

BAYSIDE PAC Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2016

Attending:

Wendy MacDonald, Marti Redman, Kelly Hoffman, Tora Cameron, Jolene Burns, Tamara Lorincz, Kimberly Bramadat and Darcy Winkel. Regrets: Sandra Arthur, Cindy Wezenbeek, Gus Underwood, Lily Yee, Natalie Salem

Chair Report – Marti Redman

- There are Thrifty and Fairways card that families can use to help raise money for PAC, once cards are loaded with money that will be spent at the grocery store, PAC sees a kickback. These will be available at the Bayside Christmas band concert and community craft fair on December 8 (from 3-7:30) at the PAC table. Bayside apparel and merchandise will also be available for purchase at this time, including new Bayside toques.
- Marti feels that with her being at Camosun now, she is not in the school as much. She is hoping those of us who are able to be in the school are checking in with other parents to see if they are receiving PAC information and to find out how people are doing in the Bayside community, staff and students alike. Are there issues or concerns that PAC should be aware of, or can we help out in a certain way?

Vice Chair Report – Lori Smith

- Lori attended the Policy 1100 meeting on November 2 where COPACS and the school district board members all meet together to discuss the direction of the district plan and its focus over the next couple of years. There were many breakout sessions and the results from those discussions are on the SD63 website.
- There was some discussion about what PAC is for. PAC has authority to advise on all matters of education to parents, it is an important job, not just a social club. We should be gathering information in our community and moving it up the line of command.
- There was quite a bit of discussion about child mental health issues, there is an upcoming meeting on child mental health issues at Claremont Secondary School (4980 Wesley Road) Ridge Theatre November 29, 2016 7pm - 8:30pm.
- There was also discussion about the 'Jenga budget planning' and how the tower is getting a bit wobbly with support items in the education system being removed. Wendy commented in her 14 years as an administrator that it has been alarming in the shift of dwindling funds for education.
- It will be an election school year. If there is something our parent community would like to bring up, we need to make our voices heard over the next couple of months.
- Tamara suggested that perhaps a meeting in February would be appropriate to bring in someone who can educate parents on the state of education funding in BC. It was agreed that this would be a fabulous idea.
- There is talk of installing a donation button on each schools webpage to encourage and enable people and corporations in our community to easily donate either to individual schools or to the district as a whole. Nancy Borden would like to hear people's input regarding this idea. You can either email her directly (nborden@sd63.gc.ca), or go through our PAC website and we can forward on your ideas.
- The B.C. teachers in the Supreme Court of Canada won their case last Thursday immediately restoring clauses deleted from the teachers' contract dealing with class size, the number of special needs students who can be in a class and the number of specialist teachers required in schools.

Secretary Report – Darcy Winkel

- There is a poster attached for a benefit dinner that Sandra Arthur (past PAC president) is having for Liza Glynn to fundraise money to bring her Syrian cousin and his family here to Canada. The dinner/show is next weekend and the show portion is \$20 with kids tickets being \$5 and cash or cheque only please. Tickets can be bought at the door of the church the benefit dinner is being hosted at, Friendship Community Church which is located at 7820 Central Saanich Rd.

Treasurer Report – Tora Cameron

- We have sold \$1733.43 in clothing so far this year and have purchased \$3348.92 in clothing, merchandise and toques. We are planning on selling clothing, merchandise and toques in the shark shop and at the Christmas band craft fair on Dec. 8th. Heather Huck bought some merchandise for her tickle trunk for gifts in her class.
- The feedback from the school regarding the Halloween hot lunch was it went over very smoothly, fun was had by all. The PAC profit was \$877.18. It was decided to just do pre-orders for the Christmas hot lunch so we don't have so much food left over again. It might be a good idea to have and prepare + 20% for teachers and staff.
- The next PAC lunch is Dec. 15 and Lily is thinking of doing glazed ham, potatoes, honey carrots, corn, bun and a Christmas treat. The lunch will be \$10 for an early order, and \$11 if order closer to the deadline. (Email transfers were not accepted at some banks less than \$10 and bumping up the cost of the early orders eliminates the need to be refunding kids \$1. It is a good idea to let the teachers know they can jump the line to get food.
- In the operating account we have \$12,650.32, but once all cheques have been made and cleared we will have \$10,392.27. Available funds are \$4,664.64
- In the gaming account we have \$19,292.24. Available funds are \$3,827.53.
- In February, we can look at additional funding requests. It might be a good idea to go to another staff meeting in January to let staff know they can submit a few more funding requests, but that we have only a bit of money left.

Communications Report

- Cindy and Natalie seem to be working well together as a team. Marti is hoping we can talk to all Bayside parents we encounter to see if they are getting the PAC information. Ask them if they are subscribed to the PAC forum. Marti has set up a volunteering sign up document to help out with the Christmas craft fair. It was suggested to set this up for the Christmas hot lunch.

COPACS – Kelly Hoffman

- Kelly also attending the COPACS meeting and Lori did a great job in explaining it. There has been no further COPACS meeting, so no other information to report.

CPF

- The CPF magazine drive is due December 1. All orders go to supporting French language resources and socio-cultural experiences in our schools.

Guest Speaker – Tamara Lorincz on TD Friends of the Environment Funding Opportunity

- The application is due Nov. 21, and Tamara has been given an extension since she is sick; the application is now due November 28th. We will find out in Feb of 2017 on how much money we have been granted and the work will need to be completed by Dec. 2107.
- She is looking at a long house as an open classroom with a fire pit in the middle, peace poles, perennial gardens with fruit trees and walking paths. She estimates the cost to be approximately \$21,000, with a potential grant from TD of \$16,000.
- Wendy met with Melissa Austin, Tamara and Gus to discuss plans. They went to visit Stu Rhodes at Stelly's to see if his carpentry program would be able to help out, but the project is too small for his class. He might be able to provide a couple students to help out though.
- Kelly motioned that PAC supports this fundraising request in the amount of \$3500.00. Tora seconded. **Motion carried.**

Emergency Preparedness – Kimberly Bramadat

- The classroom bags have not been updated and are hanging in the bin, and they should be updated and hanging in the classrooms, nearest the outside exit door.
- Kimberly and Gus will be checking in with Steve Newlove to see exactly what information is mandated to be in each classroom bag, and what materials are also required.
- Once they are ready to assemble the classroom bags, they would like an assembly line of volunteers to get this job done quickly. Marti has a list of volunteers who have put their names forward who would like to help with this and she will forward those names onto Kimberly and Gus.

Principal's Report – Wendy MacDonald

Upcoming dates to note:

- Weekly Thursdays: Pizza Lunch-figures it will take about 18-20 months to pay off canteen debt (kids miss canteen-need to figure out a way to still meet that need of the kids)
- Dec 1 – Fine Arts Performance @7:00pm
- Dec 5 – FAAS #2
- Dec 7 – Report Cards Distributed (Nov 28 Marks entered, Nov 29-30 Verify & Edit, Dec 1 Reports Printed)
- Dec 8 – Holiday Craft Fair @3-7:30
- Dec 8 – Winter Band Concert @7pm-most attended event Bayside has
- Dec 15 – PAC Hot Lunch
- Dec 19-Jan 2 – Christmas Break – No School

Information to Report:

- JIC- Joint Implementation Committee for new curriculum at the district level
- GAFE Summit Conference: Each two-day high-intensity event focuses on deploying, integrating, and using Google Apps for Education (and other Google tools) to promote student learning in K-12.
- Field Trips – have been lots including Tsartlip drumming, UVIC music performance, Goethe Math, ABL, Boulders Gym, Imax, Commonwealth
- Poppy Collections/ Remembrance Day Assembly
- FNEESC Workshop (First Nations Education Steering Committee)
- Challenging Behaviours Learning Series
- Autism Seminar
- CERT Training: disaster training- Wendy is trained, and she now has a team to support her.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next PAC meeting will be Dec. 13, 6:30, Place to be determined