**South Slope PAC Meeting**

**Wednesday September 25th, 2019**

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

**Parents:** Billy Chan, Yasu Shigemitsu, Chris Revitt, Daniella Revitt, Feyona McKenna, Francoise Buytenen

**Staff:** Maria Perez, Teresa Fierro

1. **Introduction and Welcome**
2. **2018/2019 Wrap Up** 
   1. Acknowledge Lead Volunteers
   2. Review 2018-2019 Financials
   3. Review and Motion to Accept June Minutes
      1. Clint puts forth motion to accept minutes, Fiona seconds.
3. **Constitution and Bylaw Document** 
   1. <https://southslope.burnabyschools.ca/parents/draft-south-slope-pac-constitution-bylaw-sept-2019/>

It came to our attention last year that we were not able to find the constitution and bylaws anywhere, so we have been working on a new. This draft is also online. Next meeting we will take a vote and if it passes we will accept that as our constitution and bylaw. This document talks about what our responsibilities are, what we have to do, how many meetings we have to have, our executive members, etc.

1. **Financials**
   1. Reviewed proposed 2019-2020 budget
   2. Gaming – End of August - $5,866.02
   3. Non-gaming – End of August - $4,482.29
   4. Donation – End of August - $11,904.55

Charlotte puts forth motion to accept the proposed budget, Fiona seconds.

All statements available online for anyone to see. All cheques and documents have two signatures.

Handed out proposed budget for the year including the financials for spending last year. PAC executive had a pre-meeting and requested a list of items from the staff as to what they would be needing for the school year.

Gave a brief overview for new parents about the situation with the BCSD high school and our PAC. This year they have actually requested money for an artist in residence. We approved this straight away. Previously they haven’t requested money from us.

Gaming account has to be for items that the school wouldn’t normally buy, and has to be spent every three years, but we are caught up. We will get another $6000 for the gaming account within the next couple of months.

Brief explanation for new parents as to how the PAC gets money from the government (must have a PAC in order to apply for this money). Also, explanation of donations and non-gaming account (from our fundraising activities).

Hip Hop for the school is more than $300 (which is what we have budgeted), but we will provide more funding for that if we are able to.

Saleema Noon has not been booked yet, but we have put the money aside for this. She talks to the kids about body issues and safety, very age appropriate. She also does a parent night. If she doesn’t come, we will have someone else similar come in.

1. **Pursuing Private Grants**
   1. Private companies that offer money to schools. There are lots of different ones available. This is a work in progress. We will be working with the teachers and staff to gather together the relevant information and get everything filled out. Possible we may have missed the deadlines for this year.
   2. Fran has put together a list of different things that we need as a school and then compared that to the grants that are available.
   3. Art Starts – will come in and do workshops.
   4. Best Buy have a grant that needs to be done by the spring.
   5. Library we are still looking for – lots of suggestions but not 100 per cent sure yet.
   6. For the stairs and ramp we could get this from Rick Hansen. This one sounds promising. Accessibility and mobility. Last one closed in June of last school year. This could be relevant for lots of things that we might need in the school as we do have lots of kids with mobility issues (Terresa mentioned that the ramp may be around $2500 so we should aim high for this type of funding).
   7. Our Canada Project - $400 for anything for the class that is sustainable.
   8. Hearing program, garden grant, music fund, recycling of old computers, support for disabled in sports – lots to go through and potential funding to receive.
   9. Maria mentioned that possibly there is an evening through DPAC for grant writing and learning what we need to do to apply for them.
2. **Fundraising** 
   1. Subway: Sept 30th, and proposed for Nov, Jan, Feb, Apr, May
   2. Sushi: Can we trial this in October? Have been in touch with TNT but have not been able to get any kind of response from them. Also visited with other restaurants and stores, but not much luck so far. One place did give us some options for spring rolls, fried noodles, and chicken for $5. Might not be able to offer this to children with allergies.
   3. Neufeld Farms: Delivery Nov 30th at 10am – promote this better this year; make sure staff get handouts.
   4. Raffle gift baskets w/musical: May - When we did this two-years ago we raised $1000 for the music program.
   5. Ongoing: COBS, Mabel’s Labels – put the info on Chantelle’s desk, info should be going home to parents.
   6. Tim Horton’s – They do Camp for Kids, very cheap and they have healthy options. They can probably offer us ingredients lists – lots of families do have allergies. We need to look into whether or not they deliver.
   7. Purdy’s? We have discussed this before. We were under the impression it was only a 25% profit, but it is up to 50% (possibly based on volume). Maria has done it at other schools, and it has been successful.
   8. Clint knows of another frozen food service that may be able to do fundraising – he will look into this and let us know.
3. **South Slope Campus Updates**

**South Slope**

* 1. Lighting project started in summer. Some of the equipment was delayed. Still working on it, hopefully by the end of next week this should be completed. This came from a grant, same thing at Burnaby central. This is day lighting rather than florescent light. All have dimmer switches. Have been some glitches – they put it all in and then work through the school in sections. They have been making lots of adjustments. Downstairs now looks a lot brighter. Supposed to help with cochlear implants as there are no frequency sounds. A few things they aren’t so great for, so we’re working through the glitches. Takes a while for us to adjust to the different light.
  2. Artist in residence – Mark Cunningham who is one of our EA’s. Has applied for a $10,000 grant, school will need to provide $4,000. Working mostly with intermediate students. Will come and speak to the PAC at our next meeting to talk about what he is planning to do with the students.
  3. Speaker coming in to talk to intermediates about online safety and cyber bullying in early November.
  4. Presentation on mental health and wellness for grade 6 and 7 next week.
  5. First aid for intermediate students coming soon.
  6. Terry fox run happening tomorrow. Parents welcome.
  7. Pro-D Day Friday – staff going to Shadbolt Centre – both schools. Focus for this pro-d day is on deaf culture and awareness. Run through some stations. Lots of new staff. Good for everybody to have a repeat.
  8. Mental health presentation on how to access resources. Next month is sleep awareness month, so there will be a focus on the importance of sleep on mental health.
  9. Photo day is October 7th.
  10. Everything is now being loaded on to the website, calendars should be up to date online.
  11. Board asked schools to focus on indigenous culture and principles of learning. How can we start this early in the year? Talked to indigenous teachers in the school and decided to have activities in the first week. Looked at the book *You Hold Me Up* – felt it was a good jumping off point for the school this year. Made bannock with the students for the whole school. Organized the nature walk up at central park. Very nice way to segway into the rest of the year. On Orange shirt day, an indigenous dance group is going to be performing. Monday 30th. Talk about children who were placed in residential schools. Want to carry these thoughts and ideas through the year. Going to make memory bags, another important aspect of indigenous culture. Teachers will do this first and then take this to the classrooms.

1. **Ongoing Business**

Formal ASL for south slope students. And workshops for the parents. Fran came across one website with workshops, so this may be something we can get. We will follow up with Cathy.

1. **New Business**

Is there a demand for babysitting?

Naomi, aged 11, wants to be the PAC babysitter. Has her babysitting certificate. Is also available for parents in the community. Parents would need to register for PAC meetings in advance so that we know who is coming.

1. **Next Meeting: October 23rd, 2019**

Meeting Adjourned 8:23pm