

**Templeton Secondary School PAC Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016,**  
**7:05 P.M. – 8:20 P.M.**  
**School Library**

**Parents:**

Debbie Simpson: Co-Chair  
Sarah Chapman-Chen: Co-Chair  
Christine Burke: Treasurer  
Lenore Clemens: Secretary  
Julie Mendgen  
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Stephanie Knueppel

**Staff:**

Giovanna Bombino, Teacher- Librarian, Staff Rep.  
Aaron Davis, Principal

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- A. Meeting started:** 7:05 p.m. – Note: due to topics and discussion these minutes are not completely chronological
- B. Minutes from February 23<sup>rd</sup>:** distributed.
- C. Staff Report: Giovanna Bombino**
- 1. Past Events:**
    - a. Sun. April 17<sup>th</sup> – Vancouver Sun Run** – 20 – 25 Templeton Titans participated in the *SunRun*. Some ran, others worked the water stations along the route and provided encouragement to those running the races (staff: *Kate Inch*)
    - b. Fri. April 15<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Planning Day** – Teachers met in Depts. to start looking at how curricular changes will work in Sept.
    - c. Mon. April 18<sup>th</sup> – Pro-D** at Britannia for some staff on “*Assessment For Learning*” with *Damian Cooper*
    - d. Mini 10s trip:** to *Victoria* (staff: *Mr. Kuniss*)
    - e. Minis:** trip to *Bamfield* (staff: *Ms. Vadacchino & Mr Mark*)
    - f. Theatre Temp & Dream Big Productions:** “*The Spring*” until April 29<sup>th</sup> : 7 p.m. shows begin with five stellar student created original short films, followed by a show that you will find very entertaining. “*You Are Here*” takes a look at the disconnect we see in society. It’s funny, sad, thoughtful, serious ...
  - 2. Coming up (after meeting date):**
    - a. Wed. April 27<sup>th</sup>** – Gr. 12 Assembly for Valedictorian Speeches – there are 3 candidates and the Grade 12s vote in the block after lunch
    - b. Thurs. April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup> :** *Tell Them From Me* Surveys: Students in Gr 8 – 12s will be taking the survey in one of their classes (30 classes will be surveyed)
    - c. Principal’s List lunch** – due to issues with *MyEdBC* – the Principal’s List lunch has been postponed – TBA
    - d. Sun. May 1<sup>st</sup>** – *RunVan BMO Marathon* (8 km or half)
    - e. AP Exams** – (Advanced Placement) Chemistry – Mon. May 2nd (a.m.) & Calculus – Thurs. May 5th (a.m.)
    - f. Thurs. May 5<sup>th</sup> – Big One at 2 p.m. – EARTHQUAKE DRILL – ALL SCHOOLS**
    - g. Fri. May 6<sup>th</sup>** – *Cinco De Mayo* Celebration in the cafeteria. Once again, students in *Ms. Soderlund’s* classes will be providing food and displaying an array of activities. Templeton teachers are invited to bring their classes down to participate in the event. Excellent showcase of Spanish culture and tradition.
    - h. Mon. May 9<sup>th</sup> – Next Pro-D** – No school for students: Teachers will be at BCTF workshop for Aboriginal Ed.
    - i. Wed. May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Grade 7s will be in the cafeteria & library writing the Math Placement Exams
    - j. Thurs. May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Assembly for Grade 11s for 2016-17 Grad Council. Grade 11s vote during the block after lunch.

- k. **Fri. May 20<sup>th</sup> – District Day – No School** –This day was put in by district to compensate for the Easter Monday that was part of Spring Break. This makes a 4 day weekend with Victoria Day is on Mon. May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Special Event: Wed. June 1<sup>st</sup> – 4 – 6 p.m. / DIGITAL FAIR at Science World:** It's a cross-curricular showcase of student work from K-12 – Templeton students will be there along with students from other VSB schools. They'll be displaying projects that integrate inquiry and technology. Presentations will be student led.
- **Budget Update:** *Giovanna* gave overview of meetings she has attended. DPAC presented well for all levels of funding needs. The Final Budget review April 28<sup>th</sup> at Gladstone Secondary, there is a rally that begins at 5:00 pm and the meeting is at 7:00 pm in the Gymnasium.
- **Thank You:** *Giovanna* gave the Templeton parents a lovely Thank You card for the resources that added 106 new titles to the fiction collection as well as helping to buy seasonal bookmarks for all the library users.

#### D. Round of Introductions

#### E. Principal's Report: Aaron Davis

##### 1. Past events

- a. 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Templeton Science Challenge
- b. **Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>** – *Her Brothers* band performance,
  - a. **Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** – Curriculum Implementation day – classes not in session.
  - b. **Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>** – Spring Concert
  - c. **Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>** – Term 2 end & last day of school before spring break &
    - **Pi Day Olympics**
  - d. **Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** – School Reopened after spring break

##### 2. Upcoming events not included in Staff Report

- a. **Planning for YOE** – Nootka Island trip
- b. **Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** – First Nations Family Night dinner
- c. **Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** IP day – 10:00 am school start
- d. **Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** – SC talent show
- e. **Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Grad Spring Fling
- f. **26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016 SACY** – *Building bridges at Windermere Secondary*

##### 3. Templeton: District:

- a. **2016-2017 Templeton School Calendar:**
  - i. Parent-teacher conference meetings will be on the same dates.
  - ii. PRO-D planning days will be on District suggested dates.
  - iii. Extra days off save the District \$100,000 per day.
- b. **FEES:**
  - i. The same as last year.
  - ii. Supplemental Fee Schedule: adjusted for inflation& according to school board policies so some fees going up by \$5.00.
- c. **Mini School:**
  - i. Dropping Grade 9 trip to Strathcona
  - ii. Might be going canoeing
- d. **Templeton/VLN (distributed learning network):** Students from VLN now at John Oliver will be going to 4 neighbourhood schools. This will create a mix for Templeton teachers who have shown interest in teaching

VLN on-line students along with their classes at Templeton. 120 students of the students are in the Templeton neighbourhood. That is over 1/8<sup>th</sup> of Templeton student numbers at this time.

- e. The East Side Program:** is moving inside Templeton. It has capacity for 36 students; there are 19 enrolled and 10 or 12 show up regularly. Sunrise program and East Side merged last year and there have been staffing changes. With Learning Services here as well, the change is to meant develop a collective vision and create a cohesive, strong program for students who don't fit regular programs.  
Systemic Challenges: the schedules are different, East Side has a 5-day week schedule vs the day 1 & 2 schedule in place at Templeton which will create challenges in trying to fit/ improve access to more programs for the students. Other concerns are "What is the core program?" and how to accommodate students who have different success rates according to public education norms.
  - f. There are 27 students on the wait list to transfer to Templeton across school boundaries
4. **Funding Via PAC Funds:** Staff requests for funds have been reviewed by the Finance Committee and recommendations have been forwarded to the PAC. PAC Exec. will look through and give feedback to Principal.
  5. **District News:**
    - a. **VSB BUDGET:** \$35,000/year cut for students in need. Cuts are not equitable as they are the same across the district regardless of community income levels or numbers of students in need.  
Discussion: one –time savings - but nothing left for the VSB to go to/ cut with the chronic underfunding of public education by the Provincial Government for the past 14 years.
    - b. **Specific Impact of Budget on Templeton:**
      - i. 2 Special Education entitlements gone – 50 % cuts
      - ii. Classes will be more complex & larger; however VSB won't allow over 30 students per class.
      - iii. Non-staffing ratios (to students) are all going up with people losing jobs.
      - iv. 16 blocks / 1 teacher each / staffing adjusted - Same population but 13 blocks and 2 teachers gone.
      - v. 20% funding cuts for flex budgets to classes
      - vi. Funding for field trips is gone.
    - c. **OTHER District News:** A.R.Lord annex will be leased to PLEA foster homes
  6. **Strategic Plan: Activity:** Would be good for parents to get involved in VSB's 5 Year Strategic Plan discussion: go to website: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/VSB2021>
  7. **PAC Treasurer 's Report: Christine Burke:**
    - a. PAC has \$15,295.00 in funds with \$2,707 in a slush fund. General Emergency funds to be \$3375.00.
    - b. Finance committee recommendations will be gone through and spending approved by the PAC exec.
  8. **Discussion/ Public Education: Sarah Chapman-Chen:**  
Sarah has been attending /involved in a number of advocacy & information sessions around the state of public education in BC and in Vancouver in particular.
    - a. **Attended a P.A.N. (Parent Advocacy Network)** panel at Bayview School: "What's Happening to Public Education" Rob Fleming, the BC's Official Opposition Critic for Education was there. As well she has attended two VSB budget meetings and has been involved in the Strategic Planning process (see above for link).
  9. **Meeting Ended:** 8:20 p.m.

**Next Meeting:  
Tuesday, May 31, 2016, 7:00 p.m.  
Templeton Library**

**Parents can keep up to date by checking Templeton & VSB websites!**