



CYPRESS PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cypress Park Parent Advisory Council

PAC Meeting May 28, 2024

The meeting was called to order by PAC Chair N. Quilty 5:43pm.

N. Quilty gave the land acknowledgment.

IN ATTENDANCE

Principal S. Slater, Vice Principal C. Hulme, IB Coordinator A. Anderson, PAC Chair N. Quilty, Vice Chair C. Antoni-Wilkinson, Member K. Millius, Treasurer R. Vernon, Co-Secretary E. Baldwin, Member M. Mohajerani, Member K. Boyd, Member A. Barrow, DPAC Representative J. Calleja, Member R. Yada, Member E. Hernandez, Member D. Howard, Member B. Campbell, Member N. Hincks, Member J. Perez, Member R. Cheng, Member R. Baggio, Member B. Perez, Member G. Nazeri, Member C. Howard, Member N. Jafari

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

N. Quilty reviewed the meeting minutes from April 2024. The approval of the minutes from the April 2024 PAC meeting was motioned by C. Antoni-Wilkinson and seconded by M. Mohajerani. All members were in favour. The April 2024 PAC meeting minutes were approved.

IB UPDATE

Mrs. Anderson provided the IB update.

Next year (April 2025) we are undergoing an evaluation as part of the IB process. We will have IB evaluators at Cypress Park. We have been undergoing evaluations through self reflection. We started this year, and it will be a large part of our year next year. It is large feedback giving, supportive process that looks at all parts – environment, culture and learning practices. Every IB school goes through this evaluation every 5 years. Staff are going through assessment and inclusion policies and updating and reflecting. Doing a self study questionnaire – where do we think we are in terms of assessment and resources. It is collaborative and in-depth process. The school is looking for parent involvement. The school is hoping to create a focus group of interested parents that can be reflective and give feedback to move the school forward. The focus group commitment would entail meetings once or twice in the fall. There will be questions about the culture and environment. The evaluators are at the school for 2 days, observing classrooms, teachers and at the school district. They may also want to meet the parents to get their feedback and perspective. Can always contact Mrs. Anderson for more details.

R. Vernon, R. Yada, E. Baldwin, N. Hincks and M. Mohajerani volunteered to be on the parent committee/focus group. If anyone has any questions, or is interested in joining the parent group, contact Mrs. Anderson.

R. Yada asked how IB is doing in the world – how is it progressing, is it becoming more popular? Yes, it is very progressive, lots of teacher professional development. It is constantly changing and evolving and is very collaborative. We have the framework of IB worldwide – you could go to another IB school around the world and the framework would be similar.

J. Calleja – how much flexibility is there to infuse IB into the curriculum? It is a different value system – it is a framework and philosophy of a student driven format of learning. There is a common language. We embed the curriculum within that framework. Teachers have planning time and additional training to execute.

The students have been working on making their own learner profile posters. They are using indigenous animal puppets on the posters to represent the learner profiles. There was a representative from the Squamish Nation teaching students about some of the language. The classes made presentations about the animals. Students and teachers collaborated on the sentences. Students then picked pictures.

NEW PAC MEMBERS

All parents are members of the PAC. The members voted all in favour of the following positions:

PAC Executive Team (vote):

- PAC Chair: N. Quilty
- Vice Chair: R. Yada
- Treasurer: R. Vernon
- Co-Treasurer: Open – need to find someone as R. Vernon has just one more year at Cypress Park
- Communications/Secretary: E. Baldwin
- DPAC Representative: N. Hincks

Thank you to C. Antoni-Wilkinson and J. Calleja who will be leaving Cypress Park.

All executive members were voted in.

Class Representatives:

- Kindergarten: E. Baldwin and S. Stojkovich
- Grade 1: D. Howard and N. Jafari
- Grade 2: R. Cheng and Open
- Grade 3: G. Nazeri and M. E. Diaz Barriga

Program Coordinators:

- Experts-in-Residence: R. Baggio
- After School: B. Campbell
- Hot Lunch: M. Mohajerani
- Garden Committee: K. Boyd
- Lunar New Year: R. Cheng
- Nowruz: Open – need to fill this position
- Social Media: D. Howard

Thank you to K. Millius who will be leaving Cypress Park.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The PAC has raised 82% (\$30,290) of their goal of \$43,000.

PAC PURCHASES

Year to date operating costs are \$62,144. Purchases already made for the 2023/2024 school year include:

- 2024-25 MunchaLunch Online Service (\$168)
- Tether Ball (\$25)
- Recess Skip-its (\$25)
- Grips for pencils: \$8.92
- Lead refills for K pencils: \$15.55
- Twist and write pencils for K: \$18.45
- Disc Golf Basket Target 24 Chain: \$176
- Rainbow SkyBlazer Foam Discs: \$24
- Library Books: \$1304.49
- Library scanner: \$93.92
- Adapter for iPad to projector: \$15.11
- Watercolour paper: \$190.46
- Paint: \$107.07
- Chair bands: \$17.01
- Lacrosse sticks and balls: \$82.68
- Foam Fridays bees: \$77.41
- Crochet hooks: \$14.64
- Yarn: \$17.91
- Sidewalk chalk: \$42.79
- Lunar New Year: -\$421
- Saleema Noon: -\$420
- Beaty Boxes: -\$250.00 Thanks again to Christopher family
- Raffle Ticket Printing: -\$212.80
- Kindergarten Table Purchase: -\$2,105.67 Thanks again to the Antoni and Wan Family
- Dundarave Festival of Lights Tree: -\$300 Thanks to Calleja and Holtby Family
- Jess Dance: -\$1,750.00 Thanks to the Baldwin, Holmes and Quilty Families
- Fairmont Chateau Whistler Prize: -\$348
- Bank Fees and Outdoor Classroom: -\$58.75
- Teacher Gifts (\$2,645)
- Hot Lunches (\$8,806)
- Gift Cards (\$2,542)
- 16x Mini Basketballs and Whistles (\$85)
- 8x Every Child Matters Orange Shirts (\$201)
- 8x Spirit Wear – Teachers Uniforms (\$342)
- 4x Pop-up Soccer Nets (\$173)
- 80x Brain Break Bean Bags (\$115)
- Teaching Resources (\$3,850) Thanks to the Hincks, Gouneili, Diaz Barriga, Little, Campbell, Quilty, Vernon, Barrow, Little, Gouneili and Yang families
- 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)
- Literary Learning Resources (RAZ Kids, Reading Canada, Adrienne Gear - \$3,000)
Thanks to Hincks, Baggio, Quilty Families
- 10x iPads, Apple Care and cases (\$8,212) Thanks to the Antoni, Baldwin, Jakovljevic and Quilty Families
- Experts in Residence - Jess Dance (\$1,750)
- Earth Bites (\$550) Thanks to the Baldwin, Holmes and Quilty Families
- 2x Imagine Play stand (\$2,082) Thanks to the Antoni Family
- Health and Safety, First-Aid (\$450)
- Physical Literacy (\$627)
- Management: Gaming License (\$25)
- Stamps (\$19)

2024/2025 BUDGET

- N. Quilty reviewed the proposed budget for the 2024/2025 school year. She reviewed the current actuals and the projected budget for next year. A few items noted:
- The gaming grant has been submitted, and the PAC is hoping to get the grant for next year.
- The Whole Foods Grant – helped pay for earth bites, but now doing this through feeding futures.
- The DPAC lets the community know when grants are available.
- Next year – N. Quilty will purchase Isetta cards, and then sell them to the PAC to help promote the Isetta PAC kick-back program.
- Holiday planters are a lot of work, and there were no volunteers so that program has been cut.
- Experts in residence expense has increased.
- The PAC is going to bring back high touch high tech to cover the science component.
- Stream of Dreams – this is an expensive initiative, but we could do it for grade 3's each year as a legacy project.
- Will add the Cherry Blossom festival next year at the end of April.
- Health education is done every second year.
- For many events, parents just end up donating items, so there has been a contingency added to the budget, although the cost is likely zero.
- Dunderave tree may be removed next year as it is a lot of work for teachers to organize the decorations before the December 1st deadline.
- Spirit wear was purchased for the teachers this year. There is a budget for any new teachers.
- Literacy – RAZ kids costs \$1,200.

- Many books need to be replaced every year due to wear and tear.
- Grade 3 leadership and action club are new items.
- Total expenses – operating expenses include hot lunch.
- N. Quilty and S. Slater noted that 82% of the government budget goes to staff salaries. 18% goes to resources such as paper etc. Our district population is in a stable population – most Ministry funds go to growing districts such as Surrey. This is part of the reason the PAC fundraises so much for the school “extras”.
- PAC revenue source can be restrictive such as raffle revenue which is under a gaming license.
- Larger donations should be done through school cash online as you get a tax receipt.
- If you make a purchase on the square site – the money goes straight to the PAC and can be used right away (same with e-transfers). However, there is a fee to use square.
- iPads – last year we purchased a significant amount.
- Next year, the school will need ten new iPads.

The PAC then voted to approve the upcoming school year budget. All were in favour. None were opposed. The 2024/2025 school year PAC budget was approved.

FUNDING FUTURES

The PAC has raised 44% (up from 33% last month) of its goal (\$8,840). Our mission: To raise \$20,000 for school resources and equipment, experts-in-residence programs, student-in-need fund, health education, social and cultural enrichment initiatives and so much more. Thank you to the new sponsorships.

CALENDAR

The events and fundraising calendar for the remainder of the school year is as follows:

- May 1 - 29 – Whale Flipper Beaty Box
- May 23 – Kindergarten Welcome
- May 24 – West Bay Spring Fair
- May 30 – VP for the Day
- May 31 – Grade 3 Welcome to West Bay
- June 7 – Early Dismissal 12:05 and Sports Day – looking for volunteers for watermelon and popsicles.
- June 14 – Fun Run and Year End BBQ
- June 25 – Grade 3 Leaving Ceremony

EXPERTS-IN-RESIDENCE

The experts in residence schedule for this school year is as follows:

1. Health: Field hockey (Nov 1 and 3)
2. Self-Expression/Dance: Jess Dance (Week of Dec 11)
3. FINAL PERFORMANCE: Dec 15 at 2:00 PM
4. Martial arts: Dec/Jan
5. Health: Lacrosse (Feb 7)
6. Health: Saleema Noon (Feb 9)
7. Health: Class skating trip G3 (Feb 29)
8. Health: Yoga (March 13)
9. Fencing: April 10

10. Science: Marine Beaty Box (April 3 - May 1)
11. Science: Whale Flipper Beaty Box (May 1 - 29)
12. Nutrition: Earth bites (Apr 19, May 10 and June 11)

NOTES: Business, Powerplay Young Entrepreneurs, Community Volunteer or outreach

Thank you to Ms. Hulme, N. Quilty and R. Baggio for running these projects and R. Vernon for running the finances.

EARTHBITES

There is a lot of new growth around the school in the garden boxes. The students really enjoy taking care of the garden boxes that were planted during the Earth Bites sessions.

ARTWORK

The students have been working on lots of new art projects using art supplies purchased by the PAC.

BEATY BOX WHALE

The Beaty Box Whale box has been a great teaching resource in the classrooms.

NEW RECESS SPORTS

Tetherball and skip-its have been recently purchased and well used at recess.

HEART TREE PLATTER

Auction starting bid in \$200. The Cypress Park Heart Tree platter is a way to keep a piece of your child's school years forever and a beautiful reminder of their early education and friendships that they made at Cypress Park. Each student chose their color and thumbprint location.

There is only one platter per class, and each are personalized with every student and teacher's name and thumbprint.

To bid, please email info.paccpp@gmail.com or message your class rep.

SPIRIT CUTLERY

Cypress Park spirit wear cutlery is now available to purchase for \$10. Designed with convenience, durability, and school spirit in mind, our Cypress Park cutlery sets are the perfect companion for enjoying delicious meals. Say goodbye to flimsy plastic utensils and hello to a more enjoyable dining experience! N. Quilty noted that there is a white plastic piece inside – you should take it out, as it may make it difficult for younger students to open the case.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

The new kindergarten class visited Cypress Park on Thursday, May 23rd. There was the following at the event:

- Movie Theme

- Personalized Welcome Tickets
- Red Carpet and Popcorn
- Movie Screening
- Exploration Stations and Parent Overview

CONGRATS LILY ROSE! VP FOR THE DAY

Final Bid \$700 – Thursday May 30th. The day will include:

- 8:30AM – Hot chocolate and announce extended recess.
- 10:05AM – Supervise her fellow students at recess.
- Lunch – Special lunch with a Friday and a friend in Ms. Hulme's office.
- 12:05PM – Host a crafting and drawing club at recess. With her bid, the PAC has purchased the following items for a special craft time: colored construction and card stock paper, Crayola markers x2, pom poms, pipe cleaners, foam shapes, googly eyes, stamps, black magic scratch paper and foam sparkle stickers.
- 1:30PM – Lily Rose will bring new her VP notebook and special pens to an important meeting with Superintendent Chris Kennedy.
- 2-2:30PM – Longer exploration time in her class that day.

PARENT SOCIAL

Friday, June 14th 12:30 – 2:00PM. 21 tickets have sold so far. Tickets cost \$25 and include:

- 2x glasses of wine by winemaker of the year Charles Smith Wines
- Live music by Geoff Gibbons
- Nibbles from Puccini's
- Draw prizes from Everything Wine

The Parent Social will be hosted across the street from the school at the Baldwin residence at 4339 Morgan Crescent, West Vancouver. Thanks to A. Barrow for donating the wine.

FUN RUN and YEAR-END BBQ

Friday, June 14th 2:00 – 5:30PM. 38 tickets sold so far. Event tickets are \$15 and includes:

- Eight giant bouncy games
- Hot dogs
- Drinks
- Frozen treats
- Snacks

We need fifteen volunteers, to hand out sticks, set up and be a field Marshall, barbeque, monitor the dunk tank and more. Please sign up.

DUNK TANK

Friday June 14th 2:30-4:00PM. So far sixteen tickets have sold. The dunk tank will be as follows:

- Dunk Tank \$10 for three tickets – Splash for Success: dunk tank challenge featuring your favorite teachers! Only kids are allowed to play.
- Auction for VP dunk – We will be hosting a silent auction to dunk Ms. Hulme with something special - think pom poms, Jello, spaghetti or something creative and fun!

- 5x \$100 (\$500)

We need eleven volunteers – please sign up. Class reps should send a personal message to their grade WhatsApp groups.

EXTRA EVENT FUNDRAISING

Friday, June 14th 2:00 – 5:30PM. The following are extra fundraising initiatives and the projected income:

- Pledge Sheets – \$2,500
- Funding Futures – \$14,000
- Thumbprint Platters – \$1,200 (4x 300)
- Farmer's Market and Book Fair – \$500
- Jelks Carnival: 8 Inflatable Carnival Games, 2 Generators and Dunk Tank (Cost: - \$1,624)

SPLASH FOR SUCCESS and BOUNCY GAMES

Tickets for the Dunk Tank are selling for \$10 for three tickets. The Dunk Tank featuring your favorite teachers, coaches, and dads. Teacher's will go first, then the special dunk auction winners (e.g. pom poms, spaghetti, Jello), then the dads.

FUN RUN - Prizes and Pledges

Friday, June 14 at 2:30pm.

Prizes include:

- PYJAMA PARTY!
- 2 Whitecaps Game Tickets (Sat, Jun 29, 2024)
- Multi-Sport Summer Camp by Private Coaching Co.
- One-Month Lite membership at Steamoji
- Ice Cream from Earnest Ice Cream

Prizes will be awarded for:

- Top Class: Highest fundraising class wins a PYJAMA PARTY!
- Pledge Sheets: Top three fundraisers.
- Fastest: Runner with most laps
- Most Consistent: Student that has attended EVERY Run Club
- Extra Credit: All fundraisers who reach a minimum of \$200 get 3 extra Dunk Tank tickets at the Year-End BBQ

The PAC is looking for parent volunteers. Please sign up today.

GRADE 3 WEST BAY TRANSITION

- TERM 3: NEW Spring Fair (Friday, May 24)
- TERM 3: A visit to West Bay and family orientation with Mr. Slater. Grade 4 Cypress Park alumni will be tour guides. Picnic with all grade 3s. Parent drive there for 11:45ish, have a tour, lunch, playground play. Then drive back at 2:15PM (May 31)
- TERM 3: Leaving Ceremony (Tuesdays, June 25 @ 1:30) Ceremony in the gym, video highlights with voice-over key memories throughout the year, snacks, decorations and

photobooth, exchange of fairy door keys to kindergartens and flowers to the grade 3s, yearbook created and printed by parents, picnic at Stearman beach afterwards. Thank you to Ms. Hulme, Mr. Slater, A. Barrow and R. Baggio for coordinating.

NEXT YEAR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- TERM 1: Fencing (Wednesday) and Steamoji's (Thursdays)
- TERM 2: Steamoji's (Wednesday) and Martial Arts (Thursdays)
- TERM 3: Sportball/Multi-Sport and Something new?
- OPTIONS? Lights up, Young Actors, Yoga, Art/Painting/Crafts?

Fencing was very popular this year. The PAC is also looking into Makerlab, Code Ninjas and Steamoji to compare. The PAC has a good relationship with the Martial Arts program. Currently the PAC does not make any money off the after-school programs. Considering whether there should be a kick-back from the vendors to the PAC for next year given the amount of work involved.

Thank you to M. Mohajerani for coordinating this year and to B. Campbell for taking on the after-school program coordinator for next year.

HOUSEKEEPING

Bell Times and Calendar

The 2024/2025 school days will run from 8:30am to 2:30pm. The calendar including holidays, pro-d days and school days for the upcoming school year has been determined. Student led conferences next year will overlap with West Bay.

DPAC UPDATE

Vaping – Rockridge is a “Youth and Vaping” info session on June 12th. Vaping is declining among youth in our district. 24% of students have tried it.

A.I. – another district discussion with take place in September.

Harry Jerome Oval - is scheduled to open by Christmas. Will be used by North Shore schools from 9am-5pm. The space will then be rented out after hours by athletic clubs. There will be a 6-lane track, artificial turf field, and it caters to all track events.

Indigenous Education – The Superintendent of Indigenous Education came to speak. He appealed to parents to have an open heart and open mind about different world views. It is woven into the delivery process of the curriculum; it does not take away from the curriculum. There are 130 Indigenous kids in the West Vancouver School district.

There will be no principal moves next year.

Both local and international enrolment increasing in the district.

Thank you to J. Calleja for presenting.

ADMIN UPDATE

C. Hulme presented the Vice Principal report.

Run Club has been a success. There has been feedback that the field would be a safer course on dry days. Run club will switch to the field on dry days to avoid the gravel/rocks.

Ribbons have been given out to students as they achieve milestones.

Certificates will be awarded to those that consistently attended run club – so far there are about nine students that have been to every run club.

The last run club will be on June 13th. There will also be a parent volunteer tea that morning.

The summer reading club librarian visited the school yesterday and spoke to all four classes.

June 1st is the start of registration for summer reading club at the library. Cypress Park has won the reading challenge the last few years. The club encourages students to read for 15 min over 50 days of the summer.

Welcome to K was a huge success – thank you to N. Quilty for presenting on behalf of the PAC. There were seventeen families in attendance.

This Friday the grade 3's will visit West Bay. The Cypress Park Grade 4 alumni will tour and have prepared a scavenger hunt.

Next Monday there is a presentation to the district on our FESL. Our goal is around literacy and having inclusive practices in school. A. Anderson and B. Sedgwick will be presenting. Next year we will be back in a one-year cycle and establish a new goal for Cypress Park. We would like parent feedback on the new FESL goal.

Next Friday is Sports Day. There will be Cypress Park alum (grade 7), back to help run the stations.

June 10th there will be a spring concert for parents and families at 2:00pm. The action club will host a lemonade sale right after.

Sports Day will be an early dismissal at 12:05. Parents can start watching at 9:15am that day. Grade 3s will make videos of the new cheers. The videos will be shown to teach the younger grades the new cheers for sports day.

COMMITTEES

Want to learn more about any of the following committees:

- After School Programs
- Year-End BBQ
- Fundraising Committee
- Experts-in-Residence
- Gardening
- Grade 3 Grad
- Culture Committee

Use the QR Code to join the main Cypress Park PAC group.

LAST MEETING

Tuesday June 18, at 9:30AM in the Cypress Park gym.