



Bayside Middle School - Parent Advisory Council

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayside Middle School PAC was called to order by Nancy Borden March 26, 2012 at 7:00 PM .

Present: Patricia Wall, Trish Mar, Christine Kenwood, Melanie Murray, Doris Veronneau, Dana Matheson, Nancy Borden, Shirley Elm, Ina Smith.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion: Nancy
Second: Melanie
Motion carried

Principals report: - *more activities* will be affected by the teacher action. Gr.7 Quebec trip is still on, but there is uncertainty about the band trip to Whistler. Rugby will likely continue, but soccer and track and field will not likely happen.

- The teachers at Bayside are hanging in there but it is becoming increasingly challenging for them.

Morale is getting low. They want to do the best they can, but there is conflicting information out there and naturally varying opinions on it.

-there is a website that has some *more info regarding the strike* at BC Public Schools Employers Association. It's a bit challenging to find info there but there seems to be info under 'publications', then 'bulletins', then 'for the record'.

<http://www.bcpsea.bc.ca/publications/bulletins/for-the-record.aspx>

This link below being their most recent post.

http://www.bcpsea.bc.ca/documents/20120109_060318116_No%202011-07-WP-For%20the%20Record%20January%209,%202012.pdf

-It was strongly suggested that the Gr. 8 farewell committee get going in early April regardless of what is happening in the school.

-At this point there are not likely to be *formal report cards* issued. Parents can contact individual teachers to find out how their child is doing. Teacher contact info is on Bayside website. Email seems to be a good way to do this. There will be a year end report card regardless.

-Lots of work being done around social responsibility and social media. These things are very important and take up a lot of staff time at the middle school level. There has been a speaker in to talk to Gr. 6's, there will be at least two more speakers for other grades at some point.

-Late bus may have to be cancelled if there is not enough demand to justify it due to strike action and the lack of after school activities as a result.

-Bayside enrollment is declining so we will likely be down to one Principal and only one vice Principal next year (currently we have two VP's). Due to a number of administrative retirements there will be some shuffling around of Principals/Vice Principals in the district.

Presidents Report: -Nancy got the the old PAC School Supplies Order list to teachers/support staff and reworked the numbers etc on the package to better reflect what parents were looking for. The basic package is more basic, and more items are optional. The PAC fee has been raised to 6.00/package. GREAT news is now it will ALL be done by Monks online! No paperwork will be sent home. Can pay with a credit card online, or can still be paid by cheque if needed. All we have to do is distribute the packages when they are delivered to the school! This also makes a clear cut off date so there won't be so many late orders coming in. The calculator in the package should now do for all grades 6-8 rather than now having to buy a new one for gr. 8.

-Coupon Books- not recommended to do the books we did this year again. We had thought it was Canadian, but turns out it was all through the states. A viable alternative is one through a local charity called compassionate warehouse. Its looks good, its 100% local, has had good feedback, the cost is 20.00 and we as a PAC we get 10.00 per book. Works the same way basically as an entertainment book. There was some interest in that idea. *We need someone to step forward and take this on asap* (before end of June) if we are going to do this for next year.

-it was noted that fundraising at bayside can be a challenge as some classes do their own fundraising and our fundraising can be in conflict. Eg the coupon books. There are 2 classes that sell them to raise funds for their own classroom. So we don't want to compete with/discourage these classrooms, we do also wish to have funds raised by the PAC to benefit the whole school.

Vice Presidents Report: -Allison Rees was pleased with the parent response to her event.

-Jan Townsend from Boys and Girls club speaking at Bayside on April 12 on adolescent behavior. This is meant to be more of an informal discussion group. There will be childcare and refreshments. This event is open district wide and Nancy will send out an invite through co-pacs.

Motion: Dana Matheson: To donate 50.00 to Boys and Girls Club for work they have done at Bayside.

Second: Ina Smith

Motion carried

Treasurers Report: - Distributed Budget, Balance Sheet and income statement.

-Pizza day brought in close to another 500.00, smile card another 213.00.

-next meeting Nancy will confirm giving the 80.00 cheque to Copacs. (this was ½ profits of book sales as Copacs funded the evening.)

- Quebec raffle report completed by Ina.

-Ina got a separate deposit book for Gillian(Pizza day) as it will make it easier for her.

COPACS: -Any parent of a child in SD63 can go to Co-pacs meetings.

-There is a new computer program that is being developed by SD63 staff called Open student. It would replace BCCSIS. It is not to make money but to have a better program for student tracking.

<http://www.openstudent.ca/node/3> They are looking for parent input.

-Copacs hosted an appreciation luncheon for district staff as they have taken on a lot of extra work.

-SD63 is trying to be more proactive on 'income generation' that is not at the expense of students. Eg international students, distance education. As usual there is a budget shortfall due to the crazy provincial funding formula. It all comes down to demographics.

-Next public budget meeting is April 25 th 7:00-9:00 PM at Bayside. Check SD63 website for that. Currently our estimated minimum budget shortfall is standing at 931, 000.00 not including declining enrollment.

CPF: - Had budget meeting beginning of March, set aside some money for tutoring, and this program may be extended to other schools.

New Business: -Bike Jam coming up a special event sponsored by School bike League.

<http://www.timescolonist.com/sports/Lower+Island+School+Bike+League+crank+Bike+2012/6415107/story.html>

School bike league website. <http://www.schoolbikeleague.ca/>

Also North Saanich Freeride Park is having their AGM and the airbag on the Thursday eve before the bike jam next day. <http://www.freeridebc.com/>

Funding request: + from Ken Bergeron for a new set of Legacy Banners that hang in the gym. They need to be purchased in 10 year lots as it is a large cost saving over buying them one year at a time.

Motion: Ina Smith –To fund the other half of the cost to send Nancy Borden just to the BCCPAC AGM on May 26 th in Coquitlam.(BCCPAC funds the other half) And also to carry Baysides voting card

Second: Doris

Motion carried

Funding request: +Richard Cook \$250.00 to fund Living and Learning through Loss. Private counselor to kids learning to work though grief. It was funded a small amount by ? and R.C. wanted an additional \$250.00 to support this program. Shirley said that it probably would be funded by Bayside funds put aside for this sort of thing.

Funding request: +Richard Cook -\$1600.00 seed money to replace existing rugby uniforms. They are 5+ years old and are too big or too small and have a type of neckline that is dangerous for rugby (swinging jersey tackles). Each jersey costs 55.00 with school name logo and number. Based on renting the uniforms to students over three years and then using rental \$\$ to replace uniforms in the fourth year. There was some confusion over how many uniforms were to be initially purchased as the numbers don't crunch. It would have been nice to have clearer numbers to work with.

This topic was debated due to the large cost involved and due to the fact that rugby also received 600.00 last year for tackling dummies. There was concern that PAC funds need to be distributed in a manner so as to benefit the greatest number of students. It was felt that this was a large expenditure for a limited number of students. Also a concern about setting a precedent for full purchase of uniforms which has not been done in the past.(eg last year a request for rowing jerseys for rowing club). There was concern jerseys will not be returned or will want to be retained by students. There was concern that the basis of the rental return was over 3 years and there is a likelihood of changeover of who is sponsoring this program and whether it would continue to be administered in the long term.

It was stated that the rugby team could do some of their own fundraising, and or parents could purchase uniforms as it it with other sports. Eg volleyball, basketball paid for own jerseys.

There are less funding requests this year due to teacher action.

There were 42 kids involved in rugby this year.

Others felt that there was money in the gaming fund, why not spend it?

It was noted that the gaming fund was not only used for sports.

It was said that the rental of uniforms could begin this year with purchase and that would also subsidize the initial purchase.

Motion: ? to fund 900.00 for Richard Cooks Bayside rugby club. –not seconded

Motion: Patricia-to fully fund \$1600.00 for rugby uniforms

Second: Dana

Motion defeated

Motion: Ina Smith –to fund the full 1600.00 for the Rugby uniforms pending Shirley reporting back that there will be no other requests for year end sports equipment. If there is, then we will revisit this topic next meeting.

Second: Patricia

Motion carried

Motion: Melanie- to fully fund legacy banners purchased for the school gym in a 10 year lot. \$2806.72

Second: Christina

Motion carried

Motion: Nancy- \$50.00 for 40 new pinneys (purchased by Nancy for a bargain!) that can be used for all sports.

Second: Christine

Motion carried

Next meeting: April 16, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:39 P.M.