

**Minutes**  
**Yale Secondary School Advisory Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 15, 2014**

**Present:** Shari Wetmore, Rose Short, Paula Schieven, Lisa Samplonius, Leeanne Easton, Karen Thiessen, Tanya Walters, Sherri Draayers, Lori Paivarenta, Ludmilla Plenits, Karen Lee, Anita Jurick, Stacy Vermeeren, Joanne Jones, Virinder Gill, Lance McDonald, Lynn Algra

Admin: Lance McDonald (Principal)

Staff: Greg Byron

Call to order at 7.05pm in Yale Conference Room

Adoption of the previous meeting of April 16, 2014

- Due to introductions made, these minutes were not adopted. Carried on to agenda of November 19, 2014.

**Request by staff – Greg Byron (Athletic Director)**

1. Rugby 39 balls  
4 game, 35 practice – 13 balls per team needed (30 kids per team) balls usually only last one year and they are worn out.
2. Basketball 34 balls and bags (high quality), majority use for boys teams
3. To be used by teams: (rugby, track, wrestling, hockey, basketball)  
Bumper plates, exercise balls, weight room weights and optional is a rowing machine which is costly (\$1,299)
4. Caps for swim team (30+ caps and these last 2 years)
5. Sr. Girls Volleyball needs uniforms

Greg was reminded to his agreement of January 15, 2014 meeting. Quote “Greg has also addressed previous purchases. For the next two school years no requests will be made for any Rugby Jerseys. No Field Paint is required for the 2014/2015 school year either”.

All items requested are non-curricular and may be purchase through gaming funds.

Voting:

Ref. items 1, 2 and 3 total up to \$4,500. Motioned by Rose Short, seconded by Stacy Vermeeren. All in favor.

Ref. items 4 and 5 total up to \$5,800. Motioned by Rose Short, seconded by Lisa Samplonius. All in favor.

**AGM**

Shari referred to our Constitution (copy to be found online). We only need 4 meetings a year. Short discussion followed to hear if we wanted to respect that or to continue to meet in November, January, February, April and May (incl. AGM). Parents present were in favor of the latter.

All positions were explained, discussed, as well as voted on:

Vice Chair – Amy Brake was voted in by default

Treasurer – Rose Short was voted in by default (Rose will be joined in her position by Joanne Jones who will be walking alongside on this journey since this is Rose’s last year on Yale PAC).

Secretary – Paula Schieven steps down. Sherri Draayers stepped up and was voted in, all in favor.

Chair – Shari Wetmore voted in by default

### **Principal’s Report – Lance McDonald**

Introduced himself and made sure to let everyone know he has an open door policy and is not afraid to answer “hard or awkward questions”. Leads through “parent” eyes and works well with students.

Strike: Yale staff has very healthy outlook on school year and have stepped up where needed. Some staff may feel short a week when Provincial Exams happen in February but otherwise all should be on schedule. Pilot project “My Education BC” has been hurt by the strike since there was no possibility of a trial run and fix errors. Working hard to make it all flawless.

Enrollment: 1301 students. October 17<sup>th</sup> Lance should know what his budget is.

Class size/composition: Lance makes sure to let everyone know he is very aware of this and very keen to make it work for staff as well as students.

Provincial Exams doubled: Due to the strike private schools will have their provincial exams as scheduled. Public school students can either take their exam a week early or as newly scheduled. Government will make sure there are two exams for every grade/subject ready.

Seismic upgrade: Will commence Feb. 2015. Will take 18 months to finish and costs \$8million. Unitech is the company in charge and they will make sure disruptions of any kind are kept to a minimum. They have an excellent reputation. Asbestos will be an issue but high tech equipment will ensure safety for all people in the building.

### **Treasurer’s Report – Rose Short**

Financials as presented. Still some amounts outstanding that we have not seen invoices for. Rose will make another spreadsheet to show PAC which areas money has been spent on over the past years. Rose will also inquire if Gaming account will cover bussing for Grad in Vancouver. Rose will get in touch with Joanne Jones to make sure she is updated on Financial side of PAC.

### **Fundraising update – Shari Wetmore**

Previous fundraisers did not do well. New fundraising option of asking for \$5 donation on the school fee envelope will be going out next week. Amount is very competitive since other schools have been heard to ask \$20.

Request made to bring Yale Mail back. Reason for disruption was cut back in staff and no one able to take this on. Lance to look into Yale staff to make it happen. Other options are parent participation and/or student who is interested in career in Journalism. Copies are always edited by admin.

Meeting adjourned at 8.25pm

**Next meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2014**

**7pm in Yale Conference Room** (across the office)

(meetings will usually take place every third Wednesday of the month, unless posted differently)