



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –SEPTEMBER, 2017

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jasmine, Rachel, Sara, Nathalie, Cintia, Joanna, Krisztina, Maren, Lyndsay, Megan, Michelle
15 parents in attendance

ABSENT: Arissa

1. Call to Order, Approval of the Minutes and Adoption of the Agenda

- The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m.
- Approval of the Minutes from the June, 2017 PAC meeting. Motion to approve called by Jasmine; first by Eva, seconded by Krisztina. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to adopt the Agenda for today's meeting by Jasmine. Approved by Eva and seconded by Krisztina. Approved unanimously.

2. Principal's Report

Thank you to curriculum night attendees.

New attendance procedures for elementary schools – teachers directly enter attendance to myedbc – electronic attendance submitted at 9:15am. Ministry can now see daily attendance online - streamlines process. TOCs still taking paper attendance.

Gr 5/6 outdoor school – 71 students. Sea to Sky outdoor school program – Camp Elphinstone (YMCA camp). 5 volunteer parents plus 4-5 staff. Program included the philosophy of Free the Children this year – global and environmental stewardship, global leadership – activities designed to kick off units of enquiry at school. Programming incredibly rigorous: 16,000 steps the first day, in addition to canoeing. Hiked to top of Gambier Island and back. Positive feedback having a day off school (PD day) immediately following outdoor school.

PD Day – two teacher groups – 1. District executive function team – next step in self-regulation – organization, time management, self-regulation, how to prepare oneself (readiness), how to conduct oneself – these skills don't fully develop until age 25. One strategy is to take a picture of a successful "readiness" – set out items that should be in backpack for school readiness, for example, so that kids can reference the photo to make sure they are "ready". Sarah Ward (Massachusetts General Hospital) leading clinician around executive function. Move among clinicians to change term ADHD to executive function developmental delay.

Saleema Noon – parent information night and student presentations coming next week. Start the conversation at home following the school sessions: do you have any questions about body science?

Fun Lunch closing September 30 – deliveries start Tuesday, October 3.

Successful Bingo Night – acknowledge Krisztina’s tremendous effort, Lyndsay’s time in the kitchen and Nathalie’s family for picking up all materials; thank you to Kristina Hayes for having such a great idea. Looks like we will plan this as an annual event. \$1150 raised to PAC. This was not a grade 7 fundraiser – it was meant to be a community welcome event. Grade 7 fundraiser will be a holiday market.

Foundation Skills Assessment - grades 4 and 7 – numeracy, reading, writing. More choice for kids – for instance, they will be able to choose between several reading passages to which they will respond. Online and pencil/paper tests.

Purchase recommendations to PAC: 1. collapsible tables – for bingo night, we brought in 21 tables (borrowed from another school) – significant time and effort commitment. We have sourced similar tables - \$2500 for 20 tables from Costco. 2. Projectors for 3 classrooms still using rolling cart projectors and laptop speakers – 2 Kindergarten classrooms and 1 Grade 1-2 classroom.

Interesting parent discussions: 1. Ideas for improving safety at front of school 2. Possible parent workshop on how to treat lice – “Lice Ladies” – training on infestation, what to do when they strike.

3. PAC Business

Motion to use funds from gaming grant to purchase 3 classroom projectors and 20 collapsible tables for school use as recommended by Michelle - 1st Nathalie, 2nd Cintia, passed unanimously

Kelly Lin – past sitting chair – nominations for PAC:

Nominate Nathalie Mathieu for Chair, seconded by Lyndsay, passed unanimously

Nominate Megan Williamson for co-Secretary, seconded by Joanna, passed unanimously

Nominate Cintia Martins for co-Secretary, seconded by Eva, passed unanimously

Nominate Maren Teisner, MEMBER-AT-LARGE, seconded by Krisztina, passed unanimously

Nominate Arissa Mehta, MEMBER-AT-LARGE, seconded by Lyndsay, passed unanimously

Nominate Lyndsay Charles, MEMBER-AT-LARGE, seconded by Kelly, passed unanimously

Joanna Baxter remaining as DPAC liaison

Jasmine Morton remaining as Vice Chair

Sara Rezamand remaining as Treasurer

Krisztina Szakaly remaining as MEMBER-AT-LARGE

4. DPAC:

Monthly meeting – DPAC liaison to school (Joanna) – meeting put on by school board for all school liaisons– curriculum, changes, school concerns, community concerns, safety and traffic – great support system – provides snapshot of district. Currently prioritizing vertical deflection (speed bumps) potential sites near schools.

Parent question re: school busses:

Private school bus system has been discussed, but there was a lack of parent interest at the district level.

West Vancouver (other than Lions Bay and Bowen Island) doesn't qualify for public transit because all residences fall within a 5km distance to their catchment schools.

5. Treasurer's Report:

PAC is donating to "place for sports" – new track at West Van High - \$2500 donation – École Cedardale recognized on the 'wall' at West Van High

Vote on the budget for SY 17/18 – motion to approve by Jasmine, first by Kelly, seconded by Sanaz, passed unanimously

Bingo night revenue - \$1150 to PAC

6. Adjournment

- Motion by Jasmine to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Eva. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

NEXT GENERAL PAC MEETING:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017 @ 9:00 A.M. IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY