

PAC Minutes: May 5, 2015 – 6:00 – 9:00 PM – in the Library

1. Minutes from last meeting April 15, 2015 – Approved.

2. PAC Chair report

Marina proposed saving her report to the end of meeting.

3. Principal's report

Mr. Adams reported that the plans for renovations are on hold as well as adding a 17th Division next year; adding a new class will be shelved until 2016. Next year we will be a very full 16 full divisions, just under 400 kids.

4. Teachers' Committee report

None

5. SPC report

Bill 11 will get rid of school planning councils but Mr. Adams agreed he'd like to meet one for time.

6. PAC Treasurer report

Under budget section

7. Committee updates

Hot Lunch Program – Kitchen upgrade is being done for September. We need a second stove in hot lunch kitchen in order to accommodate 16 divisions all at noon. (Changes are being made to split lunch hour so that kids will have a place to go when it's raining. We need volunteers for every other Tuesday in June. Send a not to Chantal to ask for volunteers in reminders.

Spirit Committee

Two more spirit days coming up May 8 and June 12. Looking into quotes for tent and banner. Also want to get mural done for year end (\$600) and reveal at assembly/bbq.

Safety and Social Responsibility

None

Technology Committee

Looking into leasing iPads and laptops - will discuss as part of the budget.

Communications Committee

Matt will work with Marina on the new website interface for next year. Class reps should ask their teachers if they want to be included in the weekly reminders so teachers are in the loop with all the information parents are receiving. Send a note to Chantal to ask all reps to ask their teachers. Question: Do teacher's need to provide e-mail addresses? Answer: No, if teacher's don't provide an e-mail then put a note in their box. There was some discussion about teacher's collecting money for the Grade 7 boat cruise. It was decided that parents will handle it and/or set up Munch a Lunch to collection fees.

Greening Committee

Discussions took place regarding planning grounds improvements that can be 'mobilized' down the road seismic upgrading takes place. Anything we do can be moved or saved so it won't go to waste. Bruce will let us know about next steps for Greening Committee: a planning process will begin this year and PAC will set a budget for next year.

Activities/events

Before and after school activities: A lot going on. Want to see more in the fall. Up to parents to recommend things. There is opportunity for a lot more. We need to work with school board etc. but anything is possible within rental etc. requirements. Spanish and other languages, games club, tech club, dance (such as Zumba), yoga and other music programs are some ideas.

Track and field: remind students that they need to arrange their own rides. Big turnout for Track and Field!

Hudson Choir: Catherine not here but she is looking for other venues for the choir to perform if anyone has any suggestions. Kids like performing!

Guest speakers: Andrea Reimer was very well received. Final speaker of the year is Marilyn (TK) with her seeing eye dog Misty and going to talk about what it's like to be blind in the community. June 9.

Dances (May 1, May 8): First dance done. Went really well. Separated into K/1 and 2/3. Looking forward to 4/5 and 6/7 this week.

Sports Day - May 14: The PAC is taking over ice cream service this year. Working out details around hot dog lunch service. Giving team colours. Sevens will help run the stations. Question about taking pictures and parents posting them on Face Book. Perhaps a gentle notice to say try and take pictures of your own child and don't put them on the internet unless you have permission. This is an ongoing issue and something we'll have to explore further as it will come up again and again.

Bike to School Week May 25-29: Chantal organizes this. She is away. Run by VPD. Biker's breakfast on the first morning led by Chantal. Police give a talk about bike safety. Parade along bike path.

Assemblies and initiatives: K-4 assembly. Performance on Thursday. June 5: Welcome to Kindergarten. PAC has a presence. Offers refreshments. Give a talk to parents about joining PAC and helping fundraising.

Grade 6/7 Galiano trip June 10-13: Bruce is going. Mme Perella and Mr Ogilvie also going. Two nights in tents with educational programs. There will be a class for students who are coming to school instead.

Year-end assembly and BBQ June 18: Decided to go with some electronic play lists this year as per student's request and the success at the dance. Mitch felt his band was owed since last year was cancelled so it was agreed his band would perform half of the BBQ for \$300. Voted on. Approved. We're looking at using an iPod playlist for the first half and then Laser Quartet. Wendy and Marina have put deposit down for M&M Meats. Need a few people to run the condiment table and drinks.

Babysitting club: Set up a roster of kids interested in babysitting and who have taken the Red Cross. Notes have gone out. Have not heard back from a lot of people. Would like to get this done by end of year so parents can use babysitters over the summer. Set up the connection and then parents/students on their own.

9. VISIONING AND BUDGET PLANNING SESSION (marina's poster board notes added from attendee input and discussion)

How would we describe our school community?

A school on the rise in population and in the Fraser Institute's report. Woo hoo! Polite, we hear this again and again. And highly energetic. Kids like the teachers and respect them. Parents that care. Welcoming. Urban. Different from a lot of school in that kids can walk to beach or Granville Island, We use the environment around us: parks, Aquatic Centre, beach etc. We use public transit for field trips. Buddies have formed between older and younger kids. Eclectic place. A real mixed group. Inclusive of different races and relationships. Globally focused. Strong culture of parent volunteering. Fit and healthy kids. "I love my school". Allegiance. Great teacher student bonding. East/West blend. Unique snapshot of the City. Kids are really nice to each other.

How do you think others would describe us?

Heritage building. Cute red school house. History. Two people in kindergarten are third generation Hudsonites! Community involved. "A school on the rise!" Polite and conscientious kids. Energetic. Students appreciate their teachers.

What do we want to be recognized for?

More beautiful school grounds. More sport teams, Academics. arts and music programs. Bilingual duality. Leaders in health and activity. Diversity and creativity. The fact that we are bilingual and the English and French sides are partners and friends in and out of the classrooms. It's a microcosm of the world in the school. We are so multicultural.

What are areas to improve?

We want the kids to have more experiences and field trips. More arts and culture, technology focus. More diverse extracurricular activities and clubs, after school clubs. Student council, students doing announcements again and/or other leadership opportunity for older kids. Creative use of space in the the school and on the grounds. More student involvement in daily scheduled activities. Being more

entrepreneurial for revenue stream a part from just asking parents for money whether it's through cash donation or donations in general. More diverse approaches to fundraising. Maintain and exceed school goals. Make our ideas of inclusion and creativity show up in activities.

What are our key core values?

If it benefits the kids. Activities for everyone. Self discovery and inspiration opportunities. Activities that enhance.

What does our school community look like in five/ten years?

Dynamic balance. Class size and composition. Distance learning. What does the school look like? Access to information. Better use of spaces on the grounds and creative use of other spaces (parks, beach etc). What does 'school day' or school look like? What does a class look like? Access to information continues to expand. Less 'borders and barriers'. More hubs and satellites for learning (ie more project based learning rather than always by class/division)

What are the priority goals for 2015/2016? For 3 years/ 5 years?

Roadblocks to overcome?

Budget Review

Student enhancement fund: have a conversation with teachers about prioritizing funds. It doesn't have to be gym focused. Take a break from sports (since we have so many already) and apply the funds to to more arts, music, culture.

More funds for more field trips. Field trips for gym class.

Executive to take all this away and come up with proposed budget to be looked at in June.

10. Next meeting date: Wednesday June 03, 2015 – 6:30 to 7:45 in the library. Adjourned.