



Bayside Middle School - Parent Advisory Council

*The regular monthly meeting of the Bayside Middle School PAC was called to order by Nancy Borden at 7:00pm on **Monday, October 16, 2011***

Present: Nancy Borden, Trish Mar, Alexandra Donovan, Melanie Murray, Christine Kenwood, Ina Smith, Leila Nazaroff, Rachel Wakefield, Kim Cole, Patricia Wall, Shirley Elm.

Approval of Agenda: Motion: Trish Mar
Second: Melanie Murray
Motion carried

Approval of Minutes: Motion: Melanie Murray
Second: Christine Kenwood
Motioned carried

Principal's Report:

- Canteen at Bayside was not doing well for a variety of reasons. So Administration worked w/Canteen manager to reinvent the Canteen into 'The Bayside Café'. Working to have a menu that fits the healthy food guidelines as well as being affordable. Hoping to work with Fairways on distributed foods.. A similar thing has been done in Vancouver.
Canteen was closed for one week for cleaning and has been inspected and is good to go. It's a work in progress.....
Laurie is away temporarily and a new manager is coming in. She is a former White Spot manager.
- Working on improving the forgotten lunch program so it's more user friendly.
- Halloween Dance day is a regular school day and students are expected to attend the school.
- "Tone" of the staff at the school is holding, but it is becoming more challenging. Admin is working hard to try and keep morale up, and keep the school functioning.. Shirley, Ken and Steve made breakfast one morning for the teachers! Teachers are working hard to keep school as regular as possible for the kids.
- Craft fair is the same night as the band concert. Tables are rented out to anybody for 10.00 a table, this is being organized by the Youth and Family Counselor. Boys and Girls club will be a big presence that evening. Also there will be a silent auction for the Quebec trip.
- At this point there is some confusion about whether teachers can assist in fundraising due to the strike.

- There has been some confusion about fundraising regarding whether it is for individual groups/individuals or for the school. Transparency is super important. Admin is looking into it.
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- A parent mentioned as how 3 years ago, her daughters Quebec trip fundraising was organized as more a 'team building' thing as opposed to just fundraising.. Kids were expected to come and help out. That this was very effective approach.

Vice Principal's Report:

- absent

President's Report:

- Coupon books: So far have about 2500.00. Not all are in yet. Teachers have been helpful in getting students to hand them in at the office.

Treasurer's Report:

- Distributed Budget, Balance Sheet and Income Statement. Gaming grant is in. Budget is set.
- Pizza day went well. There were a few leftover and they were donated to forgotten lunch program. Excellent volunteer turnout. Made 352.00.
- Letters to be distributed for classroom funding which will remain the same (100.00/classroom).
- The Budget is meant as a 'guideline' for the year only, it is not set in stone. It is up to the PAC to decide what to fund. It is set as a guideline only for the following years PAC.

COPACS:

- As far as teachers strike. The STA hasn't much info as it is all Provincial level bargaining. At this point they were at a stalemate. Best to follow it on STA website(saanichteachers.com), or BC CPAC site (bccpac.bc.ca), or the districts website (sd63.bc.ca). All very interesting websites. Unfortunately at this point there does not seem to be much going on.
- Also copacs said there was a blog by Janet Steffenhagen (<http://blogs.vancouver.sun.com/author/jsteffenhagen>) or can check out Keith Baldrey (?) (<http://www.burnabynow.com/news/Change+ahead+education+system/5537001/story.html#ixzz1asbvvglu>) ?? as they do quite a few updates through the newspaper.
- The school trustee elections are coming up, they are important. There is going to be an all candidates meeting for school trustees sponsored by Copacs and STA November 2, location TBA.
- **Policy 1100 meeting November 9.** Parent involvement at district level, they really want feedback and as many parents as possible to come to that.
- CUPE will be coming up for discussions soon as well. Nathan Stevens our CUPE rep says their contract is more about language clarity than dollars, so hopefully it will go smoothly.

- Also, there is a parent at the copacs level that does up wonderful reports that are available to view at PAC meetings. Its good information but not meant for general distribution. She goes to the SD meetings that copacs is invited to and types up these reports in simple language that are easy and fast to read. It brings you right up to date on what the school board is up to. There is a lot of fanatastic info in them.

CPF:

- Magazine drive seems to be successful but final numbers are not in yet.
- Question regarding Late Bus. It is funded for 2400.00 and bussing is expensive so it only goes so far. Bussing is planned to run during the busiest periods of the year. It is open to any student and doesn't run just on the regular routes. Boys and Girls club does bus to their club if child is registered with them.
- French Tutoring is planned for Wednesdays and will start with one tutor and up to 10 kids. It is sponsored by CPF It is hoping to be open to any student be it core French or French immersion, but this is still being discussed. Hoping to expand to two tutors if the demand is there. There will hopefully be a letter going out soon regarding the French tutoring.
- Blue Magique performance received mixed reviews. Great sets but too much dialogue.

New Business:

- some tutoring is available after school for a fee, by p/t teachers. Not sure how it works. Seems to be word of mouth.
- There is a person who is knowledgeable about fundraising who is willing to come talk to us about some good fundraisers. Shirley E. will get her info to Nancy B.
- The craft fair tables are open to anyone
 - Still some interest in starting a Boys and Girls parent support group on the Peninsula. Info about those is available on the Boys and girls club website.
 - It was noted the the Boys and Girls club is new to Bayside. It is free except for special events. They have meetings on Fridays at Bayside school.
 - It was noted that the Daily Announcements are very useful on the Bayside website. Its is good to bookmark it on your favorites and check regularly.

Next Meeting:

Monday November 21, 2011

Meeting Adjourned:

8:05pm