**Minutes**

**Yale Secondary School Parent Advisory Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 15 November 2017**

**Present:** Shari Wetmore, Lisa Samplonius, Shelley Godwin, Tanya Knox, Wendy Nelson\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Admin:** Jinder Sarowa ( Principal)

**Call to order at 7:00 pm** in Yale conference room

Review of the previous minutes October 18, 2017. Adoption of minutes approved by all.

**Staff Requests – AnitaMcMahon**

* A request was made for a ping pong table to be used by students and staff. $1000 was approved for the purchase of table and raquets and balls. Motion: Lisa Samplonius Seconded Shelley Godwin

**Principal’s Report – Jinder Sarowa**

* Nov 23 District wide Parent Teacher meetings during the day. Parental communication has changed over the last couple of years and term 1 & 3 report cards are no longer issued as the Check My Progress website provides an ongoing progress report available to parents and students all the time
* Curriculum email from the superintendent that was distributed to all parents was addressed
* Music department continues to flourish under the direction of Mercedes Sargent. Next year Choir will be a class again rather than an extracurricular club like this year
* Aboriginal career fair – any interested aboriginal student from SD34, 20-30 vendors to see opportunities available
* Dec 5th – trade fair for all interested students in the district
* Canadian Student Leadership Conference will be held at Yale in September 2019. This event will see approximately 1000 students from around the country at our school for 3-7 days. It will involve district wide organization and participation. A modified schedule may be necessary to accommodate the additional students. At this time online learning and alternatives to in class learning are being discussed.
* Food truck Fridays were discussed – this leadership initiative was designed to add a food alternative a couple of times a month. A portion of money earned from the event is forwarded to the leadership classes.
* Student attendance initiatives are being discussed by the administration and teachers at Yale as it is known that attendance in class is key to success. A draft for a plan of consequences for missed classes is being made(excused and unexcused)

**Financial Report :** by Shelley Godwin

* Financials were presented. (see attached)

**New Business**: by Shari Wetmore

* Meeting for the Abbotsford Bingo Association Dec 9 2017
* Musical theater winter fundraiser Dec 13 2017
* Fundraising opportunity for Mother’s day discussed … selling flowers approx. $2./each
* Discussion with regards to the appreciation

## Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

**Next meeting on Wednesday 16 January 2018**

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

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