



PAC MEETING – APRIL 5, 2018

MINUTES

PRESENT: **Nathalie, Jasmine, Michelle, Megan, Kristina, Cintia, Deanna, Lyndsay**

16 parents in attendance

ABSENT: **Joanna, Arissa, Sara**

I. Call to Order

1. Meeting called to order at 6:21pm.
2. Approval of March 9, 2018 minutes – first by Kristina, second by Simon.
3. Motion to change the agenda, removing the guest speaker due to lack of parent participation – first by Cintia, second by Colin.

II. EC Administration - Principal's Report

1. District screening of documentary 'Angst' and panel discussion (led by Chris Kennedy) on anxiety – April 25 at Kay Meek. Information and support.
2. Great turnout for an evening PAC meeting – thank you!
3. Staffing changes and updates:
 - a. Mr Hugo is back to majority of his assignment – will need a few days of help over the next month as he continues his recovery.
 - b. Mme Hernandez working back to being at full capacity; she is also expecting at the end of the summer.
 - c. Mme Bourassa-Lapointe has joined us in grade 5/6 until the end of the year.
 - d. Mme Stina has taken over in the library as of this week.
4. Grade 5-7s chose finalists for district finals for CPF French public speaking contest – presentation at Kay Meek next week. All grade 5-7 kids will be walking over for the morning's presentations.
5. District zone choral performance – April 26 – all Sentinel feeder schools will be at Kay Meek performing.
6. Grade 7s have grade 8 orientation coming up – attend classes, have a bbq, walk back to EC.
7. Quebec trip – a number of students contracted a virus while away but otherwise very successful. Next year's trip is already being planned – using the same tour company again. We will go during Carnival again.
8. Grade 7s PYP exhibition – 8-week unit. Kids now planning research questions. Culmination of IB journey – May 30.
9. Mary Poppins Jr – fully casted and rehearsals underway. Grade 3-7 production (all students participating in some way, whether on-stage, tech, light and sound, design, direction). One performance

on May 17 at Kay Meek (dress rehearsal during the day with an evening performance). Special thanks to Chelsea Read and Stephanie Davenport who are integral to this performance.

10. Year 3 of our school-goal action plan: deepening questioning technique of kids – how do we evaluate a good question – what question do I have to ask to get to the root of what I’m trying to learn. Kids are asking deeper questions – data will be available.
11. Tinker and coding club happens twice/week – open invitations to all grade 3-7 students during lunch. 3D printer up and running with lots of experimentation and troubleshooting.
12. Roots of Empathy – happening in K-2 classrooms – build understanding for non-verbal communication – a baby and trained parent facilitator work with kids looking at nonverbal cues (3 different volunteer parents and babies).
13. Pink Shirt day – we focus on ‘kindness’ rather than ‘anti-bullying’. We talk about kindness and using our words to be assertive and to support kind choices. We want kids to wear whatever colour they want. We also talk to older kids about making good choices around social media and online safety.
14. Booktopia coming for grades 2 and 5 – district initiative at Kay Meek– we’re hoping that with combined classes, more of our students will be able to participate.
15. Staff ProD: IB training – inquiry, taking action; executive function and self-regulation; special education and supporting at-risk learners; more than half of our teachers have either completed or are in process of completing a masters program.
16. Traffic: vertical deflectors installed over spring break; kids have embraced using the flags at crosswalks; we continue to work with the municipality to help us with monitoring – on Burley, Inglewood, and Margaree. Bylaw officers have been and will continue to be out enforcing traffic and parking laws. There are no-stopping areas on Margaree that are not being respected in addition to the ongoing challenges on Inglewood and Burley. Feel free to help us out by calling bylaw enforcement at 604.925.7152.
17. DPAC ‘traffic’ video contest – sponsored by Translink – deadline is April 15. First prize is \$750.
18. Thank you to the PAC for the fall fundraiser – priorities voted on by teachers are the purchase of keva blocks for the library, and math manipulatives that will be shared between classes. The balance remaining was spent on chromebooks to add to our current complement of 10. Total raised was \$6,600.
19. Victory Gardens – Arissa was interested in educational enhancement programs and found Victory Gardens, which offers a 14-month comprehensive program, working with on-site edible gardens and indigenous plants. Teachers receive support materials (lesson plans, ProD materials) and this ties in to the IB curriculum and STEM focus. We have some existing beds in the front of the school, which can be expanded. Some of our challenges have been that kids plant but there is no on-going maintenance, especially over the summer months. With this program, they plan for early- and late-harvesters, and also maintain the gardens over the summer months so that kids see the fruit of their labour. Their goal and our goal with this project is to build community and have whole-school responsibility for the entire garden. Victory Gardens has been working with schools in Richmond, Vancouver and Burnaby. Facilities was part of the meeting and it looks like we will be able to tie in to the existing irrigation system. The Victory Gardens proposal will be considered by the PAC and may be considered as a fundraising option for the Soiree. Request for a parent information session by Victory Gardens should we move forward.
20. Thank you to the PAC for the purchase of the GagaBall hardware. Thank you to Griff Building Supplies and the Charles Family, who approached Griff for the donation of all the building supplies. It is designed to be accessible at any time should the need arise. The GagaBall ‘court’ should be completed by the end of the month, but is somewhat weather-dependent.

III. EC PAC Business

1. Thank you for such a wonderful turnout! This is encouraging given that we had so many challenges with the 'zoom' dial-in both in terms of technology and take-up by parents.
2. Soiree update
 - a. Ticket sales – can be bought on the munchalunch website using your credit card!
 - b. Silent auction donations – we still need donations such as sporting events, special events, hotel stays or special experiences (tours of a business or venue). It's a great opportunity to showcase local businesses, so if you know anyone with a local business, let us know! We are promoting donating businesses on our posters and advertising materials. We could also use more smaller-ticket items, such as small-denomination gift cards,
 - c. Wine cellar donations – the wine cellar is so far still quite small, and this is often one of our largest money-makers of the soiree. The entire wine cellar is auctioned-off at the live auction, so any donations are appreciated. This is a great way to contribute in a small way – just bring in a bottle of wine or two to the office any time.
 - d. We still need volunteers for the Soiree – your help is appreciated!
3. Other updates
 - a. We need volunteers! The PAC is always in need of volunteers, and we currently need a Treasurer for the EPAC. Please reach out to Kristina, Jasmine or Nathalie – email addresses are on the school's web page.
 - b. Volunteers are also needed for Mary Poppins – sets, minor construction – let Michelle know.
 - c. Suggestion from Taryn to add PAC meetings and events to the main school calendar – Michelle to talk to Michelle F.
 - d. Taryn has volunteered to coordinate and communicate guest speaker opportunities in the district.

IV. Treasurer's Report

1. Sara is stepping down at the end of her three-year term as she is accepting a new job – we are tremendously grateful for her service!
2. We need a new Treasurer – ideally someone with accounting or bookkeeping experience. A job description is available from the PAC.

V. DPAC Report

1. First Wednesday of the month at 9:15 – there are often guest speakers followed by a panel – the next meeting on April 25 will be moderated by Chris Kennedy after a viewing of the documentary 'Angst'. Most DPAC initiatives sell out – tickets are still available and are \$10.
2. April 18 – healthy eating / lunches workshop. Details were in the Hawks Highlights today.
3. Special screening of "Screenagers – Growing up in the Digital Age" – April 10 at 6:30pm at Upper Lynn Gym (1540 Coleman St) – cost is \$5.00. After the screening, registered clinical counselor and Upper Lynn parent, Tyler Milley, will be leading a discussion about the issues raised in the film.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Colin to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Simon. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

NOTE: All PAC meeting minutes are available on the EC Website. Quorum is 20 parent members. According to the constitutional change approved by the membership in previous years, if quorum is not obtained, the members present will constitute quorum and a binding vote will be held. Child-minding is not available at the meeting. *** The ECPAC recognizes that General Meetings are not the appropriate place to discuss school personnel, individual students or parents.***

NEXT GENERAL PAC MEETING:

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018 @ 9:00 A.M. IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY