**Minutes**

**Yale Secondary School Parent Advisory Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, 20th September 2017**

**Present:** Shari Wetmore, Lisa Samplonius, Shelley Godwin, Paula Schieven, Tanya Walters, Rakesh Narang, Tawnya Church, Dave Johnson, Satnam S. Grewal, Darcie Friesen, Wendy Nelson, Tanya Knox, Ben Yokoyama

**Admin:** Jinder Sarawa (Principal), Mercedes Sargent (Music Director), Greg Byron (Athletic Director)

**Call to order at 6:00 pm** in Yale Library

Review of the previous minutes May 17, 2017. Adoption of minutes approved by all.

**Principal’s Report – Jinder Sarawa**

* 1330 Students @ Yale Secondary
* Class Size down due to the collective agreement increasing 15 – 30 more classes
* More money was given for staffing not resources
* Mr Barlett has Retired and Ms. Wickman is the New Counselor
* 12 new teachers have been added to the staff from out of District
* 12 – 15 current teachers will be working with the new staff to ease the transition as part of a work team. Mr. Hendrix and Ms. Campbell will be working with them as well.
* “Cultivating an environment for engagement for all learners” – Mission statement by Principal/Vice Principals. Kids/Teachers all learning together
* Flex Blocks are 2 days a week (Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons) providing extra help
* Mr. Jackson has been hired back and will be working with Mr. Taylor on the up and coming Theatre production of “We Will Rock You!”
* Lots of advertising for this production is encouraged
* Meet the teacher Night Oct 2, 6:30 – 7:45pm – 10 Minute rotation per class allowing for a quick opportunity to meet each teacher
* Brittney Palmer will also be at the school for her presentation (How to win scholarships) Oct 2 @ 7:45pm Grades 9 – 12 are encouraged to attend
* Administrative Staff Diane \_\_\_\_\_\_? has Retired and Jen \_\_\_\_\_\_ ?? has one more week as she has been hired @ W. J. Mouat Secondary

**Staff Requests**

# Doug Primrose

* Request for $1,473.78 towards First Day Celebration
* Motion put forward for $1,473.78. Motion Accepted by Lisa Samplonius Second by Tanya Walters

**Staff Requests**

**Greg Byron (Athletics Director)**

* Request for $9,942.50 towards Registration Fees for Fraser Valley & Abbotsford, BC School Sports Uniforms for Boys Soccer Team, Soccer & Basket Balls Balls, Gloves,Whistles, ect.

**Mercedes Sargent (Music Director)**

* New to Yale and very enthusiastic about Music Department
* Started Choir
* Request for $13,317.92 towards New Chairs, Chair Carts, Music Stands and Stand Storage
* Motion put forward for $5,000.00 to extracurricular costs Only. Motion Accepted by Lisa Samplonius Second by Rakesh Narang

**Willis Taylor (Musical Theatre)**

* Request for $5,000.00
* Motion put forward for $5,000.00. Motion Accepted by Paula Schieven Second by Tanya Knox

**Financial Report :** by Shelley Godwin

* Financials were presented. (see attached)

**New Business**: by Shari Wetmore

* Discussion on how to encourage Donations to the PAC
  + Suggestion of a PAC table and donation boxes to be put out at the Meet the Teacher Evening
  + Suggestion of Tax Receipts given on donations over $50 /$100
  + Suggestion of letter to be sent out to families
* The discussion regarding the curricular vs extracurricular nature of teacher requests continues.

## Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

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

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

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