

PAC MEETING –DECEMBER 1, 2017

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jasmine, Nathalie, Cintia, Megan, Kristina, Michelle, Sara
9 parents in attendance

ABSENT: Maren, Joanna, Lyndsay, Arissa

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

- The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.
- Approval of the Minutes from the November, 2017 PAC. Motion to approve called by Jasmine; first by Eva, seconded by Cintia. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Motion to approve called by Jasmine; first by Eva, seconded by Cintia. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to **amend** the Agenda for today's meeting (remove DPAC report) by Jasmine. Approved by Simone and seconded by Cintia. Approved unanimously.

2. Principal's Report

- Free the children – some students have taken vow of silence (for as long as they can) – representing those children around the world who don't have a voice.
- Grade 5 & 6s have had a visit from the district robotics teacher (his teams are ranked 1 and 2 in Canada and 5 in the world). They have been using Vex robots (design and challenges). Robotics and Tinker clubs are open to students grade 2 and up – students can just turn up.
- Taiko drumming workshops last Thursday – kids learned drumming techniques (on up-ended garbage cans) and call and response. Kids demonstrated a great amount of respect during the workshops. Thanks to the PAC for sponsoring.
- Winter sports – information going home next week. K-2 will have 3 sessions of instructed ice skating; 3-4 will snowshoe at Cypress for 3 days (last day is a full day); 5-7 will have skiing or snowboarding at Grouse. The change to Grouse for the older kids is in response to parents' feedback about the number of families who already have Grouse passes. This will reduce the cost by approximately \$100.
- Staffing updates: challenges filling open positions (district- and province-wide); we have some temporary instructors to cover unexpected leaves; Mme Stina will become the new librarian starting in February.
- SOGI (sexual orientation gender identity) – Renelle and Emily are the SOGI leads in our school – gender neutral toy drive – discussions around why gender neutrality is important, the power of marketing, love is love is love, the different forms that families take. The toys you play with are not

a reflection of who you are. Donations will be made to the Sage House (shelter for women and children) on the North Shore. Donations of clothing will also be accepted.

- 5-7s are piloting a new-looking report card (fresh grade) – transitioning to electronic, real-time reports
- hoping to purchase English Language program through IXL as an add-on – negotiating a three-year contract
- Choir performing next Thursday at Park Royal (near Indigo) from 12:30-1
- Christmas concert is December 14 from 4:30-5:30 – tickets available free through school cash online – max 2 per family. Dress rehearsal is open to other family members on the same day at 9:30am.
- Christmas Craft Fair this afternoon at 3:30 – fundraiser for Quebec trip

3. DPAC Report - deferred

4. Treasurer's Report

- Each year we have two officers (in addition to Sara) who have signing authority on the school accounts – current signatories are Jasmine and Kristina. Any expense or withdrawal requires two signatures.
- Final fun lunch numbers not in yet.
- Projectors have now been installed – funds came from gaming grant account.

5. EC PAC business:

1. Fall fundraiser – launches Monday through school cash online (cheques no longer accepted). Focus this year is on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) materials to support our ADST (Applied Design, Skills and Technologies) curriculum. Specifically, the school is in need of chrome books and ipads (to replace aging hardware and because of increase in student numbers), and math manipulatives (such as keva blocks and numacons). Fundraising goal is \$10,000.
2. Focus Group Feedback – 3 umbrella categories – 1. social / emotional health (SOGI, bullying, anxiety, depression) – there is a desire to have compatible workshops for students and parents so that we're all 'speaking the same language' and receiving the same information; 2. Arts and culture; 3. Parent support (emergency preparedness, prep for TRIAD conferences).
3. Gaga Ball – possibility for the playground – still in research phase – we do have a commitment for some donated materials.
4. Parent suggestion – outdoor table tennis.
5. New Sandwich Board – waterproof, bright – in an effort to reach more parents – the plan is to put the sandwich board outside so that people can see updates while in the traffic circle.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Eva to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Cintia. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 am.

NOTE: All PAC meeting minutes are available on the EC Website. Quorum is 20 parent members. According to the constitutional change approved by the membership in previous years, if quorum is not obtained, the

members present will constitute quorum and a binding vote will be held. Child-minding is not available at the meeting. *** The ECPAC recognizes that General Meetings are not the appropriate place to discuss school personnel, individual students or parents.***

NEXT GENERAL PAC MEETING:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018 @ 9:00 A.M. IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY