**PAC Meeting**

February 15, 2017

**PAC Executive in Attendance**: Shawn Cole (Co-Chair), Caroline Parker (Co-Chair), Samantha Adkins (Secretary), Maryam Erfani (MAL), Sheila McBurney (MAL), Hillary Cassady (MAL)

**Others in Attendance**: Scott Slater (Principal), Sarah Haxby (CSC), Ily Allen, Sarah Cormier, Alex Sinclair

**Regrets**: Ann Walters (Treasurer), Sasha Buchanan (MAL)

**Welcome/Call to Order** at 6:30 p.m. by Shawn Cole.

**Approval of Minutes** from Jan. 24 moved by Ily Allen seconded by Caroline Parker. Approved.

**Approval of Agenda** moved by Samantha Adkins Seconded by Caroline Parker. Approved.

**Principal’s Report** by Scott Slater

Supreme Court: 2002 Collective Bargaining by BCTF. BCTF has been appealing since then. In 2016, Supreme Court gave BCTF right to bargain for class size and district ratios. BCTF, BCPSEA & Ministry still looking at what 2017-18 will look like. Current agreement expires in 2019. $50 million put into school system. For BICS, this means there will be a 0.5 FTE teacher working on journaling in Kindergarten, Math Support in grade 1 & 2, On the spot support, Applied Design (ADST) in 4 – 7. Tess McDonald hired for position for this school year. What happens next year is still to be decided.

Feedback Session on Communicating Student Learning: Parents were invited to answer feedback questions together on Chromebook document.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Caroline Parker represented Ann Walters

(See Report)

We are on target to making our budget.

Questions can be emailed to Ann Walters

**Fundraising Committee**: Caroline Parker

Clothing Sale – May 13

Clothing Bin now set up across from school office accepting donations

If you work in town, ask colleagues for clothing donations. Can set up a box in your office.

Possibility of a 90’s dance night in May

Hillary Cassady has asked Fresh Street Market for a percentage donation option and is awaiting their reply.

**Parent Education Committee** Caroline Parker

Parent Session on Technology and Social Media with Jesse Miller on March 1 6:15 – 7:45 p.m. Open to all parents on Island. Will be in Multipurpose room if necessary. Mr. Slater will email out information and RSVP question.

May 4 - The film "The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia" followed by discussion led by Cathy McMillan of Decoding Dyslexia BC (special thanks to Jean Coker for organizing this)

**CSC Report**: Sarah Haxby

CSA Art Exhibit will be May 1 – 14 for Youth Art Show. April 5,6,7,8 at BICS for after school Arts Mentorship workshops. Call out soon for mentors for inspiration sessions.

Cultural Enrichment committee meeting tomorrow for Cultural Enrichment plan. Other committees are meeting as well (Grandfriends, Gardening, Youth curators, Outside Learning Committee).

Watch for Sarah’s newsletter coming out this week.

Ready Set Learn is this Saturday for parents of 3 – 5 year olds. Early Literacy event. Please share this event with anyone.

Playground update: Last week, boosted awareness in front of Ruddy Potato. Collected money as well. Brought in $460. Equipment has been ordered. Still need a few thousand dollars more to meet budget. Look for article in Undercurrent.

**DPAC Update** – Sheila McBurney

May 2 Parent Ed with Dr. Kang at Kay Meek on Mental Health and Anxiety. $20 if in West Vancouver S.D.

Financing - each PAC should have a separate checking account for Gaming

New Academies – Friends of Science, Outdoor

Board of Trustees – money from ministry

$75 000 set aside for specialist teacher development

Superintendent talked about communicating student learning. Teaching staff has given a lot of positive feedback. It is time consuming, but productive.

Carrie Wilson and Todd Albet gave interesting talk on how technology and robotics is an important life skill. Helpful in new curriculum. She would be a good speaker to bring to Bowen. Talked about Ignite your Passion – especially Robotics program.

**Open Floor/ New Business** – Shawn Cole

Contact Sara Cormier if you are available to help make Cappuccinos for teachers during report card time. She will send out an informational notice for people to sign up on Facebook.

Caroline moves to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Approved

Next Meeting April 19 6:30