



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

MINUTES

**Present:** Kirstin Hodge (Co-Chair), Kelly Linn (Co-Chair), Simone Kresnyak (Vice-Chair), Sara Rezamand (Treasurer), Maren Teisner (Secretary), Joanna Baxter (DPAC Rep), Principal Michelle LaBounty and 37 parents (for portions of the meeting and/or the whole meeting).

**Absent:** Kristina Szakaly (Member at Large)

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

- The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m.
- Approval of the Minutes from the June 2016 PAC Meeting.
- Motion to approve by Jasmine, seconded by Eva. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to adopt the Agenda for today's meeting. Approved by Corrine and seconded by Rachel. Approved unanimously.

**2. Principal's Report**

Mme. LaBounty welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an overview of what is happening at the school. 269 students are currently enrolled at Cedardale (capacity is 270). There is one space in grade 3 and there is a waitlist at every other grade level. 3 new classrooms were added downstairs last year and one classroom is currently under construction. Cedardale has welcomed new staff members: Mme. Payne, Mme. Klaus, Mme. Gleason and a teacher librarian Mme. Genevieve.

**Library:** the new librarian has a lot of new ideas for the library space. She is very open to having parent volunteers help out so please contact her if you are interested.

**New website:** a new school website has been launched. The PAC area of the website could use some improvements so if you have any expertise with computers and can help out please contact the PAC. At this point it is Mme. Linda who is doing the uploading of documents. The school is trying to get as much information on the website as possible (see under publications).

**Newsletter:** Cedardale is looking to simplify things by just sending out one newsletter. Canadian Law says schools cannot send out any unsolicited collection of funds so some of the information has to go on a separate newsletter. Every Thursday parents receive a newsletter from the school. If there are additional emails it is from the classroom teachers or something out of the ordinary.

**Cops for Cancer:** We are a stop along the route for Cops for Cancer. RCMP officer Carlos Rockhill who is a parent here does the ride. He is in charge of our Traffic Safety Committee and is looking for volunteers so please contact him if you are interested in helping out. In the spring some students showcase their talents in a talent show to raise funds for Cops for Cancer and Cedardale also does a collection. Last year students raised approximately \$500.

**Fundraising:** At Cedardale there is a number of different fundraising efforts. Most of the funds go to the Free the Children organization, which was started by the Kielburger brothers. The organization encourages students to reach out locally and globally. Cedardale's Free the Children club for Grade 4-7 meet every Wednesday. A number of our students go to We Day in October.

**Family teams:** family teams, which are about community building within the school meet once a month. It is a great way for students to get to know more kids in the school. Siblings are in the same group. When the family teams recently met the focus was about getting to understand the learner profile better.

**Monthly Assemblies:** Cedardale also has a monthly assembly on various topics, which usually takes place on the last Friday of every month. Often a slide show of what the students have been doing is being shown and it is a chance for all kids to come together and celebrate what is going on in other classrooms and celebrate learning. Parents are welcome to attend but please check in with Mme. Linda first.

**Orange shirt day:** will take place tomorrow and is an important day for the students to build our connection with our local aboriginal community. It has to do with the Reconciliation Act. A young girl was taken to a residential school. She went wearing an orange shirt

but was stripped and forced to wear a uniform. The orange shirt day helps to build an understanding and make sure this does not happen again.

**Terry Fox Run:** students raised over \$600 and a lot of kids went door to door to get pledges.

**Pumpkin patch:** is coming up on October 25. Thank you to Rachel Lu for organizing and sponsoring this event. It is a fun day for students and they will each bring a pumpkin home.

**Report Cards:** The District is revitalizing report cards and is looking at new ways to communicate student learning. It is a shift for the higher grades where students will not see letter grades on their report cards. New student report cards will reflect what skills they are working on and what they need support with. It will give parents information about their child and how they can support them. Mme.LaBounty will have an information session regarding this topic later in the school year. At the last PRO-D day teachers looked at assessments of the students and how best to communicate student learning.

**After school activities:**

- After school tutoring with Sentinel students will be starting shortly. It will be offered on a first come first serve basis and can accommodate approximately 15 students per session.
- Mandarin classes will also begin shortly. They will be twice per week and is happening thanks to the efforts by two parents.
- Lego club will be starting up in October.
- Fencing has started up. Some students were introduced to fencing last Monday. An Olympic gold medalist from France runs the program.

**New Cedardale sign:** the sign out front is being replaced but Cedardale wanted to wait until becoming an IB school.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

The PAC chairs commented on the corruption stories in media about a PAC in the Lower Mainland. They assured parents that the Cedardale PAC is very much on track and accounted for. Copies of the proposed budget for the year ending June 20, 2017 had been handed out to parents prior to the meeting for review and parents had had a chance to look at it before voting on the proposed budget. Sara explained that the top part is money PAC is hoping to bring in and the bottom part is money PAC is expecting to spend.

Sara explained PAC is waiting to receive funds from the Gaming Grant (a government grant from gambling that goes to different organizations). There are restrictions on what the funds are spent on and when to spend it by.

In the budget from last year to this year not much has changed and all the money raised for PAC goes back to the school and the students.

In the budget there are:

- funds for cultural presentations and curriculum support.
- funds for the excursion fund for the Grade 7 Quebec trip.
- funds to support staff and teachers.
- revenues from the Card project (art work done by the students).
- revenues from the Cheque drive which happens every fall to raise funds for a capital expense item.
- revenues from the Welcome Back BBQ which goes towards the Grade 7 Quebec trip.
- revenues from the Soiree, which is the big Cedardale fundraising event.
- revenues from Fun Lunch, which is one of Cedardale's biggest fundraisers.

Motion to approve the budget by Karen Kelly, seconded by Meghan. All in favour. Approved unanimously.

### **4. PAC Committee Reports**

**Voting in of new PAC Executives:**

The PAC needed to fill the positions of PAC Chair, Vice-Chair and Members-at-large. There were no new nominations.

Rachel Lu has been nominated for PAC Chair, Carol-Ann has been nominated for Vice-Chair and Kristina, Simone and Jamine have been nominated for Members at Large.

Motion to nominate Rachel Lu as PAC chair. Motion to approve by Karen Kelly, seconded by Joanna Baxter. All in favour. Approved unanimously.

Motion to nominate Carol-Ann as PAC Vice Chair. Motion to approve by Jasmine, seconded by Eva. All in favour. Approved unanimously.

Motion to nominate Simone as Member-at-Large. Motion to approve by Joanna, seconded by Carol-Ann. All in favour. Approved unanimously.

Motion to nominate Jasmine as Member-at-Large. Motion to approve by Rachel, seconded by Corinne. All in favour. Approved unanimously.

Motion to nominate Kristina as Member-at-Large. Motion to approve by Kelly, seconded by Karen. All in favour. Approved unanimously. Sarah will continue as treasurer and Maren will continue as secretary.

**Food Safe:**

The parents at the meeting were being asked if anyone in addition to Kristina have their Food safe.

The following parents have Food Safe: Meghan, Cindy, Murat and Azadeh.

**Upcoming events:**

**Welcome Back BBQ** is taking place today after school to raise funds for the Grade 7 trip to Quebec. It is a great social opportunity and a great community builder. Thank you to Karen Kelly for organizing it.

**Pumpkin patch:** we will need parent volunteers.

**Cheque Drive:** more news will follow shortly from the new executive. Some ideas for the cheque drive this year is to raise funds for the new library space or to expand the music program.

**Fun Lunch:** will start shortly. The deadline for ordering is today.

**Cedardale's Soiree fundraiser:** a "save the date" will be announced shortly.

**Volunteers:**

If you are interested in volunteering please contact our volunteer co-ordinator Kristina Szakaly. Contact info for all the Executives are in the PAC newsletter. Also if anyone has volunteered to be a class parent Mme. LaBounty will hold a Class Parent Boot camp shortly.

**5. DPAC:**

Joanna Baxter is our DPAC rep. The first DPAC meeting is next week. Joanna will attend this meeting and she will give a report at the next PAC meeting. All parents are welcome to attend DPAC meetings. More information is available on the West Vancouver Schools website.

**6. Adjournment**

Motion by Felicia to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Murat. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 am.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS:**

**OCTOBER 28, 2016 @ 9:00 A.M. IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY**