**Minutes**

**Yale Secondary School Advisory Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, 16 November, 2016**

**Present:** Shari Wetmore, Lisa Samplonius, Shelley Godwin, Christine McGhee, Paula Schieven, Geff Beukens, Magdell Gosson, Kim Epp, Wendy Nelson, Sue Savage, Tawnya Church

**Admin:**  [Lance McDonald (Principal](http://yale.sd34.bc.ca/about/staff/lisa-burdeyny)), Clayton Radons (Career Programs Facilitator)

**Call to order at 7:02 pm** in Yale Learning Commons

Review of the previous minutes October 19 2016 delayed until January 2017 meeting.

**Requests by staff:**

**Clayton Radons representing Learning Commons Committee**

Requesting equipment for use in the Learning Commons area:

* Audio Equipment $1470.85
* Whiteboard activity tables $ 656.85
* Café Table with 4 chairs (5 sets) $3560.00
* 96” Projection Screen $ 605.00
* Coffee table 60” sq $ 386.00
* Sofa $1200.00
* Chair $ 950.00

A decision was delayed on this request pending confirmation regarding what items may be available for support as they are used exclusively for extracurricular activities.

**Financial Report : by Shelley Godwin**

* Financials were presented. (see attached)
* Tiffany Shaw is the new financial administrator and a total of all parent PAC contributions will be requested prior to the next meeting

**Principal’s Report – Lance McDonald**

* ¼ of the way through the school year and things are progressing well. The recent upgrades means there is an updated new feeling to the school that is appreciated by both students and staff
* The new curriculum was implemented for grade 9’s and is progressing well
* There is the potential development that the new curriculum for grades10-12 may be delayed a year to ensure a smooth transition to the new curriculum that is still being modified.
* The recent **BCTF ruling** in court will have an impact on the School District especially in the areas of class composition and designations and will have a fiscal impact.
* **Flex time** is being proposed for Yale with 2 20 minute blocks of self-directed or assisted learning opportunities for all students. This is not a spare and students cannot leave the school. It is time for students to get extra help from teachers, come together and learn from their peers or work independently on homework assignments, missed or rewritten tests, etc. The teachers will vote on its implementation in the near future.
* **Abby Senior discussion**
* The recent traumatic events at Abby Senior were discussed with the focus on moving forward. Abby Strong – the support from the community was overwhelming.
* SD34 staff receive threat assessment training on an ongoing basis
* Fire drills are mandated to 6 times per year but no regulation is in place for lockdown practices
* Lockdown practices will begin again in the near future with awareness to the trauma many felt during the incident at Abby Senior.
* Open access to Yale is limited with a protocol for most doors to be locked at 8:30 am and after school hours. Designated teachers carry keys and custodians are double checking doors are locked.
* Our children’s safety is paramount

**Review of the Abbotsford Joint Partner Meeting** (Monday 14 November – attended by Lance MacDonald and Lisa Samplonius)

* Education is changing dramatically and SD34 is aiming to grow with these changes.
* Goal of the meeting was to determine how does the school district communicate progress in this changing environment
* Globally connected students with technology like never before seen means the schools need to change the way they teach and what the focus is on
* 21st century skills (Core Competencies: Communication, thinking, personal regulation and social competency)
* Communication student learning (what my child has learned, what they still need to learn, how are they growing) will replace reporting of a mark
* Electronic communication and its increased relevance (Check my mark, google classroom, etc)

**New Business**

* Traffic to the Yale PAC website continues to grow
* Conversation about communicating what we do with the general funds from Parent donation such as the requests from teachers for items the gaming fund can’t support. Suggestion to send out message to parents that they can still donate.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45**

**Next meeting on Wednesday, 18th January 2017**

**7pm in Yale Learning Commons**

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