

South Slope/BCSD Elementary PAC

Minutes from: Wednesday May 23, 2018

PAC Executive: Mark Van, Heather Ratzlaff, Charlotte Brown

Staff: Maria Perez, Margaret Paris

Item A) Introduction and Welcome

Item B) Review and Motion to Accept

Item C) Burnaby After School Programs – Fall 2018

Louise Rausch from Burnaby Parks and Rec - Cooking class was a huge hit last time. Handed out brochure, highlight special events on the back page. Outdoor pools kids can use Be Active Passes. Playground schedule – closest park for us is David Grey. Yoga in the park – family, children, adult. Art in the park, Imagination blocks. Regular playground leader is there five days a week. No lock on portable toilets, so far so good. Park open from dawn until dusk. Portable toilets will come end of June. Preschool instructor will be added to the park three mornings in August – preschool specific activities. Playground services are completely free – all activities being done by the park leader are free. Is there some way we can pass this message along to parents? Word of mouth most effective way to get this info out, so PAC will do what they can to spread this info. Worth it to put your name on the waitlist for kids camps and programs, last month of June things do tend to move around, so kids might get a spot. Families can access up to four weeks of one on one support for children with disabilities, more funding was available this year to provide for this. New Burnaby Bike Maps, and Metrotown Area walking Maps. Burnaby Village Museum free admission this summer. Louise will send email with link for PAC Facebook.

Item D) Outdoor Classroom Update

Met today, June 8th opening at 1:15pm to recess. Still trying to get someone from Musqueam band to come. This has been difficult to figure out. They don't really understand what we want or why we want them there. So even if they don't come the opening will go ahead. Remind students why the classroom is there, and hopefully have a plaque to commemorate it. Was to be a presentation by BCSD students and teacher, working as part of a classroom project on ideas to beautify the outdoor classroom. But no interpreter was available, so this will happen at the last meeting in June. Is the classroom still being used as much as it was talked about? Yes, especially since the weather has been better. Maybe teachers are still unsure that they can go outside and use it. After the official ceremony people will probably use it more.

Item E) Staff Reports

Principle

Musical was fantastic, and baskets were fantastic. Looking for any kind of feedback regarding the musical. Only negative feedback, for children with special needs, so much going on for the few weeks prior can be quite difficult. Musical is only done every other year. And then BCSD does theirs the next year. But overall everyone pitched in, kids were excited, overall really positive experience. Having students wear t-shirts as costumes great idea, and also the short program (only one hour). Projection for what the school organization will look like next year, combined classes, grade levels, etc. Sharing this with staff on Friday, can share with the PAC after. Mrs. Heather Skuse taking on a new role – involved with BC teachers association – Union rep for teachers. So she will be leaving South Slope next year.

May 30th band presentation at 6:30 in the gym for several schools. Also welcome to kindergarten at 12:15pm. Heather will attend. May 31st is the volunteer tea at 8:30 am. Meet in atrium.

Sports day June 15th – concession? Or try and subsidize pizza lunch for everyone. Grade 7's BCSD and South Slope going to Splashdown on June 19th – year end trip. June 21st they will have a luncheon for all staff and grade 7's. Luncheon and then a dance or some sort of activity just for grade 7's. June 22nd 9:15am, leaving ceremony. Notice sent home a while ago. No evening event is being planned at the school for Grade 7's. PAC members welcome to come to the luncheon. Sherri might be doing something for the grade 7's.

Head teacher

BCSD – grade 7's given option to either do deaf only event or go with South Slope kids. Another gathering for BCSD after 22nd, all families and students come. Video relay services for the deaf coming on the 31st. Rather than using message services, you can use a number, get an interpreter, and use this interpreter to call for a doctor's appointment, or to book an appointment, or to order a pizza, for example. Coming to BCSD soon. Recently approved for children to get a number as well. Parent permission slip sent home to sign. Beach day Tuesday June 26th for BCSD. Also open to outreach so other deaf and hard of hearing kids in lower mainland can also join as well. Kids bring lunches, usually Stanley park 2nd beach. If it rains they go to an indoor pool. Welcome to Kindergarten – so far officially registered six students. Four students leaving. Another BCD Education review committee meeting – determine eligibility for kids coming to the school. So more could still change. June 13th BCSD welcome to school. School luncheon, parents donate a dish – May 29th. Final review committee meeting June 27th – potential new students. Still waiting as far as Margaret's position with regards to new applicants. Still waiting on two potential teachers joining the school.

Item F) Financial Update

Gaming – \$6779.65

Non-Gaming- \$6920.43

Donations – \$11,449

All financial info available for anybody who wants to see. Some money needs to come out for Spheros, and some for sports box for balls. \$400 still needs to clear from gaming account.

Item G) Fundraising

Gift baskets raised \$922 after expenses, for music program. Goes into donation account to start with. Then the school gets to decide how to give out the money. We typically don't have access to this account. Mark would like to have statements for the donation account. Also received a \$1000 from one of the parents.

No more subway, pizza fundraisers planned for this year. Concession might be too much effort for very little return. Don't want to have plastic bottles and be selling too much sugar to the kids. So free pizza lunch for all the kids would be a better idea. Possibly do another subway lunch then instead to replace the concession.

Item H) Ongoing Business

1. Emergency System Upgrades May 7th did happen. Not completely up and running. In progress. We have sent administrator names to be input into the system, so they can access the system from anywhere including their cell phone.

2. Technology Requests – dealt with last meeting.
3. Bean bag chairs – OT looking into them and finding ones with covers that are waterproof.
4. Playground resurfacing – too expensive. Not doing anything about this right now.

Item I) New Business

PCC meeting – parents surprised kids don't have a calendar. But we have a magnet with important school dates. Sensory garden – staff feedback, being used for a lot of recycling purposes right now. But it shouldn't be used for this. Teacher approached Heather about a 'Cricut' machine – machine used for lots of different things – hook into ipad or computer, it will do cutting for you. Could go in the EA support room. Don't currently know enough about it, or if PAC funds would cover this, or is it more of a school purchase. This kind of request should come to the staff committee meeting and then could possibly be brought to PAC if appropriate. More research needs to be done on what the machine does and is used for.

If a class didn't need a bus for a field trip this year, they could still ask for the \$10/head that PAC gives for bus trips to be put towards something else.

Item J) Next Meeting: June 20th, 2018

Last meeting of the year.

Meeting Adjourned 8:23pm