



REGULAR GENERAL MEETING –FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018

MINUTES

PRESENT: Michele, Michelle, Cintia, Azadeh, Leila, Sherry, Lorraine, Eva, Arissa

8 OF PARENTS IN ATTENDANCE

ABSENT: Kristina, Naz, Deanna, Lyndsay

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 postponed as minute completion still pending.
- Motion to adopt the Agenda for today's meeting called by Michele; first by Cintia and seconded by Leila. Approved unanimously.

2. Principal's Report

- **Remembrance Day, Nov. 9th, 2018**- went very well. Assembly was attended by Director of Instruction, Alex Campbell who is also the Head of Sentinel Family of Schools. As well as, Mary-Ann Booth who is the newly elected Mayor, former school trustee and school counselor.
- **Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)**- FSA's for grade 4 and 7 have been completed. Format has changed and likely how results will be published will be impacted. They have changed the way Fraser Institute is able to access the information. Teachers and the Ministry of Education have fought how Fraser Institute publishes the information because it is a snapshot of skills/education and a very political issue. There are a number of schools, teachers, districts, and teachers' unions that do not support the FSA, so this skews the results. Not a fair comparison i.e. if a child is on holiday and doesn't write it they score zero. This is not helpful for many schools who may be struggling or having a different focus. However, at Cedardale, we ensure our students are well supported. Luckily, our students don't regard it as a huge struggle and they feel good about the assessment.
- **Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL), Nov. 9th, 2018** meeting was well received with 20 parents plus teachers in attendance to talk about the three year school growth plan. Michelle LaBounty to draft a write up of this meeting, to submit to the district, and to have it available for all stakeholders to access. Our goal is to work on a balance literacy program: scope and sequence for K to 7, so it's not all about literacy in the early years but for all years. Ensuring that all these years are literate and what a balanced literacy program looks like. A parent came up after the meeting to discuss "Financial Literacy." He shared a board game titled, "Cash Flow for Kids" the same author for "Rich Kids Poor Dads." Something to investigate and consider for our students. Another parent sent information re: free workshops provided by the Certified Public Accountants (CPA's) in classrooms

on different aspects on Financial Literacy. Michelle LaBounty has connected with them to sign up classrooms Grade 5-7 for these sessions that are provided for free.

- **WE Day Vancouver- Nov. 21 & 22, 2018-** 25 students are attending this year. It is an eclectic line up of artists this year <https://www.we.org/stories/sneak-peek-of-talent-at-we-day-vancouver-2018/>
- **Choir** is hard at work. Park Royal-South performance is already booked. Dec. 6th 12:30
- **Christmas Concert-** Mme Davenport is preparing students for Dec. 13th performance at the school.
- **Christmas Crackers- Collecting Candy** for the Harvest Project and sister school.
- **Winter Sports-** The intention of the series is to provide our students with an opportunity to learn and participate in a locally accessible sport that promotes healthy physical activity within a social context.
 - Grade 5,6,7. Survey is sent out to collect feedback for the Grade 5, 6, 7 to understand the needs. Overtime, families have opted to not take part in the lessons but have a family ski day or drop the kids at the mountain. The intention was not to drop the kids to ski but for it to be a school activity. If the feedback shows that 75% of the 50% of the returned feedback shows that lessons are not desired, Michelle LaBounty will cancel this program.
 - Grade 3 and 4- snowshoeing, this format will change as this is very tiring for this age group.

- **Call Out for creating committees for Lunar New Year Feb. 5th, 2019 and Persian Nowrooz March 21st, 2019.**

Tremendous appetite across the district to celebrate these two New Years and since we don't have a committee we need one. Michele Tung will work on the Lunar New Year committee, WeChat group a multi layered social media platform: i.e. facebook/twitter/IG.

Persian New Year- Toktam Rouhani will lead this committee.

- **Quebec Trip-** last payment going in the last couple of weeks. All set to go. A few students who have opted to not go this year. Only 2 schools who do big trips like this in West Vancouver.
- **Radon Testing-** the whole school was tested and the gym was identified with higher levels of Radon but still within a normal range. Radon is a naturally occurring gas that comes from the ground and accumulates in the ceiling. Not a fair assessment as the testing was done in the summer when the air handling units were turned off, no one was in the building and the building was sealed. We are currently having some real time radon testing done.

3. **PAC Business-**

- **Michele motioned to elect Azadeh** in as member at large. First by Cintia and seconded by Coreen. Approved unanimously.
- **PIXAR Fundraising Event-** 100 families have signed up, approximately 48% of the families registered at the school. In the past, participation is about 35%. This is 46 percent more people than anticipated. We expected only 258 attendees, but fortunately, to date, 377 people have signed up.
- **Planned Expenditure Committee-** A motion was passed last meeting to strike it. Cintia and Lindsay are leading the committee, teachers are also involved. Committee is essentially a think tank of what will be done with money fundraised i.e. expand the facilities, the academics etc. Arissa has volunteered to join the committee. Michele has extended the invitation for anyone else who would like to join.

- 4. **DPAC:** D-PAC rep Deanna has had to step down from her role as her current position, employee at the District, creates a conflict of interest. Call out for anyone who would like to step into this role, represent us and vote on our behalf. Great opportunity to know what is happening in across the district. Superintendent

and board chair always attend this meeting. The meeting is held the first Wednesday of every month from 9:15am to ~10:15am and held in a portable behind West Vancouver High School. Next meeting will be in January 2019.

5. **French Immersion Advisory Committee:** Call out for a volunteer to join this committee that Michelle is part of. Meeting is held 3x/year. 60-90minutes long. Only 2 meetings left for this school year. Opportunity to hear about what is happening at other French Immersion schools in the district.
6. **Traffic & Safety Committee:** This will be the priority for the New Year. How to start an aggressive campaign to increase parent's awareness of children's safety around the school. i.e. dropping kids off on a cross walk, double parking on Marjoree Rd., illegally parking and blocking sidewalks.
7. **D PAC Report:** Deanna is not here today, this item will be tabled for the next meeting. As well, there is a District Traffic and Safety meeting first week of December. Deanna sits on this committee.
8. **Treasurer Report:** Michele provided summary from Naz. Total Fundraising accumulated: \$37,900. Fun Lunch: \$9800 Bingo Sales: \$1900, Pending money raised from corporate sponsors: 4 cheques.
Michelle thanked the PAC regarding the funds received for the school; \$500 given to each classroom, \$200 given to counselors, Band, Music, PE, ELL, and \$2000 to the Principal's Discretionary (this one is still not written). This allocation of money from the PAC was voted and adopted at the last meeting.
9. **Adjournment**
 - Motion by Michele to adjourn the meeting. First by Cintia. Seconded by Leila. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52am.

NEXT GENERAL PAC MEETING:

JAN. 11, 2019 @ 9:00 A.M. IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY