

BAYSIDE PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Attending:

Darcy Winkel, Wendy MacDonald, Cindy Wezenbeek, Marti Redman, Kelly Hoffman, Tora Cameron, Rachelle Hill, Tamara Lorincz, and Anne Casey.

Regrets:

Kimberly Bramadat, Sandra Arthur, Liza Glyn, Lori Smith, Natalie Salem, Lily Yee, and Alice Bacon.

Chair Report – Marti Redman

- Marti wanted to let us know that the S.T.E.M. event at St. Margaret's School happened on April 20th and 21st, and 10 girls from Bayside school were able to attend (for free, normally a \$50.00 charge). Thanks to Lori for bringing this forward to our school.
- Alice Bacon has stepped up to lead the grade 8 farewell this year, a hearty thanks to Alice for taking this fun role on. Thank you Alice!
- The staff appreciation is on May 30th and Kelly offered to take this on and organize it. Thanks Kelly! There is \$350.00 in the budget to order food from Stelly's and then we can ask for parents to donate desserts on the morning of the luncheon. We will look at putting the call out for help starting May 1st.
- In the June PAC meeting, we will look at setting up a new PAC vision for next year. This meeting will take place June 20th at the Empourium, with a \$10.00 charge for the meal.
- Marti and Cindy will go to the Keating Spring Fair on May 7th to sell some clothing to the Keating kids.
- There is a grade 5 information night May 24th, where we will also have a table set up for information for the new incoming parents and to sell some product.

Secretary Report – Darcy Winkel

- Darcy attended the budget meeting held March 12th for the SD63 board to have input from school staff and PAC's. Even with the new money inserted into education from the government, our district is still just shy of a million dollars in deficit to balance the budget. The board held a meeting in hopes to gain some new insight as to where to cut money so they can submit a balanced budget. Once the treasurer completed his presentation, there were many passionate presentations from staff (integrated support teachers-IST's) and parents who were advocating for their roles in the school system. Kevin Elder suggested that money could be cut from IST's, and there were so many presentations from the floor in opposition of those potential cuts; that it took up the entire meeting time, with no time for round table discussions. It was suggested to resend out to our school community questions that came from James Taylor (COPACS) to ask our candidates whenever we get the chance in hopes to raise awareness with our politicians that more money is needed to balance our budgets in the school districts. This has been done, if you did not receive this email, please email baysidepac@gmail.com.

Treasurer Report – Tora Cameron

- At the recent PAC hot fun lunch, the parent volunteers were behind in cooking the meal, the ovens were taking longer than usual it seemed to cook the lunch. Tora thought to send out an email to parents explaining the situation and to offer up a refund for those parents who thought they would like their money back. No requests have come in to date and all the comments received have been very positive. Mrs. Lindsay, our librarian, commented how appreciative she is for the PAC and all we do for the school community. Thanks Mrs. Lindsay!
- Our revenue for the month of March was \$1,165.86 with the school supply fundraiser (\$757.41) and some money came in from Thrifty's and we sold some merchandise to the school at cost (\$379.60). Our revenue to date for April is \$665.00 from the fun lunch (and this number will go up some), \$1,249.00 from the donations to PAC at the beginning of the year, Thrifty's income was \$48.65 and we sold some merchandise for \$67.00; for a total of \$2,029.65. Both months together, the income was \$3195.51 to date. Expenses from the operating account for the month of March were \$518.41

(classroom money, crests and printing and a speaker for a conference). Expenses (also from the operating account) so far for the month of April have been \$3,500.00 for the TD friends of the Environment outdoor classroom. Expenses from the gaming account have been \$858.07. In the operating bank account, as of April 17th, was \$11,448.37 and in the gaming account was \$14,620.62. Available funds in the operating account is \$1,164.64 and in the gaming account is \$1,047.73.

- Tora is investigating whether we can use some of the gaming money for the outdoor classroom.
- **The PAC exec will meet before the next PAC meeting (which is also the AGM) on May 16th to discuss a framework for the 2017/2018 PAC budget and it will be brought forward to be voted on at this PAC meeting. If you have questions/comments/suggestions regarding the upcoming budget, please email the PAC at baysidepac@gmail.com.**

Communications Report – Cindy Wezenbeck

- **There will be one more newsletter coming out before the school year end, and if you have some information you would like to be in the newsletter, please email Natalie with your information: natalie-salem@hotmail.com**

COPACS – Kelly Hoffman

- Kelly missed the meeting due to family circumstances.
- James Taylor (president of COPACS) has been in discussion with Wendy MacDonald and a parent who has a gifted child. It was thought that it was important to ensure that James was aware of what was going on in our school with respect to a family with a gifted child in the system.

CPF – Rachelle Hill

- Many thanks to Rachelle Hill who has stepped up to be our new CPF rep, it is much appreciated Rachelle!
- Rachelle has an idea to keep the students reading over the summer to avoid the ‘summer slump’. She has access to many French magazines and she thought it would be a fun idea to meet up at Centennial Park every 2 weeks and allow the kids to exchange their magazine or book and then let them play for a bit. Wendy suggested she email the French teachers to both introduce herself as the new CPF rep and to suggest this idea to them so they can let their parents know about this opportunity.
- Tamara also suggested a movie night with donations of French books.
- Rachelle is thinking to send out a quick survey to French families to see where they are at with respect to CPF, and to ensure all are aware of its existence.

Emergency Preparedness – Gus Underwood and Kimberley Bramadat

- Gus has arranged to order water containers for the earthquake kits and food bars. This has come to just under \$2000.00, which we have budgeted for this year. Next year we will look at acquiring more equipment for the kits. Marti has also inquired about a fundraiser for Bayside for next year, and she has not heard back yet.

Principal's Report – Wendy MacDonald

Upcoming Dates to Note:

- Weekly Thursdays: Pizza Lunch
- April 18th: Grade 8 Whistler Band Trip meeting @ 7pm
- April 19th: Grade 7 Quebec Trip meeting @ 6pm; Grade 8 Farewell meeting @ 7pm
- Grade 8 Band Trip to Whistler: Apr. 27-30th
- April 28th NID
- May 8th NID
- May 11th Band Concert 7pm

Information to Report:

- Field Trips – Star Cinema, Level Ground, Stelly's, Legislature, Science World, Band festivals,
- Abbotsford Trade X (Skills Canada finals), Creatures of Habitat for Grade 6's
- Teams/ Clubs in session: Rugby, Badminton, Volleyball, Track & Field, Mountain Bike Club
- Outdoor classroom construction has begun with footings.
- Roofing phase two is underway in West pod.
- Grade 5 Transition process begins this week with Band touring feeder schools on April 19th and Admin and leadership students on a visiting tour next week (April 24th).
- Provincial Satisfaction Surveys will continue from April 18-26th
- STEM Conference at St. Margaret's School April 20th + 21st
- Teacher Staffing/Classroom organization re: BCTF/Ministry Dispute

Outdoor Classroom – Marti Redman and Wendy MacDonald

- The approximate cost for the outdoor classroom is estimated to be \$25,000.00.
- The survey, the geo tech and evacuation has been completed. Wendy was thinking the pouring of the concrete for the 4 corner posts would have happened Thursday or Friday. Forms will be shipped Monday, still lining up who will be doing this and the timbers.
- It is thought that parents and kids might be able to help out on a weekend with gardening in the first week of May.
- Tamara has sent out a media release to the Peninsula Review and the Times Colonist.
- Anne suggested that we reach out to the Rotary Gold Mine (Club of Sidney) and maybe they can provide some funds and media coverage. It was also suggested we reach out to the Lioness group, of which Lily Yee is a member. Marti is hoping to give all this information over to Chris Wakefield as he is contacting groups and people for donations. Thanks Chris! Tamara will keep track of who has helped out and donated so we can thank them at the end of the project.
- The plans for the outdoor classroom will be in the PAC cupboard if you wish to see them. Rachelle also asked if CPF could help, and we said since the outdoor classroom is for all languages and cultures, it would be much appreciated if she could find out.
- The May 25th Open House celebration will continue, and wherever the Outdoor classroom is at in the building stage, is where we will honour it, possibly with some explanation of what is still to come.
- The Open House will probably not have a full meal this time as there is no money in the budget. There will be some food representing the French, English and First Nations cultures. Cindy has volunteered to organize the food, and we say thank you Cindy!
- It is our plan to have the students from the Student Council run the open house as much as possible, they will welcome the public to their event and the PAC will support it. Chantel Levesque will be the contact person and the kids leader. The Bayside culture will be the focal point of the open house, with some time set aside for a dedication of the outdoor classroom and the peace pole. A First nations blessing will also be in the plans for the evening.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday, May 16 @ 6:30 in the Bayside Learning Commons