

South Slope/BCSD Elementary PAC

Minutes from: Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 7:00 pm

PAC Executive: Beth Leach, Sheri Ekholm
Parents: Tamar Yila, Michi Majkowski, Cal Merry, Phil Yu
Staff: Margaret Paris, Teresa Fierro, Janice Nakatsu
Distribution: Jennifer Merry

Meeting called to order 7:02

Item a) Presentation by Louise Rausch from Burnaby Parks and Recreation

After introductions a selection of flyers, and the programs they describe, were reviewed. Most programs at South Slope have been cancelled due to low registration. Food programs remain popular.

General discussion on promoting programs: run more programs for younger kids, Promote on Facebook, separate courses from those offered at Bonsor and put on a single page flyer. Advertise within school.

Item b) Introduction and Welcome

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

Review of Sep 14, 2015 minutes.
Motion to accept: Sheri
Seconded: Tamar
Accepted unanimously.

Item d): Financial Update – Sheri Ekholm

Gaming account \$3604.06
Non gaming \$7944.39

Financial News:

Received cheque from Saleema Noon
\$355.25 made on Subway lunch
\$304.72 made in Boston Pizza lunch

Money totaling \$5080 was received for grant. However, there was a glitch. Elementary grant received but not high school. Application lost according to grantors. Someone applied because it shows 'in progress' money expected in December.

Newsletter draft available showing success of lunches.
To be posted on web site (action Janice)

Southslope.pac (who has access to web site?) (action: help desk, Jen to provide access)

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

Outstanding action items

1. PAC donation letter (Danielle)

Item f): Staff reports

f.1) Principal's report

Items to consider for purchase from fundraising:

- A spinner. This is a book holder that spins around, made with plexiglass worth \$1000 each.
- Additional swings. Adaptable swing has a harness for EA assisted kids. 5 yr
- Risers, as used in a theatre stage: \$3000. The existing set are moldy, heavy and dangerous. The weight creates Worksafe BC issues regarding setting them up. They are kept outside because there is no storage.
- \$5000 for testing kit. LLI – used for reading testing up to grade 3.
Need next kit in step.
- Intermediate teachers would like more computers. One in each class now. 2 more required per class for 6 to 8 total.

f.2) Vice Principal / BCSD Report

Celebration of 100 years for Deaf Ed was held. Attended by parents, kids, and the community. Included burgers and hot dogs. Photos from archives were provided. Alumni participated. Smaller activities to continue through the year.

Mobile dairy after last PAC. Blind kids missed not touching cow, otherwise successful.

IEP varying degrees, meetings ongoing. Victory Hill - parent orientation, visit dorm.

OT services changed – Anne Ross contract to BCSD. Commuting from Vernon. Learning to work with interpreters.

Earthquake letter for BCSD kids. Will be sent to Janice.

Oct 27 pumpkin patch 7:30 start. 30 volunteers already contacted. CUPE sponsored.

Breakfast club – Chris and Daniella – applying for funding. School looking for target families. Some families may have finances but are time constrained and may participate.

f.3) Head Teacher's Report

Volleyball has started. First games this week. Teresa and James coach girls. Shelly and Grady boys.

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Two new days for teachers to learn curriculum Will be taken in the second term some time from January to June. Dates will be provided when available. **It will result in 2 more Pro D days.**

Me to We. Kilberger brothers. Grade 7 students participated, 20 total including High School participation Marley Matlin deaf actress sent special note to BCSD kids. Students sat in fourth row. Janice sat by the Fonz. Henry Winkler.

Assemblies – reading club 50, 100 nights. Now doing it once per month. Teachers from SS and BCSD hosting.
9:10 first on pajama day.

Photographer – SS loved by photographers for good behavior and patience. Two parents not happy with photos. Lack of variation in poses and backgrounds. (Action – Janice to contact photographers regarding options.)

Another option for yearbook. Parent may help (Margaret)

Shopping extravaganza – after North Van School, (Heather S.) Parent volunteer needed.

Intermediate teachers – literacy level is ok but students are not exceeding expectations. Dan P and Ms Fierro are developing a program which includes two writing blocks per week 45 minutes each. Smaller classroom groups are emphasized with targeted learning. Work through effective writing. This will be ongoing until Christmas. Invite Ben Purie to PAC to explain process and techniques (Action Ms Fierro)

Minutes by CHM end here/Begun by Beth

Item g): Fundraising

Charlie's Chocolate Factory & Neufeld Farm

Order forms to go out to parents on November 12th with delivery dates being December 5th for Neufeld Farm and December 8th for Charlie's chocolates.

Boston Pizza

Successful but pizzas were thought to be a bit small for the older kids. May look at Fresh Slice as it costs less and kids could buy 2 slices.

Item h): New business

Increase babysitter's wage

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A motion to increase a babysitter's wage to \$10/hr was put forward by Sheri and seconded by Phil and accepted unanimously. This applies only to single babysitters. If there is more than 1 babysitter at any one time the original wage will be provided.

Due to cheques not being cashed or lost, wages will now be accumulated and paid out in December, March and June in Gift Cards rather than cheques.

Purchase adaptable swing/playground upgrade

Beth to get quotes and bring to next meeting.

Teacher's classroom consumable reimbursements

Mrs. Fierro to write a letter requesting funds for enrolling and non-enrolling staff.

Review DPAC training sessions

Cash donations to the school must stay in the school accounts and not PAC accounts. Large purchases should be put through by the school to receive the full rebates available

Letter from Grade 7's

A request by the Grade 7's for funds to have a sleepover in the school gym has been forward to the PAC. More information is needed.

Item i) Next meeting

November 25, 2015 at 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28pm