

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING –MAY 26 2017

MINUTES

PRESENT: Rachel Lu (Chair), Jasmine Morton (Vice Chair), Maren Teisner (Secretary), Kristina Szakaly (Member at Large), Principal Michelle LaBounty and approximately 5 parents (for portions of the meeting and/or the whole meeting).

ABSENT: Simone Kresnyak (Member at Large), 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, 2017 PAC meeting was postponed because they had not been posted to the PAC website yet.
- Motion to adopt the Agenda for today's meeting. Approved by Kristina and seconded by Rupinder. Approved unanimously.

2. Principal's Report

Welcome to Kindergarten: was held yesterday and a number of Cedardale staff members were present.

School Calendar: the annual Calendar for the next school year has been posted to the school website and it was attached to the eBulletin yesterday.

Earthquake release drill: there will be an Earthquake release drill on June 16, 2017. It will be the first earthquake release done when the school has been at capacity. It will only be a release and there will not be any equipment set up. Students will be able to be picked up starting at 1:30 p.m. If parents cannot pick up before 3:00 p.m. the students can stay in school. All doors will be locked and pick up will be from the outside.

Hawks got Talent Show for Grade 3-7 will take place in June. M.Dion is organizing it and there will be 20 acts (acts are limited by Grade). The focus will be on talents that were rehearsed and it will be a shorter program. Admission is by donation and funds raised will go to Cops for Cancer.

Parent Volunteer Tea: all parents are invited to the volunteer tea, which will take place on sports day in the music room.

Coding: a Coding Arcade is happening today at the West Vancouver Library. Approximately 4-6 Cedardale students will take part in this event.

Music: Mme. Davenport is on maternity leave but has been at the school working with the new music teacher, Mme Camille Hesketh.

Saleema Noon: has been booked for the fall. There will be a parent evening and Saleema Noon will be in for a full day to do her workshops with the students.

Outdoor School: has been booked for Grades 5-6 at Camp Elfenstone. They will go for 3 days.

Family Bingo: there will be a Back to School Bingo evening in September for families. It would be held in the gym and would be a PAC fundraiser.

Christmas Fair: Grade 7 will do a Christmas Fair (instead of the Welcome Back BBQ) in December to raise funds for the Quebec trip.

Class placement: the deadline for submitting a class placement form for next year is May 31. Requests for specific teachers are not allowed. The staff puts a lot of time and effort into planning classes for next year.

Staff news: Mme. Dixon is leaving so there will be movement within the staff. Mme. LaBounty has started to plan with Mme. Hayes for next year. Mme. Dixon's IB Coordinator position has been assigned to someone and there are a number of postings out now.

Sibling Waitlist: there are still 8 siblings on the waitlist for Grade 1. Cedardale only has a certain amount of spaces available. There is a waitlist of 25 for Grade 1 next year.

Fidget Spinners: a parent brought up a concern with fidget spinners. Mme. LaBounty has talked to the Grade 3-7 classes and she will also talk to the younger grades. Fidget spinners are toys but have been marketed as a learning tool. It has become a distraction in the classroom and students were told not to bring them to school.

Dress code: Mme. LaBounty had a talk with the Grade 3-7 classes about appropriate clothing choices.

3. PAC Business

Soiree: Sara has done the numbers for the Soiree but we don't have the final number yet but over \$20,000 was raised. Thank you to everyone who planned, worked and/or attended the Soiree and to those parents who purchased silent auction items or the class artworks.

Welcome Back Tea: Thanks to Cintia who agreed to organise this event.

Welcome Back Bingo: if you are interested in organize this event please contact the PAC chair.

PAC positions: PAC is looking for a parent to take on the role of secretary. Sara will stay as treasurer. In the past the PAC has had two treasurers (ideally it would be an accountant or book-keeper). If you are interested in one of these PAC positions and in other PAC positions please contact the PAC chair.

Cultural events: have been booked for next year. One is a tyco-drumming workshop and one is a First Nations Storyteller. There was a suggestion by a parent to try Bollywood dancing instead of Hip Hop.

Grade 7 Graduation ceremony: the Grade 6 parents will organize decorations and light refreshments for this event.

Fun Lunch: Kristina has had a parent who could help out with Fun Lunch if she could not make it. This parent will not be there next year so please contact Kristina if you can help out with Fun Lunch.

Garden: Kristina is also looking for another parent to garden together. It was suggested to start a gardening group.

4. DPAC: the DPAC rep Joanna Baxter was not present.

5. Adjournment

- Motion by Karen to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Cintia. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS:

JUNE 16, 2017 @ 9:00 A.M. IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

GUEST SPEAKER: ECOLE SENTINEL PRINCIPAL MIKE FINCH