

South Slope/BCSD Elementary PAC

Minutes from: Wednesday September 27th, 2017

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Parents: Sergei Shalaev, Beth Leach,

Staff: Teresa Fierro, Maria Perez, Margaret Paris

Item A) Introduction and Welcome

Item B) Split Classes

Why are children coming back to the same class? May and June teachers talk about grade groupings and splitting the classes. Cards are filled out for each child – condensed report card. Generic. Quick overview of the child. Ell, ministry designations. Then teachers form classrooms that are well balanced.

Parents are asked not to request specific teachers and no combined classes. Kids learn at multi levels anyways, even in one grade level. Children are learning based on curriculum learning outcomes.

Each child has been put into the appropriate classroom based on their own needs and development.

Classes went from 10 divisions to 11 divisions in June. Look at how many children are in each class. Look at limits for class sizes. First week school projections are sent out, and then changes are made after that week.

Parents should be looking at growth in their children more than anything. Look at progression of your child's development from one year to another. Split classes are based more on curriculum outcomes and individual skills rather than ages. A lot of thought and consideration goes into creating the classes.

Misconception that children who are not as far forward will be grouped with children in a lower grade.

BCSD classes were set up from the start. But still organized in the same manner.

Item C) Review and Motion to Accept May Minutes

Item D) Financial Update

Period ending Sept 30th

Gaming: \$1,199.16

Non-gaming: \$5,649.16

Donations: \$5,874.00

Proposed Budget – not yet approved. Spent \$3113 on boulders. PAC portion.

Another \$3000 for year in equipment. Make sure it is spread out equally for all kids and beneficial for greater good.

Gaming planned – strictly planned. Based on last years gaming deposit. \$20 per head. Last year \$6440.

How much do we need to make in terms of fundraising? Grants from government given for the PAC. Very healthy bank account currently.

\$18,700 if we get \$6000 from government, without any fundraising at all.

We fundraise, but not necessarily for a specific thing. If we have goals we could then fundraise specifically for that objective. Create a calendar for fundraising; if teachers are doing something for their classrooms, we are aware and can do something else, or plan it for another date and so that things don't necessarily overlap.

Any fundraisers the classes are doing, please let the PAC know so that we can spread the word, organize our fundraising around those things. Anybody can email the PAC email address and let us know.

Don't want to over burden parents. Want events that are fundraisers, but then also events that the children like.

Item E) Principal's Report, Vice Principal's Report, Head Teacher Report

Principle

Pro D day on Monday – offsite at Shadbolt centre. All staff. Building community. Aboriginal connection speaker. Disrupting molded images. Teacher and indigenous relationships. Staff activities to showcase core competencies. Community building activities. Understanding deaf culture.

Fire Drill 4 min 36 secs. Earthquake bin – water changed, checked supplies. Maria has the only key for that bin and will make a copy. Fire drill once a month. Earthquake drill on October 19th.

Pumpkin Patch October 27th. Hot chocolate, popcorn, fall theme, not necessarily Halloween. Volunteers to help with that as well.

Foundation Skills Assessments Grade 4's and 7's - October 2 – Nov 10th. Revamped recently. Information is used to rank schools. Some children are exempt, based on parents' decisions, or teachers will look at children on modified programs and they might not write all or some of them. No funding or staffing is dependant on these tests. Online portions and written portions.

Terry Fox run 12:45 Sept 28th. Friday 29th Orange Shirt Day – honour and remember residential schools and the work being done for reconciliation.

October 4th Individual picture day.

Vice Principle

BCSD K-12 Gordon Li – new principle. Spends time between BCSD and the high school.

Down one teacher for elementary, but good for BCSD. Intake meetings last week, welcome back assembly September 8th.

ASL deaf studies class has moved due to the need for more space for South Slope classrooms. Therapy room converted to a classroom.

Aboriginal storyteller came in for BCSD.

International ASL week celebrated Sept 28th. Some older students going over to the high school.

Painted tree – school wide project. Collect leaves to paint and decorate and laminate and put on the tree. As the seasons change the tree will change.

Head Teacher

Choir starting Tuesdays at lunch, Friday 8 am. Remembrance Day assembly. Want more parents to come. Not usually a large turn out. Thursday Nov 9th at 1030. All students in South Slope, some from BCSD.

Choir – children should be able to sit for 40 minutes, and want to be there.

Aboriginal opening ceremony for the outdoor classroom. Someone from Musqueam Tribe. Rocks came from Squamish. Teachers will get together to plan activities for the students in that outdoor classroom. Already being used as an outdoor classroom. Weather dependant. Surface of rocks not porous so you can wipe the water off and still sit down on the rocks in rain.

Musical in May – Alice in Wonderland.

Item F) PAC Objectives, PAC Budget 2018

Will review next month.

Item G) Fundraising Update

1. Neufeld Farms – will continue this. Need to pick dates. Sent out for orders in November but actual pick up day planned for December 2nd. Great money for PAC. Great products, and local company.
2. Cobs – People go in to make purchases, reference the school, and this gives the school points. Then at the end of the year a percent goes back to the school. Boston Pizza also does the same thing. Try to get the word out the parents.
3. Other Fundraisers: Purdy's – Maria knows rep, contact info in PAC box, she can come to the next meeting, Subway, Pizza

Possible separate fundraising meeting to decide which fundraising ideas we should go with.

Cash online – payment option for parents to pay for any fundraising online. This is a district system.

Item H) Ongoing Business

1. BCSD sexual health presentation – classes did continue with this. But the presentation should take place this year for the BCSD students. Should happen every two years.
2. Emergency preparedness kit – water was changed, supplies were checked. Normally each classroom should have a back pack. But we switched to having the outdoor bin for practicality, except for students

who have particular needs. PAC will leave that with Maria for now to find out what has been done and what needs to be done.

Is it practical to have everything in one bin outside with only one key? Also, is it possible to have a keyless lock?

Maria will follow up with Phil who has been in charge of the bin. Teresa going to emergency preparedness conference next week.

3. Review of new forms with teachers done at staff meeting on Sept 20th.

4. Outdoor classroom community does want it to expand. But not necessarily this year. School budget has already been spent. But could put this on the agenda for the PAC next year so we can begin to budget and plan for any expenses.

Item I) New Business

1. Ask from parents for remote access for PAC meetings. At this point we don't do that but it would not be that difficult to set up. Difficult to communicate via this method. Not a lot of parents coming to the meetings at this time, so is this going to be worth this effort that is put into it? Will consider this going forward.

2. Code of Conduct – is this taught or just reviewed when they don't follow it? Teachers are given the code of conduct and this is then read to children during the first few weeks of school. Code of conduct is also inside the students planners.

3. Daycare pickups, do not always have adequate supervision on the playground after students are picked up.

4. Friend to friend – presentation about autism. Can we look at doing this again? Was done last September, broken into older and younger groups. Any other learning opportunities for the kids that talks about students being differently abled. Are there any presentations that we can bring in to the school to help the students understand these differences?

5. Talk on internet safety. Add to the PAC agenda for next meeting.

6. Stager Sexual Health and Friend to Friend presentations

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm

Next Meeting October 25th, 2017