South Slope/BCSD Elementary PAC

Minutes from: Monday, September 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm

PAC Executive: Beth Leach, Sheri Ekholm

Parents: Shawna Correia

Staff: Margaret Paris, Teresa Fierro, Janice Nakatsu

Distribution: Beth Leach

Meeting called to order 7:05

Item a) Introduction and Welcome

Item b): Review and motion to accept previous meeting minutes.

Review of June 13, 2016 minutes.

Motion to accept: Sheri

Seconded: Beth

Accepted unanimously.

Item d): Financial Update - Sheri Ekholm

Gaming account \$5834.23 Non gaming \$7555.21

Financial News:

- 1) Flying Hands cheques was not cashed over the summer Margaret will follow up
- 2) Last year's babysitter has not cashed her cheques. Sheri will follow up with her Mum.
- 3) Still have not received an invoice for the Accessible Swing from the School Board Teresa will follow up with the School Board.

Item e): Review of outstanding action items log and updates

- 1) Science Fair To be held February 9, 2017. Try to get guest speakers in throughout the year. Beth to see about booking an astronaut but will also contact Science World and the Vancouver Aquarium.
- 2) Outdoor Classroom Look into forming a Committee and see what kind of budget will be needed.
- 3) Saleema Noon will look into alternative facilitator Jessica Wollen at Shift Education
- 4) Parent and PAC Meet & Greet To be held on September 27th outside by the Gym Entrance

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Item f): Staff reports

f.1) Principal's report

There are 10 Divisions again this year. They ended up as expected.

Shirley Cheung has replaced Shirley March.

Ms. Shuster will be here until December when she will start her Maternity Leave.

Cross Country has started and will end Oct. 11 with an Awards Meet.

Staff will be receiving "Mind Up" training which will help promote Social Learning and help the children deal with anxiety and depression.

Sept. 30 is a Curriculum Instruction Day for teachers. This is to help with the new, redesigned Curriculum which will also move the schools away from a Letter Grade system. Janice will see about having teachers at the next PAC meeting to explain the new curriculum to parents.

Pumpkin Patch will be held at the school again this year. It will be Friday, October 28th. Thanks again to the Revitt Family.

There is a new Lunch Program this year. So far it happears to have larger, more substantial portions.

f.2) Vice Principal / BCSD Report

BCSD is up 1 class to 8 this year.

There are 2 new teachers and 3 new EA's

There is new signage for the Handicapped parking spots. We have 3 Handicapped spots which is up 1 from last year. There is also a new 30 minute Drop-Off spot located on Watling Street.

The Ipads have been replaced from the theft last Spring.

f.3) Head Teacher's Report

It was requested that the PAC provide funds for classroom supplies again this year. It will be \$100 for Enrolling and \$50 for Non-Enrolling Teachers.

Intake meetings are being held this week.

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The Book Fair is also this week. Mrs. Araujo is still looking for parent volunteers to help.

Item g): Fundraising

We are holding the Neufeld Farms Fundraiser for the Fall/Winter. The date for packages to go out has not been set but delivery will be Saturday, November 19th at 10:30 am.

We will be having Subway Lunch in October.

Item h): New business

Students have been seen using the new accessible swing in a dangerous manner. Students need to be reminded of who has priority for that swing and that it should be used responsibly.

There is a teacher committee for the annuals at the moment but it would be great if we could get a parent photographer.

Picture Day will be October 7th with our new photographer "Photo Express".

Item i) Next meeting

October 17, 2016 at 7:00pm