved $2000 for consumables and then if they enter competitions, let us know.
- Fitness and Conditioning club, small 3-5lb weights and storage, $2000 requested, approved $1000
- Annual English department field trips to caravan farm theatre and audio land walks, $1200, approved

- Student displays at local galleries, high school art shows, 2 each year that charge to display student artwork. $200, approved
- Gus: teams that make it to provincials, PAC approved to put aside $100 per student with a total cap of $7500 which includes all teams.

New business:

- Camilia grad raffle tickets, grad 2027, not 2026, $20 each

Next meeting Jan 19, 2027
Adjourned 8pm