

Ucluelet Secondary School Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

6:00pm October 16, 2024, In Person

USS Learning Commons

Agenda

Attendance: Graham, Denise, Jenn, Heather

Rebecca H., Julie W., Rob A., Drew Ryan, Brian Grigg, Nicole G. Carrie M

NEXT MEETING: December 4, 2024 – 6pm VIA ZOOM

- CALL MEETING TO ORDER
 - TIME: 6:01 pm
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA
 - MSC: Denise, Julie W.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 - a. Minutes of June 5, 2024, USS PAC meeting
 - MSC: Denise, Heather
- BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES None
- DELEGATIONS None
- CORRESPONDENCE None
- TABLED ITEMS None
- NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Funding Requests Emily Collins – Safe Sex Program
 - i. \$2500 requested – continuation of program with Hilary to support teachers (especially PE) – focus on Sexual Health. More about how to be safe and what safe relationships look like. What consent is, gender spectrum. Have had funding for the last few years through another grant which has now expired. (see letter below)

Motion to approve the funding request: Not required.

Question: Rebecca H. – Did the grant from the 100 Women ever get spent? Drew responded that it hadn't yet. This funding will be used instead, and the PAC funds will be saved for another time. This funding can go towards School Safety as well.



Ucluelet Secondary School

Dear USS PAC,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Ucluelet Secondary Schools wellness team to request funding for the continuation of Sexual Health Education at USS. For the upcoming 2024/2025 school year, we are seeking a total of \$2,500 to implement a comprehensive sexual health education program for all students with options trained sexual health educator Hillary Mcleod. This will allow for 4 sessions of education with each student from grade 8-12 receiving 2 lessons per session, a total of 8 workshops for every student at USS throughout the 2024/2025 school year.

Since 2021, USS has contracted Hillary to provide Sexual Health Education to all USS students. Hillary has authentically and consistently developed strong relationships with both staff and students and has become an integral part of our school community. Hillary has worked in partnership with Island Health's Youth Health Clinic Nurse, Karyn Bernard to connect students with support and provide a resource intensive educational program. In previous years an Island Health Grant has supported this education, but this year the funds are limited and not allocated to this educational piece.

In light of the evolving challenges and complexities surrounding sexual health and relationships, it is essential that we provide our students with accurate, relevant, and age-appropriate information in line with BC curriculum. Hillary's program aims to deliver a comprehensive sexual health education curriculum that addresses topics such as consent, healthy relationships, reproductive health, and safe(r) sex practices. By equipping students with this knowledge, we hope to foster a more informed, responsible, and respectful school community.

Increasingly, studies have shown that comprehensive sexual health education is necessary to youth overall health and wellness; contributing to positive outcomes like reducing sexual risk taking behaviour, improving mental health and aiding in the prevention of suicide and gendered violence. We strongly believe that investing in this program will not only improve our students' knowledge and decision-making but will also contribute to a safer and more supportive school environment. Sexual health education is a crucial component of holistic education, and your support in funding this initiative will have a lasting positive impact on our students' lives.

Thank you for your consideration,

Emily Collins
Mental Health Worker

- b. School Safety Program (Anti-bullying) Survey to be requested regarding safety at school
 - Drew – regarding school safety – Coastal Queer Alliance was in and there are other surveys are being done to create an environment of safety and inclusivity. Tapping into other areas – for example having the Student Council be more involved. Online safety. We have the date but have more opportunities for our youth to be educated and educate each other.
 - i. Question: Jenn – do you plan to have speakers come in this year? Drew – the goal is to have some valuable student voices that can come in and have impactful interactions. If anyone knows anyone who fits these criteria, please send the information along.
 - ii. Denise – is there an opportunity to re-engage the students to see if they are seeing a change or if they feel the issues are being dealt with.
 - iii. Data from that survey was helpful in getting funding for programs. It should be redone with new students in the mix they need to get a pulse check. It was administered through the School District (Peter Klaver)
- c. Grad 2024 Behaviour at Ceremony
 - i. Jenn – There were a couple of students at the ceremony who were making comments during the ceremony. This was embarrassing for the school; it was uncomfortable for other students. They were kicking chairs of students in front of them. This will be a talking point with the grads. Drew – Expectations can be shared with the students prior to grad.
- d. New Board Members to replace outgoing members
 - i. The current board will be leaving at the end of this year. If people are interested or you know of anyone, please let them know to get involved.
- e. Gym Use – time for Students
 - i. Denise – it was brought up that there limited accessibility to the gym due to so many DOU activities taking place.
 - ii. Drew – Not aware. Students have access to the gym up to 6:30-7pm except for Fridays when the Pickleballers are in at 6pm. There is a new MOU from DOU to SD70 that has not been approved yet.
 - iii. Denise – Pro-D Days have moved from a Friday to a Monday which seems to be impacting girls' sports which practice on Mondays. Is there any capacity to change it up so there is equal practice time. If the Pro-D is happening at the school and there are teachers in the school, then they could practice but there would be no transportation so any Tofino

students would need to find their own way here. There would potentially be an opportunity

- iv. Nicole – free time use of the facilities – Drew - the gym is open at 8:30/8:35 & again at lunch - teachers sign up to supervise. Between 5-7 – if there is an SD70 staff member available then the gym is available. Brian – what about the weekends? Through the MOU – DOU pays for the janitorial. Rob A. would be willing. The space would need to be left clean.
- f. Youth Room – the purpose is of it is not really be fulfilled. Perhaps a DOU conversation. They must be quiet as there is yoga and other activities taking place.
- g. Yearbook management
 - i. Currently no one is in charge. Carla would be a natural fit. Historically was the PAC. Then it was Lucia Lyons, and it became part of her job. Cut off in April/May so you missed all the cool events that take place in the spring. But the roll out and signing was difficult. Jenn said she would be able to assist over the winter. Jenn will reach out to Lucia to see if she is available to help a little.
- h. Carrie Midlane – Funding Request for outdoor seating
 - i. Sporting teams are looking at the opportunity to have 2 x 6-seater folding benches – the cost is approximately \$180 per bench.
 - ii. Drew – Gym sponsorship hasn't been pushed out again for this year but if you have a moment have a look at the gym. There may be an opportunity for that pool of money to be used for that. Carrie to send link to Drew to investigate. Research to occur.
- i. Carrie Midlane – Parent Guardian Risk Consent Form – tabled to next meeting.
- j. DPAC rep
 - i. Cintamine Levine (UES Rep for DPAC) to provide update? Denise to email and we can include the next minutes.
 - ii. Meetings are at odd times, and they are generally in person. It is very challenging to have representatives from the West Coast. The DPAC continues to forget about us. Is there an opportunity to have the meeting on the west coast? Monthly meetings. Jenn & Graham would potentially be available to attend.
- k. USS PAC Bylaws
 - i. Nothing.

- **REPORTS**

- a. Principal & VP – Drew Ryan & Brian Grigg

- i. Happy to have Brian here but having had struggles with staffing – lack of TOC on the coast. Every day short staffed. Tomorrow interviews occurring B-Levels (has a degree but not a teacher). Ties in with affordable housing – the staff accommodation in Tofino/Ucluelet is full. They have changed the length that someone can be in the accommodation.

1. Action: PAC to write a letter in support of extending the length of time someone can live in the staff accommodation.

- ii. Sports have started (Soccer, Volleyball, basketball to start in November). Coastal Queer Alliance has started. First Open Mic was today. Art Club, Homework Hall (Tue/Wed/Thu), Student Union, Halloween Dance (will be looking for volunteers)
 - 1. Question – Nicole – Homework Hall – is there teachers there? Not always. If students need help in a specific area, then they need to connect with their teacher. Concern is Math – especially – teacher is out of the classroom frequently due to other commitments.
- iii. Question – Rebecca – How is bussing this year? Drew – there is no bussing contract currently. There is currently a “gentleperson’s agreement”. SD70 has come out to look at the situation and oversight. There is a hope that SD70 will take this on at some point. SD70 must purchase buses if they are to take over buses on the West Coast. SD70 mechanics to oversee buses. There was one day that buses broke down and Pacific Rim Navigator, Chris McLellan among others were called in to support.
 - 1. **ACTION: PAC request an update from SD70 regarding bussing services – Alex Taylor – acting director of operations**
- iv. Question: Rebecca H. – IDS – credit is applied to students’ transcripts – but parents should follow up with Dave to get confirmation.
- v. Question: Rebecca H. - Cynthia Orr is our School Trustee – should be attending PAC meetings? There is a trustee meeting here next week and Drew will send the agenda to Denise & Jenn.

b. Treasurer

- i. \$7,687.04 in our gaming account as we received \$5000 from the province
- ii. \$1,479.88 in our main account
- iii. Banking has been moved to CCCU finally.

c. Committees

- i. None.

- **TASKS**

- a. Next Meeting – Wednesday December 4th 6pm
 - i. 2 letters to write
 - ii. Volunteers will be needed to Halloween Dance.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

a. Denise – motion to adjourn. 7:20pm