

South Slope/BCSD Elementary PAC

Minutes from: Wednesday March 14th, 2018

PAC Executive: Kim Godwin, Mark Van, Heather Ratzlaff, Charlotte Brown

Parents:

Staff: Maria Perez, Margaret Paris

Item A) Introduction and Welcome

Item B) Review and Motion to Accept January Minutes

Item C) Staff Report's

1. Principal

Looking at ways to increase participation in PAC and school activities. Parents need to see that it is more than just fundraising, it is being a part of the school community. Not sure that people are clear on what PAC is and how they can participate.

SOGI evening had about 70 people.

May 30th Welcome to Kindergarten event for South slope.

School growth plan meeting April 10th at 2 pm for Southslope. BCSD is April 5th. Showing what were doing and why were doing it. All the things that happen around the school growth plan. Reading comprehension part of school growth plan – inferences and connections for older kids and early interventions for younger kids. School climate study – how kids are feeling within their school, are they bullied? Are they connected to their teachers and resources? Parents should have received a notice about learning surveys for the older children. Parents are to do these with their children. Anonymous. Grade 4 and 7 students.

Inside lockdown – green button in the office. When this is pushed it locks all the doors. Emergency plan in place. Red flashing lights that are supposed to turn on when announcements are on the screens are not always functioning. Still working on getting this up and running. PAC has voiced concerns about this several times and we will continue to follow up.

Leadership group grade 6 and 7 doing bake sales and smoothie sales. Smoothies once in May and once in June. Bake sale happening in April. Fundraising for a trip to Victoria. PAC more than happy to support and post these to Facebook.

2. Vice Principal/BCSD

Kids did well in Flying Hands. BCSD kids very sophisticated in their language and presentation skills, and carried themselves really well.

Email went out to all staff that BCSD has hired new principle from Colorado School for the Deaf, Cathy Bennett. She herself is deaf and has a deaf daughter. Officially starts August 1st.

BCDEC (deaf education committee) reviews children coming in to BCSD. 2 new children came part way through the year, and more being reviewed for eligibility.

Report cards going home on the 16th.

3. Head Teacher

Mighty south slope choir at Fairhaven rest home singing tomorrow. Will invite them to the matinee musical as well.

Yesterday grade 2 and 3 performed at Edmonds for primary days of music. Outstanding job. At assembly on Monday as well. Got together with other schools and learned new music together. Burnaby schools are actively promoting music.

For Facebook – advertise Sunday April 8th 2 – 3:30 Zumbathon. Min 5 dollar donation. Splits profits between big brothers and the school. Third year this event is happening. Here in SouthSlope gym.

Also, put out note about t shirts. Part of costume for the musical. All kids in opening and closing numbers, and each class also has a number.

Can subsidize 1 or 2 t-shirts per class, so everyone will have a t-shirt.

Musical over 60 students involved from grade 1 to grade 7. Going really well. All inclusive musical. 2 casts. PAC will do gift baskets. Each class will make a basket. Draw will likely be done after the show nights. Each class has a theme. Each basket has a bucket in front of it, and then people put their raffle tickets in for the basket that they want. PAC will wrap and prepare the baskets and then sell the tickets on the night and possibly during the day before the performance.

Item D) Financial Update

Non-gaming \$6184.28

Gaming \$7304.53

Donation Account \$9549 – will receive \$1000 in April.

Item E) Fundraising Update

1. Neufeld Farms

Will send note to parents to let them know this is coming after spring break. Sat April 28th pickup. 2-week turnaround. Will include note to specify what it is supporting.

2. Pizza Hut

Sometime in the future – not organized yet.

3. Subway

Will do this again soon.

4. Other

Item F) Ongoing Business

1. Outdoor Classroom

Stuck at getting the official blessing. Difficult to get a hold of the people we need in Squamish. Teresa working on it and will have an update next weekend. Brainstorming ideas for planting – run this through the outdoor committee. Phase 2 to add more stones around the corners – next year. Lots of people asking about the classroom and how it came about. Teresa will reach out to find out about next phase and costs involved.

2. Technology Requests

Authorized payment for projector and ipad through the donation account. Still have not received receipt for the Spheros. School was charged full price but it was supposed to be half price, so they are reissuing the invoices. Ipad has arrived but the projector has not yet.

3. Playground Resurfacing

Very expensive. Will look into this again in the future.

4. Bean Bag Chairs

3 bags approved. Need to look at ordering the outdoor ones. Price difference isn't too much.

Item G) New Business

1. Photo Express

Some issues have been raised with using this company. But have had issues with lots of them. Same photographer used for the past few years. But we will stick with them for another year at least and see how it goes. The photographer has had feedback.

Item J) Next Meeting: April 25th, 2018

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 pm