

South Slope/BCSD K-7 PAC Zoom Meeting
Feb. 17th; 7:03 – 8:02pm

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)

- Meeting held on Feb 18 @ 7 pm. District Treasurer presented amended budget for this school year and showed a **surplus of \$220,000** which is favorable to building up cash reserve. There's no mention of potential impact of this surplus on the next school year budget whether it could prevent further cuts. The primary driver of the surplus was less spending on teaching substitutes, due to less absenteeism, thanks to the attendance management program that's newly implemented since last September.
- District will come to next DPAC meeting to present **proposed budget** for next school year on **April 15 @ 7pm at Burnaby Central Secondary**. All parents are encouraged to attend.
- To address the band program cut, District proposed an alternative for Grade 6/7 band to be held after school hour at six school sites with further details to be formalized. There is a fee to participate: \$350 per child per year for a total of 28 sessions. Each school site needs a min. of 20 students to launch the band.

Item B: Financial Update

Gaming \$ 7,421.90 (from prov govt and has rules for how it's spent; have 3yrs to use money)

Non-Gaming \$ 3,208.79 (from fundraising efforts)

Donations \$ 18,503.47 (donations sent to the school directly & tax refund eligible)

Item C: Fundraising

1. No updates yet for White Spot lunch; will share later
2. Purdy's has already started

3. Bottle fund raising drive to work with Green Team
4. April, May & June => White Spot and Subway

Item D: South Slope/BSCD Campus Updates

1. Just finished Literacy Week (school poem, artwork, reading, writing, guest readers)
2. Tennis lessons in beginning of April => 4 lessons for every student (cost subsidized by school and PAC)
3. Report cards go home just before spring break
4. Student led conferences in April
5. Will have a lockdown drill & Shelter in place drill in a couple of weeks
 - Will follow standard district procedures
 - The front door (& other doors) will be locked from now on; if parents are coming in, be patient and wait or let the secretary know
 - Will buy a doorbell system with a flashing light by the front door
 - Blinds have been updated so can't see inside
 - David recommends being forthright with students about Tumbler Ridge but not give too many details, and let them know that they will be safe and protected
 - Question about whether police know that some stu have special needs and do they have a safety plan for that?
 - Yes, David has had meetings with liaison officer & firefighters so they know all this and they have a plan
6. Boys & Girls Basketball team had a successful season

Item E: BCSD Updates (Jennifer)

1. No updates that haven't already been mentioned by David.

Item F: Ongoing & New Business

1. Last meeting we discussed having an in-ground trampoline, but Burnaby School District said it's not allowed due to safety hazard
 - a. Jennifer Z said the basketball area is run down, perhaps replace basketball hoops and repaint the lines or add another basketball hoop
 - b. Also can look into installing one or two Gaga Ball courts
2. Have they added garbage bin yet? David still waiting to hear back from City of Burnaby
3. Yingzi said March 13 is the time to apply for playground application; Jennifer H. said needs approval from Burnaby School District
4. Candy => in woodchip area, there's a spot missing wood chips. Can they be filled up?
 - a. David said yes; he can ask maintenance dept and it's just a matter of when they'll come by to do it; will replace them and add more for a muddy area; some wooden beams will be replaced soon too
5. Emily => suggested areas for playing pretend games; will send us a picture later

6. Sensory Path update => it's been bought but found out it's challenging to install on carpet at South Slope
 - a. The school originally chose carpet due to audio acoustics but these days it's not much of an impact
 - b. Perhaps will replace or take out the carpet in some of the classrooms next year due to allergies and health reasons => Jennifer Z & David will look into this
7. Jennifer H said she heard BC is giving out money for free hot lunches in some districts and was wondering if Burnaby is offering that; David replied that the hot lunch program at SS is honor system and parents pay what they can
 - a. Scott said parents can be given the option to pay for other kids' lunches as a donation; will try this out next time
8. David has met with 3 companies for sound mixer and upgraded visual production unit & screen; waiting for the 3 proposals and will share at next PAC meeting
9. Emily mentioned using Munchalunch portal, but Candy said it costs \$300/year to use that
 - a. With 240 students, might not be cost effective
 - b. Discussed whether should increase the frequency of different lunches

Next Meeting: April 21st, 2025

Meeting adjourned 8:02pm