

Bayside PAC Meeting

Monday, February 15, 2010

7:00 pm

Bayside School

Attendees: Wendy Seward (Chair of meeting), Nancy Borden , Melany Campbell, Linda Lightbody, Melanie Murray , Tim Dunford, Heather Tomalty, Stephanie Ogden, Michele Gibbs, Eva Jaycox, Shirley Elm (Principal), C. Sousa (Teacher)

Meeting Minutes - Amended

Introduction	Welcome, call to order. Approval of Agenda.
Review Meeting Minutes	The previous minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections noted.
Correspondence	A thank you note was received from Irene Ennis for her classroom allocation from the PAC.
Funding Request Ms. Souza	Ms. Souza, Band Teacher, made a request for funding for the band program. They are dealing with a \$2,300 deficit this year. They need the money for replacing mallets and reeds, buying sheet music, and repairing instruments. The instruments are very old and require a lot of repairs. They are planning fundraising activities such as Gala Evening of Music, but would like PAC to help with some funding. They would like to have the festival band attend the Kiwanis Festival in Vancouver, but they don't have the money for this. The PAC would like to assist, but asked Ms. Souza to return with a specific proposal for band funding that they can vote on.
Presentation: Goal of Language Arts Program in Middle School – Ms. Elm	Ms. Elm walked the parents through the Ministry of Education's "prescribed learning outcomes" for Language Arts on the website. She encouraged parents to look through this information. Ms. Elm also discussed a recent article in the <i>Globe & Mail</i> Newspaper that emphasized the importance of reading levels to future success, and if children read well by age 15, they will have better outcomes. Ms. Elm also briefly mentioned the "What Did You Do At School Today Survey" – it should be ready for discussion next meeting.
Reports	Co-Chairs, Wendy Seward & Nancy Borden: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Funding Facts Newsletter went out to parents via email last week.- The BC CPAC Annual General Meeting is coming up, April 16-18, 2010. The PAC has \$1000 allocated to pay fees for anybody who would like to attend it.- A seminar called Fundraising in Challenging Times, March 11, might also be of interest to parents. Contact Wendy Seward for more info. Treasurer, Linda Lightbody: <p>The basketball hoops were right on budget; money came from the gaming funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Linda presented the projected budget vs. the actual spending and income to date. Author visits cost only \$2128 vs. \$3000 allocated. It was moved by Nancy Borden, seconded by Michelle Gibbs and unanimously passed, that the financial report be accepted as is.

COPACS:No Report. Co-representatives were not at meeting

Tim Dunford, School Planning Council:

- Tim Dunford and Michelle Gibbs attended the School Level Meeting on Feb 10th.
- The meeting was not as productive as it could have been - both Tim and Michelle suggested that in the future the agenda and plan be provided in advance to all attending so they can prepare. Michelle Gibbs will give this feedback to Nancy MacDonald, Asst Superintendent.

CPF Report: No report this month.

Committee Reports

Fundraising – Melany Campbell

- Thrifty's Smile card use is down – a reminder will go out in the next newsletter to remind people to use them.
- The last Pizza Day generated \$466.00. Tru Value has offered to supply chocolate milk at cost for future pizza days.
- Melany is working on fundraising with the band and art departments, bottle drive results still being determined.

Old Business:

a. Parent Education Evening – workshop chosen was “Video Game Learning and Adolescents”. Wendy Seward will speak to the school counsellor to organize this.

b. Earthquake Preparedness

- The Earthquake kits are now stocked and up-to-date. \$377.08 was paid from Tru Value account. There is now \$2573.92 remaining in the Tru Value account.

New Business:

Funding Requests:

- Pi Day : A request from Laurel Evans, Matt Makuch, and Eric Stohr for \$400 for book prizes and pencils and tattoos for participants at pi day. **It was moved by Michelle Gibbs, seconded by Heather Tomalty, and passed unanimously, that the PAC provide \$400 for prizes and other materials for pi day, and that gaming funds be used.**

Open Forum:

a. Parent-Teacher interviews – although Thursday afternoon is what is officially offered, many teachers are accommodating other times for parents who can't make it then.

b. Discussion re: field trip funding – teachers are welcome to approach the PAC for funding.

c. Grade 8 farewell organization is beginning.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next Meeting

Monday, March 22, 2010 at 7:00 pm