



PAC REGULAR GENERAL MEETING –THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28TH, 2019

MINUTES

PRESENT: Michele T., Michelle L, Kristina H., Leila, Krisztina, Toktam, Jasmine, Victoria, Taryn, Shaya, Arman, Brigitte, Lindsey, Leanne, Corrine, Delreen, Arissa, Dorian

16 PARENTS IN ATTENDANCE

ABSENT: Cintia, Azadeh, Naz, Lyndsay, Kelly

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

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- At the time, 13 parents in attendance therefore a quorum was not obtained, the members present will constitute quorum and a binding vote will be held.
- Minutes of PAC General Meeting January 11, 2019. Minutes motioned to approve called by Michele, first by Toktam, seconded by Corinne and approved unanimously.
- Motion to adopt the Agenda for today's meeting called by Michele; first by Jasmine and seconded by Victoria. Approved unanimously.

2. Principal's Report

- **Cultural Events:**
 - **Lunar New Year Event** Thank you to all the parents who made this event a success. The Lunar New Year was a celebration of customs and cultures with a culturally diverse group of parents. This demonstrated cultural diversity and understanding that we are celebrating all cultures. A powerful message that people are representing from all cultures.
 - **Nowruz:** next event that will be organized.
 - **Important to note:** all customs and traditions are welcomed to be celebrated. If parents want to come forward to request any other cultural festivities we encourage them to do so. Cedardale does not specifically select which customs to celebrate over others this is parent driven activity. We love to have our students learn from all cultures. We encourage any families who wish to share their cultural events to please come forward.
- **Winter Sports-** Grade 3 &4 did snow shoeing, naturalist visit, resident owl (Cleo), Hiwus Feast House at Grouse Mountain, the K, grade 1 and 2 participated in the skating program. Grade 5, 6 & 7 had skiing lessons at Cypress based on parent feedback received. The experience was well received by students.
- **Fresh Grade-** report cards will come out in 2 weeks online. No longer in paper copy. This will be the first time we will be piloting via this format.

- **Quebec Trip-** 35 grade 7 students went on the Quebec trip for one week. Each day was filled with activities from 7am to 10:30pm. This was a rite of passage for children, an experience they will never forget, helping to build confidence and connections with their friends. Most students will state that this trip is far more exciting than any trip they have experienced. A soft release for parents that they can watch their child grow. Parent comment: "Daily updates sent by the teacher to the parents every night. These updates made us feel we are on this trip with our child. Money well spent." Approximate cost of \$2700 for the week, this included a private guide, security guard at night, bus driver for 3 to 5 days, lunches, 3.5 star hotel that was located centrally, and entry for all activities including dog sledding, traditional dancing, sugar shack, museum, ice-hotel. Thank you to PAC for contributing \$7500 to this event, this translated to approximately \$200 towards each student.
- **Traffic & Safety Blitz:** Our Police liaison will be changing at the moment we do not know who the new officer assigned will be as yet. We had our lockdown drill last week. Students didn't think anything of it, no big deal. We do one lockdown drill per year. This is in case there is a threat inside the building i.e. something or someone in the hallway, we teach kids how to hide and be silent. Being where you can't be seen from the doorway. A team of 5 police officers to manage the drill. The kids know not to open the doors and follow the teacher's instructions. A fast drill that went successfully.
- **Pink Shirt Day:** Happened yesterday at our school. We talked a lot about kindness, not just face to face but also online.
- **Festival D'hiver:** Grade 7 ran the stations for the school
- **E-Bulletin:** Momo hoax. Embedding videos in YouTube to self-harm children. There have been a number of tragic cases where children have followed through with the instructions on this challenge or hoax. This figure has been taken from a sculpture and photograph posted online and YouTube. Reminder to parents to be aware of what children are viewing online- Minecraft, Paw Patrol, Fortnite, Peppa Pig (targeting children as young as 4 years old). Remind children they are supported and they can speak to their parents.
- **Tuesday March 5th**- University of North Carolina (Charlotte) orchestra tour. They will be coming to Cedardale to perform for and with our students.
- **Wed/Thurs/Friday-** the Triad conferences: teacher/parent/child, goal setting. Parents book via an app that Michelle sent out to parents. Reach out to teachers if the times are not convenient.
- **Tobacco Awareness last Monday for Grade 7's-** VCH staff came to speak to our Grade 7's to provide education and awareness around all types of tobacco use particularly with vaping. The biggest trend among high-school students is the uptake of vaping. Health risks and concerns were addressed. Lots of information for parents if you want to have these discussions with your children. The research is quite new with vaping as it's a new form of tobacco use, nevertheless very harmful: Pop-corn lung, subcutaneous absorption. There is evidence of subcutaneous harm from second hand inhalation of the nicotine's vapour. There has been evidence of toxicity via second hand harm. Parent comment: "shouldn't this education be done for younger grades even prior to grade 7?" At this time we are not quite sure whether gearing this information prior to grade 7 is suitable. It will depend on our students and where their minds are at.
- **TCO squared-** Cyberbullying and predation – working with Grade 5,6&7. Well geared towards Grade 7.
- **Gregg Lerock-** An exclusive performance for PJs and Cedardale students at the Kay Meek center. Tickets available for parents.

- **Citizenship ceremony-** this will be held next Friday at Cedardale where a student and her father will be two of 40 people to become Canadian citizens. This will be witnessed by grade 3 to 7's. Some of our students will be performing during this ceremony. District members will be in attendance. One of our Cedardale parents is a Citizenship judge that made this happen and will be presiding over this ceremony. This is a reflection of how proud we are to be Canadian. Ceremony will be bilingual and Mme Read's class shared a message. The ceremony will be MC'd by two Cedardale students.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Michelle L. Presented numbers. Pixar expense on budget despite being double the expected number of students. Healthy Assets
 4. **Planned Expenditure Proposal-** Leanne, Kristina, Lyndsay and Arisa on Committee.

Purpose of PAC is to support the students. Teachers have asked for an outdoor classroom. Today it a budget was proposed for an outdoor classroom "Notice-Engage-Wonder." Benefits of this that it will be a flexible learning environment, with minimal impact on the environment, fits with aesthetics of the school, it is safe, durable, within the district guidelines and permit approved. Cost is ~\$80K, with some volunteer services (2 Cedardale parents may volunteer as architect and design expertise). Currently \$50K is available to fund the project and the remaining to fundraise. In doing so, there is enough to budget for 19/20.

GIC termed deposit covers one year of school budget

Trust is \$8500- directed funds held at District.

Recommended by Planned Expenditure Committee- approved by PAC to present at this GM.

\$20K profit from Fun Lunch, \$71K revenue, \$43K expense

Comment: are we overly cautious with contingency?

Motion to vote for a special meeting on the planned expenditures proposal of an outdoor classroom on March 14 at 9:05 am called by Michele. First by Toktam. Seconded by Delreen. Approved unanimously. At this time we will see if the outdoor classroom is approved before drawings or budget can be commissioned and proposed.

5. **DPAC Report-** Toktam Rouhani was elected as DPAC rep during last January's General Meeting. DPAC meeting are held every first Wednesday of this month.
Last meeting was a continuation of PAC Roundtable Discussion- it's a dialogue around opportunities to share PAC resources and tools with one another.
If anyone is interested in reading the minutes, Michele T. has them available and can send to you.
Lunar New Year was celebrated throughout most schools in the District
District Wide sleep week was held on 18-22 February
Maureen Lee, District Principal of Student Support Services presented the MDI report and plans for Sleep Week that we just had
DPAC has also been invited as a stakeholder in the proposed B-line bus service connecting W Vancouver to Lonsdale and Phibbs Exchange.
There will be a Council meeting on 4 March to discuss the motion of where the B-Line Bus terminus ends, all are invited to attend
Upcoming events:

Next DPAC meeting is 6 March at 9:15 a.m.

Parent education event on 12 March at the Kay Meek “Dreaming of Great Sleep for your Family”

6. Traffic and Safety: Last GM at school we had a round table discussion around traffic and

safety at the school. We identified problems, areas that needed to be targeted, and proposed solutions.

It was noted that Margaret Place has higher traffic volume than previous years – possibly due to construction

We are looking at putting cones around the cul-de-sac to hopefully make it safer for children to come out of the school path and make them more visible

District DPAC meeting it was proposed that schools that are interested in a “student/parent valet parking or cross walk guard programme” get in touch with their Principal.

This is heavily dependent on adult supervision.

Training can be arranged, inform Michelle L if interested.

“Student valet” – car pulls up, student helps open back door to get child out, closes door and then car drives off.

Bylaw Office present at the DPAC meeting advised that parents should directly report infractions to ByLaw and don’t necessarily have to go through the Principal.

If you want to raise awareness about a particular traffic concern at the school, Bylaw can do law enforcement for several days.

Firefighters have the ability to write fines for people that block fire hydrants and make roads inaccessible.

There is a W Van School District Traffic and Safety channel on Slack – people are encouraged to join.

Please let Deanna know of any items that you would find beneficial to the next traffic rep sharing committee, date TBD

7. Adjournment

- Michele thanked the parents, principal and vice-principal and motioned to adjourn the meeting. First by Leila. Seconded by Toktam. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

NEXT GENERAL PAC MEETING: