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**In Attendance:**

**PAC Members:** Sandra Young (Co-President), Kim Leifso (Co-President), Jana Hikichi (Treasurer), Tyree Buchanan (Secretary), Teresa Vanbetow, Kerri Sketchley, Renee Arbo, Tracie Fasullo, Katelyn Learned

**Staff:** Mr. Harris, Principal

**Guests:** none

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**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Co-President, Kim Leifso

**Welcome & Introductions**

**Minutes:** The minutes of the September 2023 meeting were adopted.

**Principal's Report (J. Harris)**

Feeding Futures Video Presentation:

- Feeding Futures is a 3 year grant program from the BC Ministry of Education from which the Langley School District received a grant of just over \$2.6million to use for the next 3 years to increase access to healthy meals and snacks at school, to build and expand local school food programs.
- Poppy has received ~\$40k to date and that has mostly been used to assist with the Breakfast Bistro Program
- ~3,000 students in Langley don't have consistent access to breakfast &/or lunch on a daily basis
- Guiding Principles of the Fund
  - Sustainability
  - Choice / Culturally Informed
  - Stigma free access
  - Education / Food Literacy
- The funds can be used to top up FTE's to help provide the program

Questions to parents regarding the use of the Fund, to gain our input to help inform the District as they move forward. Comments from parents included:

- Is there an option to roll Foods classes into helping provide some of the food for use in the program
- Hot breakfast / lunch should be offered, especially with the provision of protein rich meals
- Look into recovering surplus food from the cafeteria
- Much less inclined to be concerned with the healthy only options and far more concerned with feeding students
- Education part – Kim mentioned the book, “Good & Cheap” by Leann Brown; teach students how to make good healthy meals that are less expensive
  - Have resources available to educate on this topic
  - Hold a school competition to feed yourself on a set amount of money per day
- Every teacher's desk/classroom should have a basket of snacks for anyone to grab something throughout the day
- Students need more places to sit and eat
- And, let's get the Leadership students engaged in this conversation

**Co-President's Report (K. Leifso & S. Young)**

- We have had Asst. Superintendent, Marcello Moino to our meetings in the past to engage him on how to increase the student population at Poppy, it's been a while, perhaps we could invite him back for an update on progress. Noting that we have made some strides, for example, the new Rugby Academy this year.
- We need to be advertising when there are games/performances at the school to increase excitement and participation
- We will extend the invite to A. Johnson (social worker), who requested to come to a meeting to discuss the importance of, and need for, Foster Families.

**Treasurer's Report (J. Hikichi)**

- Contacted the bank but have been unable to set up a time to change the signers
- We have been approved for, but haven't received, our gaming grant as of yet.
- Budget discussion to be deferred to the next meeting once we have the gaming figure.
- We have received a Thank you note from one of last year's scholarship recipients.
- Scholarship discussion – With respect to our Trades Scholarship, if a trades applicant is unavailable then the Counselors may grant the scholarship to another deserving student that took the time to apply for scholarships as per the guidelines of the motion made:

**Motion made by Jana**

Counselor's Choice Award to be awarded on the merit of any of the following: Leadership, Community Service, Financial Need, Academic or Athletic or Fine Arts Excellence.

Seconded by Tracie, motion carried unanimously.

**DW Poppy PAC Gaming Account - Details**

Date	Description	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance	Notes
1-Sep-2023	Opening Balance			\$21,270.37	

**DW Poppy PAC General Account - Details**

Date	Description	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance	Notes
1-Sep-2022	Opening Balance			\$408.71	

**DPAC Report**

- No report at this meeting as we still require a rep, Tracie offered to review and recap the meeting minutes moving forward.

### Old Business

- Field Update – Mr. Harris was contacted by a parent that specializes in field maintenance and upkeep. They are going to get some quotes etc. for the costs to fix our fields.
- Do we want to join BCCPAC? Only if the DPAC is still paying for the registration fees
- Sandra reached out to the Ft. Langley Elementary PAC to see if they would be interested in having someone from the Poppy PAC come out to one of their meetings; Kim is going to do the same with North Otter & Peterson Road; Renee will bring it up at a Wix-Brown meeting; and Katelyn will do the same at Coughlin

### New Business

- None at this time

**Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm by Kim & Sandra

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### Upcoming Meetings

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| • November 14, 2023 | • March 12, 2024      |
| • December 12, 2023 | • April 9, 2024       |
| • January 9, 2024   | • May 14, 2024        |
| • February 13, 2024 | • June 11, 2024 (AGM) |

**Meetings are held at 7pm in the Library Learning Commons. Hope to see you there!**

*PAC MEETING AGENDAS and MINUTES ARE POSTED ON THE DW POPPY WEBSITE*