



REGULAR GENERAL MEETING – JANUARY 27, 2017

MINUTES

Present: Rachel Lu (Chair), Jasmine Morton (Vice Chair), Sara Rezamand (Treasurer), Maren Teisner (Secretary), Simone Kresnyak (Member at Large), Joanna Baxter (DPAC Rep), Kristina Szakaly (Member at Large), Principal Michelle LaBounty and approximately 15 parents (for portions of the meeting and/or the whole meeting).

Absent:

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

- The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.
- Approval of the Minutes from the November 25, 2016 PAC Meeting.
Motion to approve by Joanna, seconded by Eva. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to adopt the Agenda for today's meeting. Approved by Kirstin and seconded by Carol. Approved unanimously.

2. Principal's Report

Mme. LaBounty talked about the Supreme Court ruling regarding class sizes. It is a win for the BCTF and \$50 million needs to be spent before the end of the school year. Mme. LaBounty has a meeting later today with a union rep to see what it will look like for staffing for our school next year.

Mme. LaBounty said Happy New Year to everyone celebrating the Lunar New Year.

Quebec trip: 25 of the Grade 7 students leave for Quebec next week. Mme. Hayes, Mme. Dixon and Pat Marchand (the counsellor from last year) are going as chaperones. A father is also going because a male chaperone is needed. The agenda for the trip is very packed. The students will be coming back as a different group with a shared experience. Thank you to the PAC for their contribution of \$5,000.

Winter sports are on the go now. Grade 3/4 are almost finished with their snowshoeing. The last session will only be tubing because a Cypress staff member had overbooked. Instead the students will be dropped at Ambleside to study bridges and walk up afterwards to the school. There will be a refund through Cash Online for the missed snowshoe session. Grade K, 1 and 2 will do skating shortly. Grade 5,6 and 7 are going skiing or snowboarding at Cypress.

Fieldtrips: As part of IB there are more fieldtrips and more speakers in order to make learning come alive and engage all learners. Some of the IB fees are used to provide these experiences and a fieldtrip fund of \$500 is given to every classroom. The Grade 3/4 classes have done soapstone carvings and gone to the VSO. The Grade 1/2 classes went on a fieldtrip to Grouse Mountain.

PRO –D day: the last Pro-D day was district wide and teachers had an opportunity to sign up for different sessions at Sentinel and West Van secondary. The topics were First Nations family gathering from a family point of view, traditions, cultures, components of language. and two spiritedness. There were also a variety of sessions on topics such as technology, social justice and reading strategies.

Renovation update: the reno in the downstairs hallway is the last space that will be finished and began on Monday and will be a new classroom for September. Mme. LaBounty anticipates that we will need another learning space next year and the portable will be taken into use. The meeting room will be a teaching space and the storage space upstairs will also be used.

Traffic: has become worse and bad drivers are taking unsafe risks. Thank you to the parents who remind other parents to slow down and not be aggressive. Mme. LaBounty is working with the municipality. Bylaw will have an increased presence. We could use more traffic so please email Kristina if you can help out.

3. Treasurer's Report

Fun Lunch orders close on Saturday.

Grade 7 parents with children going to Quebec are getting cheques for \$300 each. It is from the \$5,000 from PAC and the proceeds from the Welcome Back BBQ.

4. PAC Committee Reports

Card project: raised \$800. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Cheque drive: Final amount is \$4,725, which will go towards our music program. The goal was to reach \$8000 so we reached a little over half of the goal.

Fun Lunch: is one of the big fundraisers for the school so please order.

Hotdog day: takes place once per month. If you do not pre-order for hotdog day your child is not guaranteed food because sometimes they run out so preferably order beforehand.

Soiree: The venue will be the Cedardale gym because it keeps costs down and everyone feels comfortable going to the school. Yolanda who is an event planner will head up the committee and we also have interested volunteers. In the past it has been the PAC organizing it but we need new faces. Each parent can help obtain donation items for the silent auction. A donation letter can be printed from the website. We need to secure a caterer. If you have any contacts please contact the Committee. At the next PAC meeting we will vote on the theme (ideas: Hawaiian, Nautical or Nice, Pick a Decade and Beach). At the next meeting we will also vote for the budget. There are also smaller volunteering jobs (i.e. decorations, take down etc.). We need an auctioneer and MC and we also need a parent to manage the art projects. A lot of our teachers can do it themselves. Mme. LaBounty will talk to the teachers. Chassidy and Kristina volunteered to purchase 11 canvasses.

Budget input: If you are interested you can give your input and it goes back to the board office. As a school the staff can also provide input. It is going to be a status quo budget.

5. DPAC:

Parents are always welcome to attend the District PAC meetings, which take place the first Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon at the learning centre by Inglewood. It is a very supportive group and a great resource.

The last meeting focused on mental health and talked about a new hub opening up in North Vancouver.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Kristina to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chassidy. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS:

FEBRUARY 24, 2017 @ 9:00 A.M. IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY