

BAYSIDE PAC Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2017

Attending:

Darcy Winkel, Marti Redman, Kelly Hoffman, Shannon Hamill, Anne Casey, Tora Cameron, Lily Yee, Cindy Wezenbeek, Kimberly Bramadat, Liza Glynn, Gus Underwood, and Lori Smith. Regrets: Sandra Arthur, Wendy MacDonald, Natalie Salem.

Emergency Preparedness - Gus Underwood

- Gus and Kimberly have been to the Total Prepare warehouse to investigate supplies for our emergency preparedness bin at Bayside. They received a quote for 2 super tankers, 275 gallons each at \$500 each. They will fit side by side into our bin. The water will stay good for up to 5 years once treated with oxygen (which acts as an antibacterial agent in the water). They will look at sourcing out water bottles (perhaps collapsible water bottles for ease of storage) for the school community to have in the bin so they can be labelled once distributed and then reused if necessary. They were struggling with how to keep everyone happy with food in case of emergency; then they decided it wasn't the important aspect to be focusing on. They decided they should be focusing on making sure there is enough sustenance for the whole school community for a period of 3 days in the bin. They brought sample food bars for us to try which have 1000 calories/bar and you could live off 3 bars a day and have enough calories to sustain you. They would last for a period of 5 years. A case of 20 packages (3 bars/package) is \$150.00. They are looking at sourcing out soups, granola bars, fruit leathers, toilet paper, garbage bags (toilets), gluten free and dairy free alternatives as well.
- There is \$2000 in the current budget for the emergency supply bin and it was decided to order the water containers which would come to \$1000 and then spend \$1000 on food supplies/toiletry items now, and next year fill in the gaps with more food/toiletry items as needed with the next year's budget money.
- It was suggested that it might be an idea to check in with a supply company to see if they would be willing to have a fundraiser such that if the Bayside community orders a survival kit, then 10% of the money from that kit would go towards items for our bin at Bayside.
- It was also suggested that perhaps next year on the school supply fee form, instead of having a \$10 and a \$20 PAC fee option, only have a \$20 PAC donation and use some of that money for the survival bin supplies, such as a water bottle for each child in the bin.
- Thanks very much to Gus and Kimberly for looking into this for the Bayside community.

Chair Report – Marti Redman

- Marti received an email promoting the BCCPAC Spring Conference and AGM on May 5th, 6th and 7th. It is happening in Surrey and will be a chance to network, to partner and to learn. There will be a key note speaker who specializes in the assessment and treatment of anxiety and mood difficulties in adolescents and adults.
- PAC decided to donate some Bayside PAC toques, cinch bags, pens and sunglasses as prizes to the Dictée PGL winners.
- PAC also decided to donate \$50 towards the spelling bee for prizes.
- Eric Stoehr has placed his order for some new balls to be used outside at recess and lunch times.
- The grade 8 farewell is still seeking a leader for the festivities for the Bayside celebration that will happen in June. All meetings to plan this super fun event will start to happen after spring break. Please email baysidepac@gmail.com if you would like to help with this event which is for all the grade 8's leaving Bayside and embarking on a new journey into high school.
- The grade 5 transitions will happen in April and PAC will hopefully go with the admin and the leadership students to the elementary schools like they did last year. We are hoping to promote our Bayside clothing line to the new, keen students coming to Bayside next year. We will have a week of selling

clothing in the gallery at Bayside May 1-5, with the orders to be compiled with the elementary school orders and delivered the first week of June.

- The Bayside staff appreciation lunch will be held on May 30. We will order entrées from Stelly's again and ask for parents to bring desserts to celebrate the teacher's hard work with our children this year.
- May 25th will be the outdoor classroom unveiling.
- June 6th will be the PAC hot dog day, where all students and staff receive a free hot dog, drink and chip bag.
- Marti thought to have the next PAC meeting in April at the Empourium.
- The school calendar for the next 2 years have been posted, check it out on the school district website.

Vice-President Report – Lori Smith

- Lori works at St. Margaret's school and they are hosting a major S.T.E.M. event and inviting up to 400 kids to participate, where there will be major female leaders in the science and technology fields presenting. She was able to get 10 girls from Bayside to attend this event free of charge (normally a \$50 fee). Chantal Levesque and Wendy Macdonald will attend with the girls. Thanks Lori for all your efforts here!

Treasurer Report – Tora Cameron

- The revenue that came in February and March was \$2,022.28 and expenses were \$4,198.16 (including the \$3,500 cheque for the outdoor classroom which was spent on metal brackets for the outdoor classroom). In the operating account as of March 14 was \$8,968.47 with \$1,164 funds available. In the gaming account as of March 14 was \$14,570.61 with \$3,080.98 funds available.
- The gaming account has rules on where the money can be spent. It can't be spent for a classroom or for a small number of students. The money is intended to be for extracurricular clubs and sports and made available to all students.

Communications Report – Cindy Wezenbeck

- Cindy is learning how to work the Facebook page and the PAC website. Thank you Cindy! And thank you Natalie for a great newsletter!

COPACS – Kelly Hoffman

- The school board deficit is not as dire as originally thought. It is sitting at about a \$500,000 deficit not the \$1.2 million that was originally forecasted. There is lots of money until the end of June, but there is a concern about the money that will be available come September, after the election.
- The government announced that they will provide \$50/child for learning support. This will be a one-time grant and COPACS is looking for some input as to how parents would like this money to be spent; whether it go to the families to offset the cost of school supplies or to the administration to decide where the money is best spent. Marti made it aware that Steve Newlove will be coming to the PAC next year to ask for help with a donation to help with the cost of new technology in the MPR (which will cost upwards of \$30,000). It was suggested that perhaps this one time grant of \$50/student could go towards that cost. It was also suggested that this money could go to technology to help implement the new curriculum in the classrooms. If the new learning is to be inquiry based, then some additional technology (such as iPads) would be helpful. It was mentioned that 1/5 of our families are living in poverty, so maybe the one-time donation of \$50/child should go to families to help with school supplies. If you could email baysidepac@gmail.com with your thoughts on this matter by April 4th, and all comments will be forwarded onto Kelly for coalition and she will inform COPACS our thoughts on this matter.

Special Foods Events Coordinator - Lily Yee

- Our next lunch will be on April 13th. She has surveys out in the Bayside community this week to see what the kids vote for. The choices are: Chinese food, Mexican soft tacos, chicken nuggets and fries, hot dogs with fries, subway sandwiches and pancakes with bacon or sausage. The surveys will be available until the Friday before Spring break. She is trying to get away from the 2 day meal prep, and moving towards food prep, decorating and setting up all the morning of.

Principal's Report – Wendy MacDonald-via email

- Musical 'Charleston' on stage this Thursday 16th 7 pm – come early it will be a sell out! Two free tickets per student and tickets on sale in the office \$5 for student/senior and \$7 for adults
- Roof phase 2 starts at the beginning of Spring Break
- Outdoor classroom project planning in progress – building permit in place with a couple of conditions – goal to have the art, building, peace pole and garden finished by PAC/Bayside
- Open house May 25th!! (day after Bayside grade 5 parent night)
- Camosun College/ Skills Canada – 9 Gold winners, 4 Silver winners, 5 Bronze winners. Bayside tied for the top school in this competition, Provincial competition April 5th
- Term 2 report cards – process this week and sent home April 5th
- Volleyball finishing up, Rugby is in full swing, track and field and cross country starting after Spring Break
- Dodgeball at lunch time winds up this week
- Spelling Bee this Thursday in the Learning Commons during lunch – open to all students (sign up in the Library)
- Japanese visit March 23rd at Bayside and community welcome to share in the Japanese hosted activities in the afternoon of this day. Japanese students will be hosted by North Saanich Middle School on March 24th
- April 10th – ALL grade 8 students heading to Stelly's for an internet safety presentation with the grade 9 students (parent session in the evening at Stelly's)
- April 21st Creatures of Habitat – for ALL grade 6 classes
- April 24th – Six String Nation presentation at Bayside block 4 – parents are welcome to join us!

TD Grant Application for Outdoor Classroom-Tamara Lorincz

(met with Marti, Tora and Darcy on March 12)

- Marti brought the architectural drawings of the outdoor classroom, and these will be left in the plastic file folder located on the wall just inside the PAC cupboard in the student services area.
- Tamara has looked at getting a \$2000 social justice grant, which we missed the deadline, but can apply for next year.
- She has also looked at getting an Artist in Residence grant, which ranges from \$3,500-\$10,000. This application is due May 27.
- We are expecting the building permit to be granted soon, and as soon as we have the all clear, Tamara, Marti and Alice Bacon are set to do a PR media release, and a letter to the school community explaining and promoting the project and asking for in kind donations from the community members for materials we will need. **Update – Building Permit has been approved as of March 22nd. Excavation to start the week of April 3rd ideally.
- The time line for the outdoor classroom is as follows: March 20-the Bayside roof repair starts up again, March 27-the excavation of the outdoor classroom site starts, first week of April the footings are started, then when they are set, the framing starts. There is a deadline for this to be completed by May 19, the week before the May unveiling event.
- Tamara will complete the final report out to the TD Bank of Canada and the Bayside community is extremely grateful for all of Tamara's efforts in making this a reality, thanks Tamara!

- Charles Elliott is a First Nations artist who will be completing a piece of art on the front of the outdoor classroom, entitled 'Saanich Moon'. The current grade 8 students will be completing some building tiles to be used in the construction, (perhaps around the Peace Pole) as will the grade 8 students in 2018 and 2019.
- The First Nations teachers, along with Earl Claxton and Melissa Austin will be working on the plant material for the gardens around the outdoor classroom as well as around the totem pole erected last year.

New Business

- Questions to ask candidates who call or knock on our door have been shared via email through Natalie regarding the May election and what to ask our politicians regarding the state of our education system.
- Tamara brought up the fact that poverty is, or should be a key election issue. Our province can't afford poverty. For more information, please refer to the website www.nopovertybc.ca.
- The May celebration is turning into a bit more of a production due to the unveiling of the outdoor classroom space. We are looking for a committee of people to organize the food to feed the people, food with a First Nations influence. Wendy will help with the invitations to the local dignitaries and people in the First Nations communities.
- Any items that you wish to see in the upcoming newsletter, please email baysidepac@gmail.com.
- We will be having our AGM in May, so be thinking about next year and where you see yourself at Bayside school.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm
Next PAC meeting will be April 18, 6:30