

South Slope/BCSD K-7 PAC Zoom Meeting
Jan. 20th; 7:00 – 7:50pm

PAC Executive:

Chair: Jennifer Hou

Vice-Chair: Don & Annie Murray

Secretary: Feyona McKenna

Treasurer: Candy Yeung (backup: Amber Lin)

District PAC (DPAC) Representative: Yingzi Feng

Fundraising Coordinator: Lina Liao

Principal: David Heard (South Slope), Catherine Bennett (BCSD)

Vice-Principal: Jennifer Zuvic (BCSD)

Head Teacher: Katy Deo (South Slope); Christy Jeffery (BCSD)

Item A: Introduction and Welcome

- The PAC helps with fundraising for the school (8 meetings a year)

Item B: DPAC update (Yingzi)

- Announcement about gr.7 band to become available => have a flyer for distribution to parents
- Budget 101 => funding based on number of students; 92% of budget directed to labor expense
 - o Budget per student won't be adjusted for inflation, so that means each year schools will afford 2-4% less with the same per student funding
 - o Prob with over capacity at all schools (ex. Nelson Elementary needs to add 4 more portables to absorb overcapacity at Maywood catchment due to booming population in the Metrotown area) & cost of building portables is being taken out of class room activities
 - Spill over effect of portables includes Nelson lost half of playgrounds to build portables
- Parent survey => over 200 parents filled out survey; more than 80% concerned about inadequate budget & all that has been cut
- 2 MLAs & Member of Parliament joined the DPAC meeting to listen to concerns; Parent advocacy can be effectively done if more parents write letters and email to the MLA covers their residential address; enough letters to MLAs will constitute a campaign which then raise a common concern and become a priority for MLAs to bring forward to the Ministry of Education
- *If interested in knowing more about budget and parent advocacy for more funding for education, please contact Yingzi for further information*

Item B: Financial Update

Gaming \$ 8,222.66 (from prov govt and has rules for how it's spent; have 3yrs to use money)

Non-Gaming \$ 3,217.54 (from fundraising efforts)

Donations \$ 18,429.97 (donations sent to the school directly & tax refund eligible)

Item C: Fundraising

1. Neufeld is completely booked up in Feb and March doesn't work. Will look into Feb. 19 for White Spot lunch, but that will be day before Subway hot lunch
 - a. Will check if Neufeld has a Saturday in May for pick up
2. Purdy's around Easter
3. Scott brought up idea => gift cards for online or grocery stores
 - a. <https://www.fundscrip.com/>
 - b. Parents pay for gift cards and PAC gets a portion of the gift card; would be useful before end of school year or around Christmas

Item D: South Slope/BSCD Campus Updates

1. Thank you to PAC for supporting the school
2. Gave \$250 Save on Foods gift certificates to 10 families who needed them and other gift cards in Dec; more will be given in spring break
3. Will be starting a "Green Team" with interested students to learn about climate issues, sustainability, recycling, etc. => a service opportunity
4. PAC had budgeted a new projector & audio update for the gym; David is in the process of getting quotes for this and will share the quotes with PAC next time
5. Will send out a notice this week about "west coast recess" => preparing kids for rain and cold
6. Marcus might be coming out to teach tennis to students in the spring

Item E: BCSD Updates (Jennifer)

1. Reminder to parents to send warm or back up clothes for students in the cold weather; recess is held outside
2. Next week is literacy week – "Face is a Poem" theme (different reading activities planned, guest speakers, book swap – bring children's books to swap, Jan. 31 is PJ day)
 - Theme of diversity

Item F: Ongoing & New Business

1. Jennifer H. asked if Seleema Noom will be coming this year? David will ask to see if there's interest; she talks about sexual health, consent, and identity
2. City of Burnaby playground grant => is there anything that needs to be upgraded? David said that our playground is in good condition; we could look into expanding it like other schools
 - a. Our playground is 15-16yrs old

- b. Question about adding a garbage bin => David can talk to the city about a large garbage can or can put a small bin in the covered area and the custodial staff can empty it at night
3. Will the sensory path be put indoors or outdoors? David said indoor but it hasn't been installed yet. We paid ~\$1,000 to Variety Club & they were going to match it for a sensory path
 - a. David will look into this
4. Yingzi asked about installing an in-ground trampoline (David will ask about pricing)

Next Meeting: Feb. 17th, 2025

Meeting adjourned 7:49pm