

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING –JUNE 16, 2017

MINUTES

PRESENT: Rachel Lu (Chair), Jasmine Morton (Vice Chair), Maren Teisner (Secretary), Kristina Szakaly (Member at Large), Principal Michelle LaBounty and 12 parents (for portions of the meeting and/or the whole meeting).

ABSENT: Sara Rezamand (Treasurer) & Joanna Baxter (DPAC Rep)

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

- The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.
- Approval of the Minutes from the April 28 & May 26, 2017 PAC meetings. Motion to approve by Kirstin, seconded by Kristina. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to adopt the Agenda for today's meeting. Approved by Simone and seconded by Kirstin. Approved unanimously.

2. Principal's Report

Public Speaking Contest: Sierra, a Grade 7 student, represented Cedardale at the District final for a public speaking contest and she won the Provincials. Each student had prepared a 3-5 minute presentation and answered questions afterwards.

Cap Stone Project: Mme. LaBounty said she is seeing amazing things from Cedardale's students with the Cap Stone Project. This project is built into IB.

French Immersion Co-ordinator: Michel Yin has been appointed to the role of District French Immersion Co-ordinator again this year. He has a lot of experience within the District.

Outdoor School will take place on September 19-21 and approximately 75 students will go. It is an amazing experience that is run by the Sea to Sky Outdoor School, which focuses on environmental leadership. Cedardale is looking for volunteers to come along (several Dads are needed).

Quebec Grade 7 trip: in the past Cedardale has been happy with Immersion Tours and we will go with them again for next year. Mme. LaBounty will meet with EF Tours to see what offerings they have as well. The District has required all schools to have increased insurance requirements in case a trip has to be cancelled. The company has to carry the additional insurance and it must be included in the cost.

Bingo Night. Mme. LaBounty talked about having a PAC sponsored back to school bingo night. Kristina and Lyndsay will help with the food and everything will be pre-ordered. The cost to rent a Bingo machine is \$40. Bingo cards will also be rented. This will be a fun event for the whole family.

Christmas Fair: the Grade 7 class will do a Christmas Fair instead of the Welcome Back BBQ to raise funds for their trip to Quebec.

Earthquake drill: will take place this afternoon. The drill will be run like it was a real emergency. Otherwise it is a regular school day and the children attending La Maison will go there after school. During the drill parents will not be allowed in the building.

Class placement forms: no forms will be accepted if they are late. The process of placing students in classes for next has been started. Each child is looked at individually to see the best fit with their peers, with the best teacher etc. It takes the teachers a very long time complete.

Coding: The Coding Club presented at the West Vancouver Library. They had built Arcade Games. Cedardale's Coding Club is a lunchtime program with approximately 30 students run by Mme. Klaus. Cedardale has new equipment going in next year because a 3D printer has been donated by a parent.

PAC thank you: Mme. LaBounty thanked PAC for their contributions this year. Risers were purchased in collaboration with a grant. Stands for the music classes and band were also purchased along with new instruments. Mme. LaBounty thanked the members of the PAC Executive for their hard work.

Misc:

- Saleema Noon has been signed up for next year.
- PAC will meet June 21 at 2 p.m. to talk about the budget.
- There is a new timeline for FSAs for the Grade 4 and 7. The tests will be written in the fall.
- Mme. LaBounty invited all parents to the Volunteer Appreciation Tea during Sports Day.
- The District wants everyone to know they have a balanced budget.

3. PAC Business

The PAC has a healthy budget this year. The chrome books have been purchased with grant money.

The Student education grant denied Cedardale purchasing the Jump Math books because they are a consumable.

Mme. LaBounty proposed that PAC purchase Jump Math books instead. PAC has approximately \$1,500 to be targeted to the Chrome books but it was suggested PAC would purchase the Jump Math books instead. The total cost of the Jump Math books are \$3,000 so PAC needs to look at additional funds to purchase the remainder books.

Motion by Jasmine to approve the money that would have been spent on the Chrome Books goes towards purchasing the Jump math books. It was seconded by Eva. All were in favour. Motion was carried.

Motion by Jasmine to put remainder of the funds from curriculum support to purchase the Jump Math books. It was seconded by Cinthia. All were in favour. Motion was carried.

4. DPAC:

Mme. LaBounty did a presentation at the last DPAC meeting about the relationship between the administrators and the PAC. She talked about transparency and communication. There are lots of ways to be involved with DPAC. There is still one position on the District level but you need some DPAC experience. The DPAC is a great resource for support and ideas. Cedardale's current DPAC rep Joanna Baxter is looking for another parent to help out with attending DPAC meetings if she is unable to attend. DPAC meetings are the first Wednesday of the month from 9-11 a.m. Please contact Joanna Baxter if you are interested.

5. Guest speaker: Sentinel Secondary Principal Mike Finch:

Mr. Finch gave a presentation of what Cedardale students will experience when they come to Sentinel and talked about the transition from elementary to secondary school. In elementary school students are close to the teachers but at Sentinel there is a rotation of teachers. During the last few years the elementary schools have

worked with the high schools to make the Grade 8s feel more comfortable. There are students at Sentinel from 27 different elementary schools. In January Sentinel has an information evening for new students and their parents. There are also academy information evenings. In mid May Sentinel host all of the Grade 7 classes for a walk about and a chance to sit down with current students. Teachers are also there to support students. Mr. Finch said Sentinel is an amazing place to learn with so many opportunities for a lot of things and there is something for everybody.

Sentinel's French Immersion program has grown in the last 4 years. This year there are 275 graduates in total and 72 of them are French Immersion students. At the Secondary level French Immersion is more challenging and Mr. Finch encouraged parents to make sure it is the right fit for their child. The dual certificate program is based on a number of credits. Different work habits are required in French Immersion. French Immersion is not offered online. Graduates of French Immersion go in many different directions. In Grade 8 all late French Immersion students stay together. But by Grade 9 they are together. There is a Day 1/Day 2 rotation so no students gets the same classes two days in a row. In electives they are in classes with everyone else. Sentinel has approximately 1,300 students this year with 15-20% being French Immersion. PJ and Ecole Cedardale students automatically go to Sentinel no matter where you live. Sentinel has the AP stream, which is the first year of universities courses. AP is a Grade 12 program. Exams are written in May. It is the largest AP program in Canada.

5. Adjournment

- Motion by Cinthia to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Simone Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am.

NEXT PAC MEETING IS THE AGM:

SEPTEMBER 29, 2017 @ 9:00 A.M. IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY