

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING –APRIL 28, 2017

MINUTES

PRESENT: Rachel Lu (Chair), Jasmine Morton (Vice Chair), Maren Teisner (Secretary), Simone Kresnyak (Member at Large), Kristina Szakaly (Member at Large), Principal Michelle LaBounty and approximately 9 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 9:09 a.m.
- Approval of the Minutes from the January 27 and February 24, 2017 PAC meetings. Motion to approve by Kirstin, seconded by Rupinder. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to adopt the Agenda for today's meeting. Approved by Kirstin and seconded by Rupinder. Approved unanimously.

2. Principal's Report

Music: The Choir and band will perform at the Lighthouse Festival and the Choir performed at Sentinel last week. Mme. Davenport is going on maternity leave after the May long weekend. A new music and band teacher has been hired. Her name is Mme Camille Hesketh and she is a classically trained opera singer who has taught at the Royal Conservatory. She will be the music/band teacher until September and then the position will be re-posted in September.

Construction: The classroom down the hallway should be ready prior to summer holidays.

Salmon: the salmon (over 50 Coho) were released yesterday which was the same number we started with. Bob Baker, the Squamish Nation consultant, was part of the release ceremony.

Hip Hop: Thank you to the parents for having Richard O'Sullivan come to teach hip-hop to the kids.

Technology:

- Discovery Education is an online discovery tech book, which enables teachers to have access to all their material and assign things through Google classroom. It is used by the Grade 7 class.
- Coding is picking up more speed. There will be a coding arcade at the end of May for Grade 2-6. Students will showcase videogames that they have coded. The District has released more funds towards coding.
- Spheros: two spheros have been purchased thanks to a parent who sponsored the purchase.

Student Learning Grant: the Government has announced a student-learning grant of \$35/student. Next school year Jump Math and Handwriting without tears would be covered. Raz Kids (an online English reading program) will be purchased. A ceiling mount projector has been ordered for the new classroom, which costs \$2,800 with speakers and install. (IXL will be paid for by the District for K-7).

Track and field: has started this week. There will be a track meet at West Van Secondary on the last Tuesday of the month. The Field part will be done in PE classes for Grades 4-7.

Vice Principal: The District has decided that there will be a vice principal in every school next year. The Vice Principal is assigned by the District and will be announced shortly.

Enrolment: there has been more movement this year but enrolment has stayed strong. Class sizes have shrunk at the K-2 level. Grade 1-2 will be in non-compliance in September because there will be 24 kids (not the allowed 22). Cedardale will add another division next year and the following year. Classes will stay where they are but the following year learning support will be moved into the meeting space. The portable can be the music room. The Daycare will stay because it is an important resource for a lot of parents.

Unsupervised play after school: Mme. LaBounty reminded parents that there is no supervision for students after school. There have been some incidents with students staying and playing unsupervised and doing and/or bringing things that were not allowed during school hours. It was also frustrating for staff members when students come in at 4 p.m. needing help with various issues. Custodians will begin to lock doors at 3:30 p.m.

Cedardale is an election site: on voting day all the north west doors will be locked and all voters will be forced to go through the main door and into the gym.

3. PAC Business

Amended Soiree Budget: the amended budget was circulated of \$7,200. The amended budget for the Soiree was for the cost of catering. It also included an adjustment for the canvasses of \$660, which were not added into the original budget. The catering is budgeted for \$4000. Motion to vote on the amended budget by Kelly and seconded by Cindy. Motion to approve the budget by Kelly and seconded by Kirstin. Approved

Wishlist: a parent has already purchased \$3,000 worth from the list. Lines will be added to the Wish list at the Soiree to allow people to provide smaller amounts.

Flip form risers and music stands: was paid for by PAC and was used for the band performance last week and for practices.

Earthquake supplies: in the budget there is currently \$500 for earthquake supplies. We have an increased number of students and need earthquake supplies items worth \$2-300. There was a motion by Kelly to vote to spend the extraordinary expenditure of \$300 for the earthquake kit. It was seconded by Cindy. All were in favour and it was approved unanimously.

Soiree update: the second catering deposit has been paid. We have a new catering company this year. Thanks to the previous year's PAC chairs for all their help and thank you to all who have bought tickets. For auction items if parents use a credit card a 3% fee will be added on. There will be an option for parents to pay using Square. The deadline for getting tickets is today but tickets can also be purchased at the door.

PAC Secretary: the current secretary has served 3 years and PAC needs a new parent to take on this role. It involves approximately one hour per week for the executive PAC meetings and one hour per month for the General PAC meeting. The secretary types the Minutes and prepares Agendas. Good typing skills is an asset. Please contact the PAC Chair if you are interested in this position.

4. DPAC: Joanna Baxter could not make it. There are 3 new positions available at the DPAC level.

5. Adjournment

- Motion by Kirstin to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kelly. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 am.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS:

MAY 26, 2017 @ 9:00 A.M. IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY