

## **BAYSIDE PAC Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

### **Attending:**

Darcy Winkel, Marti Redman, Kelly Hoffman, Tora Cameron, Lily Yee, Jolene Burns, Gus Underwood, Becky Khan, Sandra Arthur, and Lori Smith. Regrets: Cindy Wezenbeek, Andrea Nugent, Wendy MacDonald, Kimberly Bramadat, Natalie Salem, Liza Glynn and Chris Wakefield.

### **Chair Report – Marti Redman**

- Marti brought the PAC planning sheet to remind everyone of what is coming up in the next half of the year. We have the grade 5 transitions where we will be selling Bayside clothing, 2 more PAC themed lunches (February 2 and April 13), a May celebration on May 25, and a year-end BBQ on Tuesday June 6 (Mr. Cook will be discussing changing this date to correspond with a girls' rugby competition, will be confirmed).
- PAC needs to continue to be a voice for the parent body at Bayside.
- Marti has a meeting with Staples to talk about school supplies. Last year the school supplies through MONK, was a bit bumpy and Staples reached out to Marti, so she will let us know the outcome of the meeting.
- Marti has also set up bi-weekly meetings with Wendy to connect on a regular basis to see how PAC can best help the school community.
- PAC clothing is in the window in the gallery, we have sold a couple of items and we will pass on clothing items to staff at our costs.

### **Secretary Report – Darcy Winkel**

- Marti, Tora and Darcy attended the collaborative planning meeting with admin and teachers on Tuesday for PAC to connect with staff. We talked about the upcoming PAC lunch on February 2 and Eric Stoehr asked if we could forward the order form onto each teacher so they can forward onto their families in their classes. Steve said he could distribute the order forms to the all the teachers so they can pass onto the families. We talked about the upcoming June BBQ and Mr. Cook mentioned the girls' rugby game, and he would like the 2 dates to align with each other. We asked for input and suggestions/ideas for PAC to better support them and the school community and we reminded the teachers that they have classroom money and field trip money for each class to use.

### **Treasurer Report – Tora Cameron**

- The revenue that came in December was \$862.29 and expenses were \$55.96. In the operating account, as of January 13, was \$11,219.29 with \$1,164 funds available. In the gaming account, as of January 13, was \$17,618.91 with \$3,412.23 funds available.
- There were 2 applications for funding from teachers that could come from the gaming fund. One was for a grade 8 musical from Heidi Benetti and one was for a class for first aid training from Charlene Rozon.
- Tora motioned to approve the grade 8 musical funding. Sandra seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Gus motioned to deny the grade 6 class funding for first aid based on the fact it was too class specific. Tora seconded. All in favor. Motion denied. It was suggested that if this was submitted again for all grade 6's for a lunch time club, or after school, or during PE, then more children would benefit and PAC would consider it again.

### **Communications Report – Cindy Wezenbeck (via email)**

- Cindy reported all is running smoothly in terms of communications. Cindy is looking after the email side of things, while Natalie is doing a wonderful job of maintaining the FB website and PAC mailouts. They have talked about switching roles between them. Natalie is also working on a newsletter. If you would like to see something added to the newsletter, please email Bayside PAC to have it included.
- Sandra commented that the FB site used to have a running dialog box which has been turned off. Marti did not think it was a good idea to have open communications visible on the FB website. Marti will see if a change can be made to allow some positive, appropriate comments to be visible for all to see.

### **COPACS – Kelly Hoffman**

- Don Peterson from BCTF was present at the meeting and discussed the recent court case where \$50 million dollars will be available to hire more teachers across BC. SD63 share of this money will be \$650,000 to hire teachers from now to the end of June. This will mean 35 to 40 teachers will be hired across SD63, and Bayside will get 2 extra teachers to help out at Bayside.
- The May election was also discussed at the last meeting. Questions will be coming out from COPACS, so as a grassroots movement, we can ensure that our parents voices are heard regarding the issues that are important in our community. The thought is that if our electoral candidates hear the same questions being asked from our community and across the province, (ideally), then education will become an important issue in the election.
- James Taylor is stepping down as president, if anyone is interested in this position, please make yourself known.
- Kindergarten information night is January 25 at Keating Elementary.
- Vancouver Island Parent Council (VIPC.ca) is February 25 from 8:30-4:00 at Royal Bay Secondary. The speakers will be Gary Anaka (how to grow a child's brain), Jennifer Gibson (Educated, Empowered, Engaged) and Kathy Lynn (Vacuums Suck and Twixt Twelve and Twenty). The title is "Sex, Brains and Letting Go and Connecting".
- COPACS is redoing their constitution, if you are interested in having input, please email Bayside PAC and we can connect you with COPACS.

### **Emergency Preparedness – Gus Underwood**

- Gus was hoping to attend the COPACS meeting, but was not informed of the meeting dates. He has been informed of the next meeting.
- There is no standardized requirement of what should be in the emergency container, or in the classroom grab and go bags, that Gus and Kimberly have been able to find anyway. He is not finding much support from the district on how to approach stocking the container and the classroom bags, as the district probably has no information to offer. Gus and Kimberly will be paving the way for researching what supplies should be in the container and in the classroom bags.
- The food and the water are out of date in the container and it is not in a state where it will be of much help if there is a situation where the container is needed.
- It was suggested that we find out what should be in the classroom bags and address that issue first. Ideas for connecting with people to see what they suggest were COPACS, Deep Cove Elementary School as they have been told they should be self-sufficient for 3 days since they are more remote than most schools and a company called Total Prepare which has a list of items required for kits. Lily mentioned that she has registered her family for a free emergency preparedness course through the City of Victoria. It is a 2 hour course and it is located in the Victoria City Hall. Dates are January 25 from 7-9 pm; February 7 from 1-3; February 23 from 7-9 and more courses are listed on the City of Victoria website under emergency preparedness.
- We certainly appreciate the efforts of Gus and Kimberly and there will be a need for a team of helpers to help out once we get some idea of what to include in the kits.

### **CPF**

- Andrea Nugent has asked to step down in this role as her life is super busy. Andrea Calder will step in to keep us informed.

### **Special Foods Events Coordinator – Lily Yee**

- Our next lunch will be on February 2, for Chinese New Year's. She is looking for 8 parent volunteers to help out at 10:30 the morning of the lunch.
- The next and last lunch for the year for PAC will be April 13, and it falls close to Easter, so she will think about an Easter themed lunch.

## **Principal's Report – Wendy MacDonald (via email)**

### *Upcoming dates to note:*

- Weekly Thursdays: Pizza Lunch
- January 30 – NID (Curriculum Implementation)
- February 2 – PAC Hot Lunch
- February 9 – Interim Report #2
- February 13 – Family Day – No school

### *Information to Report:*

- FSA's for Gr. 7's beginning soon.
- JIC- Joint Implementation Committee for new curriculum
- Field Trips – Bon Macaron, Boulders, Bowling, SilverCity, Museum/Imax, Panorama
- YES-2-IT for Gr.8's on January 24 and 26
- Volleyball season and swim club are underway. First swim meet is January 21.
- Survivor is on at lunch with Mr. Kovacs
- Kokusai Japanese student visit scheduled for March 22-26. 8 Bayside families needed for hosting.

## **TD Grant Application for Outdoor Classroom – Tamara Lorincz (via email)**

- I wanted to let you know that we should hear from TD Friends of the Environment in February about our grant for the outdoor classroom and peace, perennial garden.
- I also wanted to acknowledge Bayside parent Sandra Bunting of Island Horticultural Services who helped with an invoice and letter for the full grant application that went in at the end of November. Wendy as a complete copy of the full application that was submitted to TD FEF. I think it turned out really well.
- Last week, Wendy and I sent out a letter to David Suzuki about a fundraising opportunity and we will let you know if we hear anything about it. It would help us raise money for our environmental project. Wendy has also applied for an art grant. Please cross your fingers!!
- Finally, the BC Teachers have a new round of social justice funding for schools (a teacher is needed to take the lead) but please check out these funding opportunities: <http://www.bctf.ca/SocialJusticeGrants.aspx> I'm happy to help with these.

## **February PAC Meeting – February 21**

The PAC meeting in February will have half hour of business, from 6:30-7:00 in the Learning Commons, and then we will move into the multipurpose room to have a parent information night which will be geared to the grade 6 parents. All are welcome, but the information will be mostly for grade 6 parents, giving us to connect and provide information to these parents. There will be Shawna James, who will talk on learning through loss, Keely K? A Public Health nurse will talk, Miriam Miller and Mike Schmalz from the Boys and Girls Club will talk on feeling better prepared for adolescence, and Steve Newlove and Wendy Macdonald will talk about curriculum changes. They will each have about 15 minutes, and then there will be a time for questions afterwards.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm**

**Next PAC meeting will be February 21, 6:30 Bayside Learning Commons**