**Minutes**

**Yale Secondary School Parent Advisory Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, 17th Jan. 2018**

**Present:** Shari Wetmore, Lisa Samplonius, Shelley Godwin, Paula Schieven, Wendy Nelson, Rakesh Narang, Tanya Walters

**Admin:** [Jinder Sarowa](http://yale.abbyschools.ca/about/staff/michael-hendricks-0) (Principal)

**Call to order at 7:02 pm**

Review of the previous minutes November 15, 2017. Adoption of minutes approved by all.

**Vice Principal’s Report:** [Jinder Sarowa](http://yale.abbyschools.ca/about/staff/michael-hendricks-0)

* Second Semester Course Changes in progress and will continue through January. Encouraging all students who wish course changes to get them in ASAP as this is a very busy time for staff re-arranging timetables
* "The Music Man" Play is coming up with two Matinees Feb. 11 & 13 and evening shows Feb. 16 & 17th @ 7:30pm. Tickets selling slowly at the moment with great hopes of sell out tickets closer to the event.
* Rockin Abby Strong Concert coming up Feb. 2 and Tickets can be purchased in Mr. Primrose's Room.
* Pro D Day Jan. 29th
* Jan. 30th Power Point re "The Attendance Pyramid - Student Version" will be given to the students by the teachers. The power point explains the 5 Phases of the pyramid. Phase 1 - re: 2 absences, Phase 2 - re: 3 - 4 absences, Phase 3 - re: 5 - 9 absences, Phase 4 - re: 10 - 19 absences and Phase 5 - re: 20 + absences and each of the consequences if not pre-arranged by parents/guardians. Lates will start next semester and over 5 lates will be directed to the office unless also pre-arranged by parents/guardians.
* "Live to Give" Feb. 23th
* Music Department will begin to spend the money donated by the PAC understanding the restrictions for the spending as previously discussed
* Discussion regarding the length of Spring break brought up and was explained that the Union is dealing with grievances and there is discussions of changing the two week Spring break to one week. Beginning next year. Parents/guardians will be able to voice their thoughts in the email being sent out by the school board.
* Hockey skills Academy was also discussed on how it is slowly being phased out due to the catchment changes
* The School District has decided to cancel all School Dances due to some serious concerns that occurred at a few schools. This is for the safety for students and staff. Next year there may be a possibility to approach the school board and request that the Grad 11 & 12 be able to possibly have a dinner & dance.
* Will be looking at how this will affect "The Live to Give" and other such evening events at the school.

**Staff Requests:** Doug Primrose

* Request up to $2000.00 for Live to Give to help pay for activities.

Motion to accept by Shelley Godwin. Second by Lisa Samplonius. Approved by All.

**Financial Report :** Shelley Godwin

* Financials were presented. (see attached)

**New Business**: Shari Wetmore

* Looking at ways to improve the PAC funds to be able to benefit Students
* Mother's Day Fundraiser Friday May 11th was discussed re: selling flowers for students to take home. Pricing for flowers and possible baby's breathe will be presented at next meeting. Will look at doing pre sales for tickets and have leadership possibly assist.
* Selling Cookies for Valentine's Day as a fundraiser was also discussed with pricing to be presented at next meeting
* Putting the PAC Contribution back on Cash On-line is also being looked into for those who have not yet contributed as well as a reminder email
* Staff Appreciation will be the Friday before spring break

## Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm

**Next meeting on Wednesday, 21st February 2018**

**7pm in Yale Learning Commons or conference room**

**(Meetings will take place every third Wednesday of the month, unless posted differently)**