

Templeton Secondary School PAC Meeting
7:00 P.M. - 8:15 P.M. October 27th, 2015
At School Library

Parents:

Tammy Wallis
Mary Lee
Zenaida Bautista
Lilibeth Atienza
Francia Pebres
Carolyn Reemeyer
Marilyn Shore
Bruce Wright

Sarah Chapman-Chen: Co-Chair
Debbie Simpson: Co-Chair
Christine Burke: Treasurer
Lenore Clemens: Recorder
Giovanna Bombino, Staff Representative
Aaron Davis, Principal
Guest Presenter: Alexandra Wilson, from
VSB, *SACY program: "School Age Children & Youth"*

A. Round of Introductions: Parents introduced themselves. Very special welcome to parents new to Canada!

B. Presentation by Alexandra Wilson about SACY and upcoming events:

"Substance Use Prevention Initiative (SACY) engages Vancouver parents, teachers, students, administrators and the greater community in a process to strengthen school-based alcohol and drug prevention and early-intervention programs and policies." <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/sacy>
And there is much more than that:

- Supporting youth in making healthy decisions & connecting with all in their community
- There are different programs offered for students, families, teachers, community.
- New set up means Alexandra works with and connects different schools. SACY events & workshops held at one school are open to community from other schools.
- One-on-one support still exists for families.
- Check out the school website/ handouts for all workshops:
 - Thursday, November 19, Templeton will host **CAPACITY CAFÉ**, in the library from 6:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (see testimonials on VSB website above)
 - Tuesday, November 24th, **BUILDING BRIDGES WITH YOUR TEEN**, at Britannia Secondary, held in staffroom; see handout for times. Learning about changes that occur with teen growth. Sarah Chapman-Chen discussed & highly endorsed what she learned.
- There is a Youth Worker at Templeton and Mr. Mark, counsellor, is suggested as a good resource.

C. Staff Report: Giovanna Bombino:

1. **October** was a very busy month. - Club days: all are listed, set up & running. - Lockdown drill and earthquake drills. - Post-secondary day for grade 11-12's. - D.E.A.R. day, Drop Everything And Read. – Also: National School Library Event at Hamber - "Beneath the Surface" – a moving play about aboriginal teens and suicide is occurring at Temp. this week. Halloween dance October 30th, last block.

2. **Shane Pointe** is now Aboriginal elder-in-residence and knowledge-keeper at the Vancouver school board. He met with classes on October 20th, his goal is to build cultural awareness throughout the VSB.

3. **November:**

- a. 2nd & 3rd, Provincial Exams in library so library will be closed all day both days.
- b. 5th - Math Contest, (morning blocks in Library)
- c. **5th – 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Parent –Teacher Night.** Early dismissal @ 1: 45 p.m. for students but all blocks (classes) will be shortened so they don't miss any classes.
- d. **Block Rotation:** November 13th last day; new block arrangement starts on the 16th. Reason for shift: put afternoon classes in the morning and vice versa to compensate for students' sleep patterns. Change is from 1234 to 3412. Rotation occurs 4 times a year.
- e. Thursday, November 19th, **CAPACITY CAFÉ**, see presentation by Alexandra Wilson.
- f. Thursday, November 26th, 7-9 pm @David Thompson Secondary Auditorium, Parent Education Night, Mental Health in Children & Youth.

D. Principal's Report: Aaron Davis

1. Staffing:

New Staff: Mike Waterman will be teaching Planning 10, Film 10-12, and Skills 8-12
New ELL (English Language Learning) posting will be filled by the end of this week.

2. Past Events:

- a. Grade 8 family night dinner, huge success with 300 participants.
- b. Post-Secondary information session was hosted by Ms. McLeod, the grade 12 counsellor on October 15th: not just educational information but many choices.
- c. YOE Elfin Lakes
- d. Volleyball: bantam, junior and senior
- e. Basketball: There will be a senior girls' basketball team and grade 8 girls' basketball team along with grade 8, grade 9-10, and senior boys' basketball teams this year.
- f. K-12 Innovation Partnership: Templeton STEM: **Science, Technology and Math** Discussed; Very exciting! Out of special projects across BC, only 17 were chosen by the M.ofEd. There will be money for support & a researcher.
<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/district-news/templeton-stem-program-takes-science-technology-and-math-new-level>
- g. School has UBC teacher candidates visiting (note: used to be called student teachers)
- h. Also will be teacher candidates with the classes, first from SFU and then UBC
- i. Interim reports will be mailed out this week but only for some students; don't worry if you don't receive one for your child.

3. Upcoming Events not noted in Staff-Rep report:

- a. November 2nd, 2015 - "If I can" presentation: Shane Farmer.
- b. November 3rd, 2015 - UBC presentation
- c. November 10th, 2015 - Remembrance Day Ceremony
- d. November 10th, 2015 – MADD Presentation

4. District News:

- a. BCED plan, new curriculum model is coming: draft information was discussed, it is slowly beginning. Outline: 2015/16 is draft, 2016/17 optional implementation, 2017/18, implementation. Go to “Tools” on this page to get information on the overview of the plan: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/home>
For parents who are concerned about education basics being left out, don't worry: those “core competencies”, as they are called, are a necessary part of the learning. However, in this type of teaching teachers have far more flexibility and choice in how to develop those skills. This also, perhaps more importantly, makes education far more interesting for students.
 - b. This year “Train the trainers” the government is providing 10 hours of release time for staff to learn about the new curriculum coming in 2-3 years.
 - c. Pro-D day in September, 2015, staff presenting collaborative inquiry.
<http://www.cea-ace.ca/education-canada/article/collaborative-inquiry>
- 5.** There will filming at the school which doesn't impact students or classes but brings in revenue. 50% comes to the school and 50% goes to the School Board.
- 6.** Briefly discussed other great areas of Templeton education with new parents: Theatre Temp, Cooking, and the Garden Project.

E. Co- Chairs: Parents who want any help or information, please email the Co-Chairs anytime.

F. Treasurer's Report: Christine Burke

Christine explained that Temp . parents do not fundraise and why. The PAC receives BC Gaming funds, which is based on number of students enrolled and is just under \$16,000.00/year. This helps pay for extra resources not otherwise funded. Teachers forward requests in the spring for the next year to the Temp. Finance Committee which vets them, making sure they are reasonable, then forwards them to the PAC. There is a little left from last year, about \$1,200. There is also about \$4,000.00 sitting in the fund from previous time. The money is usually all used and each year's funding is separate from the previous year.

G. Meeting Wrapped Up: 8:15 P.M.

H. Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 24th, 2015 7:00 P.M. School Library

Helpful link on Vancouver School Board website: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/district-news/programs>

Handouts:

- I. SACY workshops, November 2nd through December 2nd , 2015
- II. Friends of the School Library – Liz Schulze from Cinématique & letter from Chair of FOSL, Carrie Bercic, October 28th, 2015
- III. Parent Education Night, Thursday, November 26, 2015 @David Thompson Secondary.