

South Slope/BCSD Elementary PAC

Minutes from: Wednesday November 22, 2017

PAC Executive:

Co-Chair: Kim Godwin

Co-Chair: Heather Ratzlaff (not present)

Treasurer: Mark Van

Secretary: Charlotte Brown

Fundraising Coordinator: Vacant

DPAC Representative: Vacant

Parents: Colin Chan

Staff: Teresa Fierro, Maria Perez, Margaret Paris, Kenna Arnusch

Item A) Introduction and Welcome

Item B) Review and Motion to Accept October Minutes

Item C) Orange Shirt Day Presentation

A short video presentation was shown explaining the history of Orange Shirt Day, from the perspective of a residential school survivor.

Item D) Staff Reports

1. Principle

Two student teachers, one in kindergarten, one in grade 6-7 class. Doing their practicums. And two EA practicum students as well. EA situation is challenging, so having practicum students is an advantage.

Continue with the Jingle Bell Walk this year. Collection of food donations from the neighbourhood. Putting out flyers December 6th. Go back a few days later to collect the donations.

MDI – Middle development Instrument – Grade 4's and 7's every year. Includes BCSD. Looks at five areas: social/emotional wellbeing, physical wellbeing, connectedness to adults, school experiences, and time spent after school. Overall students at South Slope reported similar responses to other schools.

School Climate Report – All intermediate students. Very similar to the MDI but schools must sign up for it. Parents can opt out of the MDI if they want.

From these results, are there any specific areas in which the PAC can help support the students? PAC will sit down another time with Maria to discuss the specific results of these assessments.

The District tracks results over time of MDI and School Climate Report.

Pro D Day 24th – Looking at school growth plans. SEL activities (social/emotional learning).

Tech committee would like PAC to subsidize two projectors (\$1300 each), two iPads (\$500 each), 7 Sphero Robots used with coding lessons (normally \$150, on sale for \$75 each).

Outdoor Classroom Committee met yesterday – looking at planning the opening for the Spring. Sign up sheet added for people to book the space. Ideas sheet available for how to use the space. Next phases: possible pathway in and around the stones, and then some plants/tress, etc.

Emergency preparedness training has taken place. 4 staff members trained. System in place. Emergency preparedness assembly took place today.

Gym walls will be clad in metal. Also, roof, skylights, and gutter areas being redone to protect from damage from woodpeckers.

2. Vice Principle/BCSD

Two new BCSD students – one in a couple of weeks. Kindergarten/grade 1 class. One joining the grade 3 class.

CSP meeting – service providers for deaf and hard of hearing. Large number of people from a variety of services for the deaf and hard of hearing. Opportunity to share information, and see who else, and what other services are out there.

Computer lab – Carpenters beginning work on shelving.

Report cards going home December 15th.

Some classes starting more shared learning – getting together for writing workshops.

OT Jenny Finnigan – looking at numbers for how many more classes would like some of the special pillows/chairs the PAC had purchased previously.

3. Head Teacher

Mr. Rogers, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Brown – Volleyball teams did well. Staff/student volleyball game happening soon.

Choir singing at Hotel Vancouver on Nov 29th.

Choir performed at GardenWorks Lougheed last week for their grand opening for the Christmas season. Packed full of people. It went very well.

Christmas concert Thursday December 14th, 1 pm. Band, choir, all children will be performing. One class from BCSD will be participating as well. Final week of school there will be some caroling.

Pancake breakfast Thursday December 21st. Looking for volunteers from 8 am to help with set-up.

Item E) Financial Update

Gaming \$7579.17

Non-Gaming \$5420.45

Donation \$5874

\$1000 added in November for donations.

Item F) Fundraising Update

- 1. Neufeld – Pick Up Nov 29th, 5 pm** - \$500-\$600 will be raised this year. Intent for this year was to put the money towards the outdoor classroom.
- 2. Pizza Hut** – Not sure when this will happen yet.

Item G) Ongoing Business

- 1. Outdoor Classroom** – already discussed
- 2. Internet Safety** – school had presentations on the 16th of November. School liaison police officer came and discussed internet safety. Geared towards intermediate students. What would you do if? How many of you know...?, etc. Kids shouldn't have social media accounts until the age of 13 but so many do. District website has safety information for parents on there.
- 3. Young Actors** – Currently happening. Drama workshops for the entire school. 4 times in one week.
- 4. Playground Resurfacing** – looking at replacing the woodchips with rubber substances.
- 5. Telus Wise** – Social media and internet safety. Different levels, younger and older, as well as for seniors. Will consider having this presentation in school in the Spring. Free resource.

Item H) New Business

1. DPAC Representatives

District PAC – do we want to have a representative to attend the DPAC meetings? Potentially looking for a volunteer. Put on talks and presentations. Takes place at Central Burnaby High School.

Item I) Next Meeting: January 24th, 2017

(No December Meeting)

Item J) Questions/Feedback from Parent

- 1. Feedback from movie night** – information on the sheet could have been a bit clearer. Parents were not able to sit in on the movie, but this isn't clear on the sheet sent home.
- 2. Pro-D Days** – Are these already determined for the year? Can we have these on the website calendar? Go to SouthSlope/BCSD website, the dates are posted there.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 pm