

Cypress Park Parent Advisory Council

PAC Meeting December 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order by PAC Chair N. Quilty at 7:15pm.

N. Quilty gave the land acknowledgment.

IN ATTENDANCE

Vice Principal C. Hulme, PAC Chair N. Quilty, Vice Chair C. Antoni-Wilkinson, Treasurer R. Vernon, Co-Secretary B. Perez-Cahill, Co-Secretary E. Baldwin, Member K. Millius, DPAC Representative J. Calleja, Member A. Barrow, Member M. Bazrafshan, Member R. Baggio, Member E. Quilty, Member M. Wilkinson, Member K. Boyd, Member Mahsa, Member M. Mohajerani

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

N. Quilty reviewed the meeting minutes from November 2023. The approval of the minutes from the November 2023 PAC meeting was motioned by M. Mohajerani and seconded by C. Antoni-Wilkinson. All members were in favour. The November 2023 PAC meeting minutes were approved.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The PAC has raised 44% (\$18,321) of their goal of \$43,000. Most of the additional new funds raised were from the raffle sales. The total cash balance is \$32,415. The fall raffle has raised \$8,160 so far.

UPDATED BUDGET

Feeding Futures programs allows us to run programs related to feeding and nutrition. We can use the Feeding Futures funding for Earthbites, which frees up some of the PAC funds previously allocated. The PAC reviewed reallocating funds as follows:

- Experts in residence + \$1,150
- Emergency health & safety + \$175
- Dundarave tree + \$70 (decorations)
- Grade 3 leadership + \$300 (skating field trip)
- Spirit wear for teachers + \$50 (orange shirt day and spirit wear)

- Teaching resources/classroom supplies + \$555 (Every year the PAC gives the teachers, ELL teachers and counsellors \$500 per classroom. There are now a few extra items teachers would like to purchase.)
- Technology/classroom wish list + \$2,300 (Funding Futures wish list we have already received this for the 4 kindergarten tables and books).

The overall budget is the same, the funds have just been reallocated. There was an additional \$2,300 donated to tech/classroom wish list.

Noted there are a lot of purchases the PAC funds that you would not expect the PAC to pay for – for example an extra administrative scanner. A question came up – if digital literacy is part of the curriculum, why are iPad purchases funded by the PAC – this question will be investigated. If it is part of the curriculum, then the material should be provided. Determined this is important to raise to the trustees and to the DPAC. J. Calleja notes that next month the DPAC meeting is regarding technology so it will be a good place to raise the issue.

There was a discussion around the iPad investment that has been made over the last few years – wondering whether the significant iPad investment has made a difference. N. Quilty mentioned an iPad example and noted that the kindergarteners are using small iPads that are already getting glitchy and outdated with apps. The technology investment is something that is ongoing.

The cash in the account is supposed to be spent. A lot of grants will not award funds if there is too much cash available to the PAC.

N. Quilty put the budget reallocation to a vote. All were in favour. The new budget reallocation motion was passed.

PAC PURCHASES

Year to date the operating costs are \$37,824. Purchases already made for the 2023/2024 school year include:

November/December Purchases:

- 1. Beaty Boxes: -\$250.00 Thanks again to Eva & Doug Christopher!
- 2. Raffle Ticket Printing: -\$212.80
- 3. Kindergarten Table Purchase: -\$2,105.67 Thanks again to the Antoni & Wan Family!
- 4. Dundarave Festival of Lights Tree: -\$300 Thanks to Calleja & Holtby Family!
- 5. Jess Dance: -\$1,750.00 Thanks to the Baldwin, Holmes & Quilty Families
- 6. Fairmont Chateau Whistler Prize: -\$348
- 7. Bank Fees & Outdoor Classroom: -\$58.75
- 8. Teacher Gifts (\$2,645), Hot Lunches (\$8,806), Gift Cards (\$2,542)

September/October Purchases:

1. Literary Learning Resources (RAZ Kids, Reading Across Canada, Adrienne Gear -

- \$3,000) Thanks to Hincks, Baggio, Quilty Families
- 2. Teaching Resources (Math tools, Storytelling puppets \$3,850) Thanks to the Hincks,
- Gouneili, Diaz Barriga, Little and Campbell Families
- 3. Health & Safety, First-Aid (\$450)
- 4. Physical Literacy (\$627)
- 5. Management: Gaming License (\$25) & Stamps (\$19)

6. Experts in Residence - Jess Dance (\$1,750) & EarthBites (\$550) - Thanks to the Baldwin & Holmes Families

7. 2x Imagine Playstand (\$2,082) - Thanks to the Antoni Family

8. 4x Pop-up Soccer Nets (\$173)

9. 80x Brain Break Bean Bags (\$115)

10. 16x Mini Basketballs & Whistles (\$85)

11. 8x Every Child Matters Orange Shirts (\$201)

12. 8x Spirit Wear – Teachers Uniforms (\$342)

13. 10x iPads, Apple Care & cases (\$8,212) - Thanks to the Antoni, Baldwin, Jakovljevic, Quilty Families

UPDATES – FUNDRAISING & EVENTS

• Movie Night: November 28th:

A big thanks to Neda, Sylvia, Dolly, Nikki, Bianca, Caitlin, Rebecca and all the other volunteers and everyone for attending. The children dressed up in pjs and had a great time.

• R is for Raffle:

Raised \$11,130 for school resources, experts-in-residence programs, health education and social enrichment. 71% of tickets were sold. Thanks again for all your hard work. Congratulations to our Top Students for selling the most tickets:

- Melorin (Grade 1)
- Qwynn (Kindergarten)
- Dion (Grade 1)

All prizes have been handed out.

FIELD HOCKEY

The students had field hockey session on November 1st and 3rd. The children learned lots of new skills. Experts in residence programs also gives the teachers additional administrative time.

Mrs. Bell mentioned there was an Olympic badminton coach (A. Rice) at Caulfield that might be a potential expert in residence. N. Quilty will investigate this further.

DUNDARAVE TREE – FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Thanks to the Holtby Family for donating last year through Funding Futures for sponsoring the grade 3's and kindergarteners field trip to decorate the Dundarave Festival of Lights tree. Money goes to the Lookout which is a great cause.

MARTIAL ARTS

The session ran on December 6th with Joel Garcia – he will also be running the after-school program.

JESS DANCE

Jess Dance with Mr. Darian was a huge success. The students had one session each day of the week. They all presented to parents at the end of the week. Students learned a lot in just one week and seemed very passionate about it. R. Baggio asked Mr. Darian for feedback, he

mentioned that he preferred the smaller group. Noted that we don't use the stage as it is quite small. It will also be used as a grade 3 lounge for term 2 and term 3 quiet or work time. Thank you to the families that sponsored the experts in residence programs.

HOLIDAY SINGALONG PERFORMANCE

Thank you to Mme Oancea for putting it all together. It was a great community event. The PAC discussed whether or not it should be held outside next year (weather permitting).

BOOKS

Adrienne Greer is a literary expert from Vancouver. She has a subscription, which is a list of recommended books that teachers can use as anchor or mentor lesson plans. It comes with a lesson plan that includes strategies to engage thinking: connect, question, visualize, infer and transform. Collaboration time allows teachers to explore the books to create lessons to connect to their Unit of Inquiry. The subscription is for 8 books 3 times per year. There are also add-on packages that might address specific units of inquiry. The add-on packages cost approximately \$200.

STORYTELLING PUPPETS

These have become an unofficial mascot for the school.

- Research: After Squamish Language Teacher Alroy Baker's visit, the Gr 3's spent time researching the different animals.
- Learner profiles: They went through a process to match one of the 10 IB learner profile traits with a puppet.
- Pro-D: On December 4th, teachers looked at the data from the Gr 3's and collaborated to match the profiles to an animal.
- Next Step: Gr 3's share their final results as part of their unit on How We Express Ourselves.

IMAGINE PLAYSTAND

Thank you Antoni-Wilkinson family for donating. The kindergarten class has used them to make Santas workshop. They decorated it, use it for play, and to create inside the workshop.

CYPRESS PARK CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Thank you to everyone for their generosity donating to the hampers. A teacher from Queen Mary helped pick up the hampers. There were 21 families seeking support. Cypress Park sponsored 2 of the families. Each item on the sheet was purchased. There were 54 gifts and 21 gift cards purchased.

VIP PARKING

The two VIP parking spots are available for silent auction for term 2 (January – March). The top bids so far are \$650 and \$600. Send your bids to <u>info.paccpp@gmail.com</u>. The deadline for bids is Friday, December 22nd.

EXPERTS PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- Lunar New Years: (Feb 8) thank you to Ran and team
- Health: Lacrosse (Dec 20)
- Nowruz
- Health & Integration: Class skating trip G3 (Feb 29)
- Science: Marine Beaty Box (April 3 May 1)
- Science: Whale Flipper Beaty Box (May 1–29)
- Nutrition: Earthbites Spring/Summer (Apr & June)
- Parent Experts: 16 responses; more welcome.

Thank you to Roz for organizing. If anyone has feedback or new ideas please contact the PAC.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Term 2 (January 10 – March 13), 2:30 – 3:30pm.

- Wednesdays: Martial Arts (Gr 1-3): Email joelgmma@gmail.com
- Thursdays: Steamoji's Robotics (K-3): Registration Form Email to westvancouver@steamoji.com. Note that this will be building on the after-school program content from term 1.

Thank you Mahsa and Josette for organizing.

MUNCHALUNCH HOT LUNCH

The hot lunch program has raised \$2,218 so far. The deadline to order for the new year is December 29th. The hot lunch program for the new year is:

- Well Fed (Mondays)
- Fresh Bay Pizza (Wednesdays)
- Aburi Sushi Market (Fridays)

Pricing will remain the same. Reminder: no changes 2 weeks before the delivery date. Thank you to Kristi for coordinating.

If anyone is interesting in taking on hot lunch coordinator next year, please contact the PAC. Currently CPP has hot lunch 3 days a week as the staff can handle it. However, if we want to add additional hot lunch days, we can revisit for the next school year. M. Mohajerani noted her cousin bought a new company called Foodie Kids that might be a great hot lunch provider. The PAC will explore this option.

C. Hulme noted that the government funding for feeding futures is for 3 years. It is currently a pilot project so it may be extended to older grades in the future.

NEW YEAR PLANNING

Please provide feedback and ideas to the PAC so next term can be a success.

ADMIN UPDATE – VICE PRINCIPAL REPORT – C. HULME

Thank you for PAC for organizing movie night. It was a huge success and a great community gathering. Thank you to everyone for contributing to the cleanup.

Thank you for the Dundarave field trip. Thank you to those parents that set up the lights in advance and for the hot chocolate. The children had a great time.

Thank you for supporting the experts in residence programs - martial arts, jess dance and lacrosse this term. The students have learned a lot of new skills, and it has freed up time for teachers to get additional work done.

Thank you, parents, for attending Friday dance performance and the singalong. C. Hulme received positive feedback from the school trustee that it was a nice community event. Looking for feedback on whether inside or outside is a better venue. Or could we combine the Jess Dance performance and the singalong? It was hard for some parents to take the time off work both days. Determined that combining them if possible, would be easier for parents to attend both.

Learning update: if parents couldn't attend the session – a recording can be found in the e-bulletin. There were some differences between West Bay and CPP. Please ask your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Upcoming:

Parents will soon receive a letter regarding the body science workshops in February. A parent session will be held on February 5th. The educator will explain what information will be covered for each grade. The children's session will be on February 9th. The students will have a Selima Noon educator in the classroom for their session. The sessions will be age appropriate for each grade.

Amber and Erin (physical literacy experts) will be coming to CPP.

Three teachers will be attending IB workshops one weekend in January.

High tech high touch (scientist) will be coming to CPP. All 4 teachers would get them in one day so it aligns with a unit of inquiry.

Discussed ways to get more parents involved in volunteering and fundraising.

NEXT MEETINGS

- Jan 30 @ 9:15AM
- Feb 27 @ 7PM
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- June TBD

End of meeting – 8:43pm



CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cypress Park Primary

Parent Advisory Council Meeting Tues, Dec 19, 2023 @ 7PM 4115 Marine Drive, West Vancouver

CALL TO ORDER

- We gratefully acknowledge that Cypress Park Primary is an IB World School, located on the unceded, ancestral Coast Salish traditional territory and today we give thanks to the Skwxwú7mesh Nations for allowing us to live, work and play on these beautiful lands.

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- I now call this meeting to order
 In Attendance/Roll Call
- The <u>Minutes from the Nov 2023 PAC meeting</u>, motioned, seconded, and approved.



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Budget Overview

Summary, Bank Balances, Funds Needed & Vote on New Budget PAC Purchases

Why we Raise Funds & How They're Spent

Fundraising & Events

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Raffle, Funding Futures, Brewing Success, Holiday Wreaths, Movie Night, Hamper

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Admin Updates

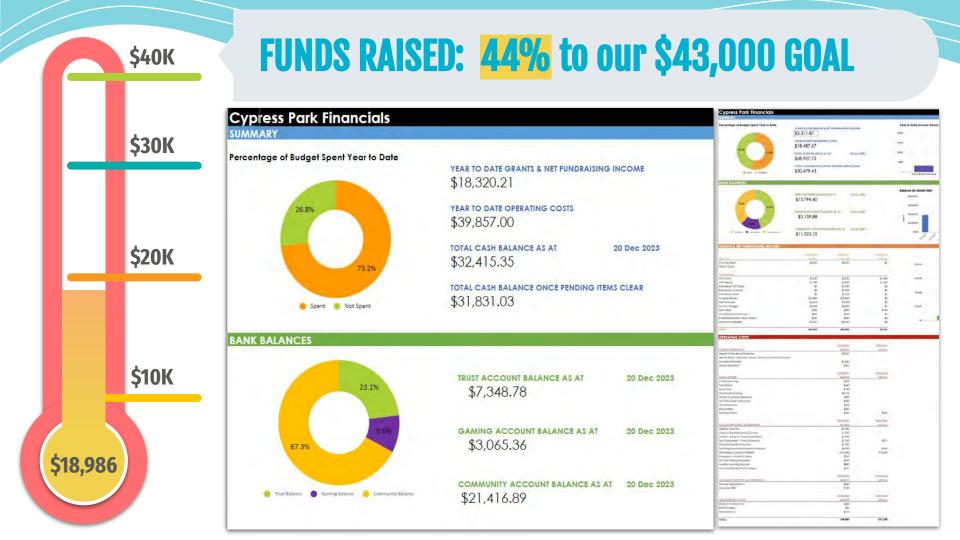
VP Report

Experts, Culture, After School

Science, Nutrition, Dance, Skating, Gr 3 Transition, Martial Arts & Steamoji's



What are we doing well? What could we do more of?



UPDATED BUDGET VOTING REALLOCATION - \$1,150 + \$2,300

| FUNDS REALLOCATION | 2023/2024 | | NEW |
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| | BUDGET | CHANGES | BUDGET |
| Experts in Residence Programs | \$3,600 | -\$1,150 | \$2,450 |
| Emergency, Health & Safety | \$300 | \$175 | \$475 |
| Dundarave Tree | \$300 | \$70 | \$370 |
| Grade 3 Leadership | \$0 | \$300 | \$300 |
| Spirit Wear for Teachers | \$300 | \$50 | \$350 |
| Teaching Resources/Classroom Supplies | \$3,000 | \$555 | \$3,555 |
| Technology/Classroom Wishlist | \$13,060 | \$2,300 | \$15,360 |





PAC PURCHASES \$39,857 - YEAR TO DATE OPERATING COSTS

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 - Makedo Lab Cardboard tools (\$246.38), Primary math shakers (\$127.63), Reading whisper phones (\$73.95), Wooden number tiles (\$53.96), Plus plus baseplates (\$20.06), CVC words for Reading (\$35.84), Letters for Reading (\$19.03), Reading Resource (\$39.19), Dolls for playhouse (\$23.51), Chair bands for self-reg (\$13.37), Ikea baskets/shelving (\$322.46), Storytelling puppets (\$250.88), Noise cancelling Headphones (\$129)
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FUNDING FUTURES \$2,300 – Sponsorship Program

OUR MISSION: To raise \$20,000 for school resources & equipment, experts-in-residence programs, student-in-need fund, health education, social & cultural enrichment initiatives & so much more!

V A BIG THANK YOU TO...

The Wan Family & Ellie, Antoni Family & Nicholas both for the generous sponsorship of 4 new kindergarten tables, Manhas Family & Jeevan, Dosen Family & Avery, for the new book series, ALL in Grade 1!







UPDATES EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

MOVIE NIGHT – NOV 28 A big thanks to Neda, Sylvia, Dolly, Nikki, Bianca, Caitlin, Rebecca & all the other volunteers & everyone for attending!

R IS FOR RAFFLE \$11,130 - 71% Sold

THANKS AGAIN for all of your hard work with the R is for Raffle & for attending movie night! CONGRATS to our Top Students for selling the most tickets:

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Together we raised \$11,330 for school resources, experts-in-residence programs, health education & social enrichment. Thank you so much for your support & congrats again to all our raffle <u>winners</u>!









Dundarave Tree - 7estival of Lights

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Holiday Performance Thanks to the Baldwin, Holmes & Quilty Families









GearPicks Pack

Primary Reading Power Lesson Plan Anchor Book: "Wishes of the World" by Melissa Stiveson Strategy: Transform

Intention

Transform is a strategy whereby a reader experiences some form of new thinking or re-arranged thinking after reading a book. Being aware that books can sometimes change out thinking in some way and focusing particular attention to "before and after" thoughts can help students understand this strategy better. In this lesson, students will practice this strategy to transform thinking about wields.

Begin the lesson

- Remind students that good readers use both "book reading" (decoding the words) and "brain reading" (understanding the words) when they are reading. Tell the students that today, you will be practicing something to help them with their brain reading.
- Tell students that sometimes, when you read a book, it can change your thinking in some way. Before you read, you have a thought in your head and while you are reading, the thought might stretch, change, or look a little different rafter you finish reading. When this happens, your thinking has been transformed like a "transforme" toy starts out as a robot, then transforms into a vehicle; still the same tay, only now it looks afferent).
- Explain that not all books transform our thinking and not all books transform ever reader. Paying attention to our thinking before and after we read can help us in when books are transforming.
- Write the word "WISH" on the whiteboard or chart stand (see ter
- Explain that you will be reading a book about wishes but b students to think about wish

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Adrienne Gear



Adrienne is a literary expert from Vancouver



subscription

To recommended books that teachers can use as anchor or mentor texts

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lesson plans

Include strategies to engage thinking. connect, question, visualize, infer & transform



collaboration time

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Storytelling PUPPETS

Research

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CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

FUNDING

FUTURES

Sponsorship Program





THANKS! Christmas Hamper



2 Families, 9 People



54 Gifts, 21 Gift Cards

All the Joy



CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY

PARKING

OPEN FOR BIDS VIP PARKING

Are you tired of the morning rush & missed out last term on the VIP park spot? This is your chance!

- What? 2 Designated VIP Parking spots available for silent auction (Term 2: Jan Mar)
- Top bid so far: \$650
- How? Send your bids to info.paccpp@gmail.com
- **Deadline?** Friday, December 22

Bid on your family's own designated parking spot, conveniently located near the school entrance. Your bid directly contributes to our school's enrichment programs, extracurricular activities & resources.





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- Parent Experts: 16 responses; more welcome!
- Feedback on dance; new ideas for next year?

A BIG THANK YOU TO...

Christine & Roz for organizing!



Register TODAY O AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM STEAMOJI'S VEX ROBOTICS

THURSDAYS 2:30-3:30PM

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

TERM 2: JANUARY 10 - MARCH 13 | 2:30-3:30PM

Wednesdays: Martial Arts (Gr 1-3)

- <u>Registration Details</u>
- Email joelgmma@gmail.com

Thursdays: Steamoji's Robotics (K-3)

- <u>Registration Form</u>
- Email to <u>westvancouver@steamoji.com</u>

TERM 3: Tues: Yoga, Thurs: Sportball - In progress

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Mahsa & Josette for organizing!





MUNCHALUNCH HOT LUNCH

- RAISED: \$2,218
- **DEADLINE** is Mon, Dec 29 for orders the first week back on Mon, Jan 8
- Well Fed (Mondays)
- Fresh Bay Pizza (Wednesdays)
- Aburi Sushi Market (Fridays)
- Same pricing
- **Reminder** no changes 2 weeks before delivery date.
- ORDER TODAY: <u>https://munchalunch.com/</u>

A BIG THANK YOU TO...

Kristi for coordinating!



New Year Planning

- What are we doing well?
- What would you like more of?

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• Ideas?

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• <u>Notes...</u>



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- Feb 27 @ 7PM

Do we want to start having the evening meetings here? Do we want to move them earlier 5/5:30PM so that Scott & Christine can go home?

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CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thanks

ANY QUESTIONS?

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