

South Slope/BCSD Elementary PAC

Minutes from: February 27th, 2019

PAC Executive: Kim Godwin, Mark Van, Charlotte Brown, Clint Wieler

Parents: Sergei Shalaev, Feyona McKenna, Fran van Buyteuen, Yasu Shigemitsu, Lisa Zhou

Staff: Maria Perez

Item A) Introduction and Welcome

Item B) Review and Motion to Accept Previous Minutes

Item C) Update on Splitting the BCSD PAC K-7 and 8-12

We have district support for splitting the BCSD PACS. Info has been sent to Vicky, PAC chair at Burnaby South High School. PCC is onboard, government is okay with it.

Main concerns is whether we will continue to support and fund flying hands – no question, we will continue to support this. This year's request is \$570.

What age group is the flying hands for? Its for all ages, all grades. So there are high school students going to this as well.

Maria believes it is Jen Zuvic who coordinates Flying hands for all grades. She requested the money from Mark, he has sent her the form.

Item D) Financial Update & Budget Review

Gaming - \$8906.90 - nothing spent in January.

Non-Gaming - \$6061.56 - only expense was deposit book \$25. Moving forward all expenses verified by Kim to see they match.

Fundraising - \$11,852.64

Item E) South Slope Campus School Admin Reports

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Usually book performances for next year at this time. There is an indigenous dance group and one of their members is a student at our school. They would like to do a performance at the school. Maria is asking if the PAC can support this for April 11th. It would be \$500.

We do have money for presentations in the budget, but are we doing Selema Noon this year? It should be this year but she is fully booked. Maria will look into it for next year, and BCSD will look into someone else. Other presentation was Telus. So no need for any other funding.

This and any other performances are always open to parents and family.

Kim put forward a motion that we give the money to the school for this performance. Motion passes.

March 5th, 6th, and 7th are student led conferences. Parents are invited to come in and view student work. Report cards go home early April.

Today was Pink Shirt Day – a pink dance in the gym. Kids had a lot of fun. Maria showed a short video explaining how Pink Shirt Day started as a stand against bullying by two kids in Nova Scotia. Maria had sent this video out to all the teachers, some showed it to kids, some explained it to kids. Trying to help the students understand ways that they could stand up for themselves and other kids who might be getting bullied. There is a lot of misinformation in the media about what Pink Shirt Day is.

Fire drill was done today - 5 mins and 5 seconds. Teachers knew but the kids didn't.

Item F) Fundraising

Goal \$2100

Year to Date – \$1661. Leaves \$439 to raise and we have two subway lunches to go. We make \$300-\$400 for each Subway lunch, so there shouldn't be any problem making our goal.

- 1. Subway Feb 28th, April, & May**
- 2. Ongoing – Cobs, Mabel's Labels**

Fran would like to make a Facebook post regarding the Subway fundraiser to let people know. Can we do a sushi lunch? There is a family at the school who own a sushi restaurant we could reach out to. What about A&W? They now have a vegetarian option.

Movie nights go towards helping pay for two classes to go on a trip to Victoria.

Should we be encouraging the teachers to order from Subway or whichever fundraising we are doing?

Clint has stepped into an executive role for now. But we are still looking for a fundraising coordinator.

Item G) Ongoing Business

Telus Wise parents session – April 24th PAC meeting. Info will be posted on the PAC board. Talking to parents about social media and understanding safety and security online. Have done three presentations already to the school. Will add to the newsletter. Probably send a paper copy home for this one.

Technology requests: new projector for the library? Haven't had this yet, but the request is coming.

Intermediate playground – Suncrest received a grant for their playground. Their PAC received this. If we want to do that there is funding available. But the playground itself would be a big project and expensive. We would need to figure out where we can put the playground, as there are pipes and other things under the ground. Where did the idea for another playground come from? Possibly from another PAC member. Is it the most important thing to spend the money on right now? Maria is happy to have a conversation with teachers to see if this is really something that we need and want and that would be beneficial to the kids. We don't know what the cost for a playground would be. We don't necessarily have enough kids to support two playgrounds, but we do have two separate areas of land, and it would be nice to have something for the older kids. Possibly a rope climbing structure.

Bathroom art – no updates. Some ideas but have not moved forward yet.

Update on library – Kim reached out to the librarian. She had requested \$1000 for new books and \$1000 for presentations. March 14th Author Lana Button, April 23rd Author Faith Erin Hicks for older kids. Both visits are booked. Jennifer has targeted a sale at ULS library services in April. Last year students who completed reading club got their name in a book, but this year all students will get their name in a book at the beginning of June.

Outdoor classroom – plans for further phases to complete this. Once spring hits we may see more of a move forward on this.

Item H) New Business

New request from Cathy Bennett and Jenn Zuvic for 4 overnight storage bins for iPads, for overnight charging and security. \$1200 for four, \$300 each. We have money for the outdoor classroom but don't see anything happening between now and summer. Maria thinks there may be funding available so she will talk to someone first – Mark puts forth a motion that if there is no funding, we put forth the money or part of the money. Maria will find out and let us know next week.

PCC meeting – Gwen talked about the PAC split for BCSD K-7 and 8-12 very clearly so they probably have a better understanding now of that.

Cathy is currently at a job fair in Washington DC to recruit teachers.

Looking into a video relay system for BCSD kids so they can also communicate with home over the phone.

Garbage can outside is great, but there is a lot of garbage outside on the playground. Does the district have signage we can put up? Would it even be effective? Because of the recent snow and custodial changes, this may have contributed to more garbage outside right now.

Who owns the school property – City of Burnaby? Maria believes some school properties belong to the city and some belong to the school district. Sidewalks are City of Burnaby. Could we ask the city to support the resurfacing? No, probably not. Maria is not sure where the boundaries of our school are. But she can find out. Playground belongs to the school. School grounds are public land. We want to encourage a community feel.

Item J) Next Meeting April 24th, 2018

Meeting adjourned - 8 pm