



REGULAR GENERAL MEETING – OCTOBER 28, 2016

MINUTES

Present: Rachel Lu (Chair), Sara Rezamand (Treasurer), Maren Teisner (Secretary), Jasmine Morton (Member at Large), Simone Kresnyak (Member at Large), Kristina Szakaly (Member at Large), Joanna Baxter (DPAC Rep), Principal Michelle LaBounty and approximately 20 parents (for portions of the meeting and/or the whole meeting).

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 September 30, 2016 PAC Meeting.
- Motion to approve by Kirstin, seconded by Simone. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to adopt the Agenda for today's meeting. Approved by Jasmine and seconded by Eva. Approved unanimously.

2. Principal's Report

Newsletter:

If you are a Shaw customer you might not be getting the Thursday newsletter because Shaw is blocking Mme.Linda's emails. If you do not receive the newsletter you can always view them on the Cedardale Website under Publications.

Cedardale has to split up the information into two newsletters due to the Canadian Antispam regulations that states no collection of funds or business related activities can go in the newsletter. You will only receive the second newsletter if you agreed to it on the forms.

Student Learning: Teachers have been focusing on communicating student learning. The District is streamlining reporting throughout the District. The local IB chapter and the Ministry have asked Cedardale if they would share their student learning report format. Mme. LaBounty and Mme. Dixon will be holding a session for parents about the new Student learning report format in the next couple of weeks.

Cedardale sign: the new sign has arrived but will not be installed until the plexi glass arrives.

Jesse Miller: West Vancouver schools tries to share resources and last night Jesse Miller spoke at Irwin Park and a number of Cedardale parents attended. Jesse Miller speaks about social media awareness. His topics are mainly geared to Grade 5s and up. His message is for parents to know what their kids are doing online.

Upcoming French Immersion session: will take place at Ecole Pauline Johnson. The topic will be French Immersion in High School and beyond. The VP of Sentinel, one of the French Immersion teachers and the French Immersion co-ordinator will be there.

Cedardale Choir: the Cedardale choir is preparing a performance that will be filmed in the next couple of weeks.

Halloween: on Monday students will wear costumes (no masks and props) to school and there will be a parade in the morning and an assembly with a slideshow in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend.

WE Day: 14 Grade 7s are participating in this event in Rogers Arena. Students have to earn their ticket by participating in the Free the Children club throughout the year.

We scare hunger campaign: non-perishable food items can be brought in by the students and will be donated to the Harvest Project.

Emergency preparedness: emergency preparedness supplies are PAC funded. Mme. Dixon has been organizing the emergency supplies, which are stored in two bins in the parking lot. Mme. Dixon has gone through the list of items the District had recommended and there are some items that need to be purchased. Recently a few emergency kit backpacks were purchased. Each classroom has an emergency backpack. Please send in your child's comfort kit if you have not done it already.

Cultural events: the PAC's budget for cultural events is \$3,000. This year PAC is looking at dance classes with a professional dancer Richard O'Sullivan who is a Cedardale parent. Additionally, PAC is looking at bringing in Cirque du Rêve, which teaches juggling and acrobatics to students. The group has a facility in Montreal and is a feeder school to Cirque du Soleil. They will come to Cedardale to do two days with all the classes. They came to Cedardale two years ago and it was very well received. These two events would take up the entire budget for cultural events. Please contact the PAC if you have other ideas for cultural events.

Series 45 : Grades 4-7 will be going to see two professional groups at Kay Meek.

Volunteer Boot Camp: for Class parents and others who are interested in volunteering will take place after today's PAC meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report

\$2,700 was raised from the Welcome Back BBQ and will be divided between the 25 Grade 7 students who are going on the trip to Quebec.

4. PAC Committee Reports

Pumpkin Patch: This event happened earlier in the week on October 25. Rachel had the pleasure of organizing and sponsoring the event. Thank you to Lyndsay and her husband for picking up the pumpkins. Also a big thank you to the Grade 7 students and volunteers who helped to spread the pumpkins on the field to make the event a success.

Vice Chair: Carol-Ann had been voted in as PAC Vice Chair at the last PAC meeting but she is unable to attend the Executive meetings so she will be stepping down. There will be a vote for a new Vice Chair at the next meeting. Please contact the PAC if you are interested in this position. Jasmine is currently Member at large but is interested in being vice Chair and will be putting her name forward.

Card Project Fundraiser order forms will go home shortly. You can order greeting cards with your own child's artwork. PAC does this fundraiser every other year.

Cheque Drive: Parents fundraise for a targeted capital project every year. The sports court was as a result of the Cheque Drive a couple of years ago. Parents qualify for a tax receipt if the donation is over \$25. This year the Cheque Drive can be done through Cash Online. If you have any suggestions for a project please contact the PAC. Ideas for the upcoming Cheque Drive are expanding the library; purchase new music instruments and expanding the outside play areas.

Fun Lunch: Cedardale has a great Fun Lunch program with lots of options for ordering. If you want to change or cancel items for your child the deadline is November 1. The deadline for payments is also November 1. If you have not paid your order by then the order will be cancelled. A big thank you to Lyndsay and Kristina for all their hard work and to the volunteers who help out with Fun Lunch. It is currently Cedardale's biggest fundraiser.

5. DPAC:

The DPAC meeting is next week. The West Vancouver Community Foundation is heading up fundraising efforts to replace the old track at West Vancouver High School. The running lanes currently in place are uneven and unsafe. It has a very high price tag of approximately \$6,000,000. The land will be decommissioned if enough money is not raised and would be replaced by probably an asphalt track.

6. MISC.

A parent talked about a proposed private bus schedule that was mentioned in the Cedardale newsletter a few weeks ago. It might be a solution for some families. The cost would be \$5/child each way and siblings would be half price. 5-10 families would be needed to make it work. There are 4 points of pick up. Students do not have to ride the bus every day. An adult would be needed to help kids get on/off the bus. Please contact Deanna if you want more information.

Another parent raised the topic of parking issues. Mme. LaBounty said she had been part of a committee with the municipality, a parent group and neighbours. She has worked with the Bylaw department, engineers and ICBC. A school expert has come in and worked with the school. The parking/traffic situation around drop off and pick up is very challenging. No parking on Burley in the morning/afternoon was proposed but was not acceptable to neighbours. Cedardale is not an easy school to walk/bike to because of the geographical limitations. We also have our own bad drivers within the schools. If you see someone drive unsafely please remind people of the rules. West Vancouver Bylaw department has been at the school and ticketed parents. A suggestion to parents of older students is to not come to the school until 3.15 p.m. because it is mainly a 15-minute problem. Cedardale has tried a number of things over the past few years. The school bus might help this situation but it would be challenging for a bus to access the school in the mornings and afternoons.

One parent asked who is responsible for the overgrown hedges by the entrance to Burley Drive on the north side. Mme. LaBounty said it was the District of West Vancouver's responsibility and she will follow up about the trimming to open up the road space.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Kirstin to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Joanna. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS: NOVEMBER 25, 2016 @ 9:00 A.M. IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY