

## **BAYSIDE PAC Meeting Minutes May 16, 2017**

### *Attending:*

Tora Cameron, Shannon Hamill, Rachelle Hill, Kelly Hoffman, Tamara Lorincz, Wendy Macdonald, Marti Redman, Lori Smith, Cindy Wezenbeek, Darcy Winkel.

### *Regrets:*

Sandra Arthur, Kimberly Bramadat, Natalie Salem, Gus Underwood.

### **Correspondence –**

Darcy read the letter from the School Board regarding the budget for the upcoming school year. It was sent out to all parents in the school district on Wednesday outlining the budget shortfall for the upcoming year. The school board will be short in the amount of \$953,000 and is considering reducing non-enrolling teaching specialist positions to help cover off the majority of the shortfall, with some money coming out of the district administrative accounts and some money coming from EA's, supplies and services. They should know more in June, once they have had a chance to hear how much more money will be coming from the government for the new teachers that are to be hired. If you would like more information regarding the budget, you can find the briefing note from the Secretary Treasurer on the SD63 website.

### **Chair Report – Marti Redman**

- The spring clothing sales brought in about \$3000 gross in sales. This total includes all the grade 5 orders that were collected from Brentwood, Keating, Deep Cove, and Kelset Elementary schools. Marti visited all the schools to talk to the kids promoting the clothing and Bayside PAC.
- The Grade 5 parent information night is May 24th from 7-8 pm and PAC will have an opportunity to speak to the parents. Darcy and Lori will be able to make it. Also, if we could have some help with the clothing inventory we have left, we can offer that out to the parents on this night. We have 21 pairs of track pants, one hoody (adult L) and some t-Shirts left over in inventory.
- The Spring Picnic is happening on May 25 from 5:30-7:00 pm.

*Thanks Marti for all you have given to our school this year, Bayside is a better place because you care!*

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

- The revenue that came into the operating account in April was \$2,180.40 and expenses were \$3,590.00. In the operating account as of May 15 was \$11,267.28 with \$1,164.64 funds available. The expenses from the gaming account for the month of April were \$2,132.84. In the gaming account, as of May 15, was \$14,520.92 with \$947.73 funds available.

*Thanks for keeping an awesome record of all our numbers for the year Tora! Much appreciated.*

### **Communications Report – Cindy Wezenbeck**

- Cindy will be stepping down from this position at the end of this year. She will remain available to volunteer at the school.

*Thank you for all you have done Cindy, it is appreciated.*

- If you have any newsletter items you would like to see in the newsletter towards the end of this school year, please email them to [baysidepac@gmail.com](mailto:baysidepac@gmail.com).
- There was a request for a screening of the Screenagers documentary again at Bayside. It is a \$500 fee upfront, and then if you choose, you can charge \$5/person or \$10/family to offset the cost. We will look at this in September/October as we don't have any money for this now. We actually sent the request to COPACS to host in the fall as they can do it so it is free for families.

### **COPACS – Kelly Hoffman**

- With the smaller class sizes mandated to happen in September, Claremont will need an additional 5 classrooms and Kelset will need 19 new classrooms, and they only have room for 17 more. Bayside will need additional classrooms, but there is lots of space for the new additions.
- CUPE has set up a Joe Nunn Scholarship Fund, which allows for 3 Stelly's students to receive \$1000. This is earmarked for the grade 12 kids who will be going into trades.
- An internet safety committee has been set up by a concerned group of parents at Lochside Elementary who have thought their kids were viewing some inappropriate sites.
- COPACS have a full committee moving forward into next year.

*Thanks to Kelly for stepping up to co-lead as president! You are appreciated Kelly.*

### **Emergency Preparedness - Gus Underwood – via email**

- The water tankers and food bars arrived last Friday at Bayside and they are now in the emergency container. Gus and Kimberly will get into the containers to fill up the containers with water and to organize the contents in the container.
- Gus will not be continuing next year and Kimberly will still help out, but we are looking for some leadership in this area.

*Thank you Gus and Kimberly for all you have done this year.*

### **CPF – Rachelle Hill**

- Rachelle is looking to arrange 4 dates in the summer to exchange French books. She will contact the teachers to see if they can email out the information.
- There has been talk of a debate happening at Bayside, and both Rachelle and Wendy thought that now is not a good time to start organizing a debate. They will chat between themselves regarding this.
- Rachelle is heading as a chaperone to the Grade 7 Quebec trip, and she has organized some café ideas for the Spring Picnic and will leave these ideas with Sandra Arthur.

*Thank you Rachelle for stepping into this position.*

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

- The PAC lunches for next year will be Oct. 26, Nov. 30, Feb. 15 and April 12. It was originally thought to have the Christmas lunch Dec. 21, but we thought to move it to the end of November, when family lives are not so chaotic. And it was thought to move the April lunch from the 19th (when April 20 is a Pro-D day and we thought that families might be away for a long weekend. So, in hopes of having lots of help, we moved it a week before).

*Thanks for taking on this very big task of organizing the lunches this year Lily, you have made them all such a success, with the kids, staff and in terms of the money that was made! You are amazing.*

## **Principal's Report – Wendy MacDonald**

### Important Dates to Remember:

- May 24<sup>th</sup> Grade 5 Parent Night
- May 25<sup>th</sup> PAC Sponsored Open House
- May 30<sup>th</sup> PAC Sponsored Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- May 30<sup>th</sup> Stellys hosting Grade 8 Girls for a 'Fun and Wellness' Activity Day
- June 6<sup>th</sup> PAC Sponsored Hot Dog Day
- June 20<sup>th</sup> PAC Meeting - Hosted at Empourium
- June 21<sup>st</sup> National Aboriginal Day - Activities TBD
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Grade 8 Farewell

### Outdoor Classroom Update:

- Unveiling of the outdoor classroom is re-scheduled for September 21st - Back to School BQ and is the National Peace Day
- The outdoor classroom/peace pole mounting/Saanich moon artwork/rough landscaping will be completed by the end of this year, will be mounted, then taken down to re-mount for unveiling.
- Sandra Bunting will commit to helping to finish the landscaping (soil/planting/pathways/benches...) last week of August and beginning 2 weeks of September.
- PAC will get a list of materials for the garden from Sandra and get copies to as many parents as possible for donations (structure the process).
- Wendy will draft up a letter for us to use to hand out to companies to solicit donations for the outdoor classroom.
- There will be a sign-up list for the outdoor classroom for teachers to sign up to use the space, will be available for all kids at Bayside.

### Parent School-Based Presentations:

- Wendy has offered to present sessions on 'how to raise a middle school student' with minimum stress!
- 'what is really involved in this new curriculum?' ...and open to additional suggestions/surveys/format in the fall.

### Whole Foods Garden Grant:

- Bayside has secured a \$1000 grant from whole foods to support healthy kids and healthy families, food security and food access. This grant will be blended to programming supporting the garden and moving forward with the concept of 'garden to table' education.

## **Outdoor Classroom**

- Tamara asked Julie Proulx to be a teacher coordinator for the outdoor classroom gardens and in return, Tamara will write 4 grant applications for the teachers and for use for the outdoor classroom in September/October if needed.
- Tamara has made available a green magazine for all teachers to use at Bayside, and Julie has this magazine now. Tamara is also keeping a list of our donors so we know who to thank once we are done. It was mentioned we could possibly put a commemorative plaque inside the outdoor classroom acknowledging people who donated.
- Julie will do the drawing of the garden space, and Sandra Bunting will do the implementation only. Tamara thought it a good idea to have some synergy between the two garden spaces (grade 7 gardens and the outdoor classroom gardens). If we need soil for both, coordinate delivery once to save on costs. And we can share tools between the 2 projects.
- Before the roofing is done, all our soil will be moved into position for the garden beds, making use of the equipment on site already to our advantage.

## Spring Picnic-May 25

- The Spring Picnic will focus on a cultural celebration of Bayside school. It will celebrate the kids and will focus on bringing the parents and the kids together in the school.
- The Bayside kids will be leading most of the evening, with PAC there to support, mostly in terms of supplying food for the event. Kids will greet families at the front door with maps outlining what is going on and where.
- The pods will be open during the evening for a different culture in each pod:
  - the east pod will focus on the French culture of the school,
  - the south pod will focus on the First Nations culture of the school. And
  - the west pod will focus on all the other cultures represented at Bayside.
- The meal will be a light meal in the multipurpose room of buns and cold cuts, cheeses, fruits, and veggies; desserts will be in the individual pods. It will be finger food; no cutlery will be required.
- Grade 6's will make posters explaining about their culture, the grade 7's will make posters celebrating Canada's 150 year anniversary, and the Grade 8's will make posters explaining what Bayside means to them.
- Tamara would like a table to explain about the outdoor classroom, she will look after setting it up. Tamara will also write something regarding the open house for the newsletter. *Thanks Tamara!*
- Anne Casey will put out flower pots to ask for donations to help our garden grow.
- There will be door prizes, Alice has donated a \$30 card from Empourium, there is a \$100 backpack of school supplies from Staples, to name a couple.

## Staff Appreciation Lunch

- Kelly has sent out invites to all the teachers and staff with beautiful colour invitations. *Thanks Kelly!*
- She has enough help, she does not need to reach out to more volunteers.
- Darcy will pick up at 10:30 at Empourium and 10:45 at Stelly's.

## June 6th Hot Dog day

- Portofino has donated all the buns required. Fairways has donated some items like condiments. We will need to pick up the little bags of chips from Costco once again.
- Darcy can take the lead on this, Lori and Tamara can help. We will need about 20 volunteers. Marti's husband will be picking up the Jenner BBQ once again, and he and Tora's husband will be the ones on the BBQ.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm**  
**Next PAC Meeting: June 20th @ the Brentwood Bay Village Empourium**  
**\$10/person for dinner @ 6pm**  
**or join us for the meeting @ 7pm**