



Bayview PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2017, 18.30 to 22.00 hrs

Location: Bayview Library

Participants: Anna Friedlander (co-chair), Anke Meider, Joss Taylor, Emilia Doro, Joe Damiani (co-chair), Cecil Konijnendijk

Bayview staff: Birgitte Bjorn, Ebru Montagano

Agenda Items

1. Introduction/welcome

Anna Eberhard Friedlander welcomed all to the meeting. The agenda was adopted without changes.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were adopted without revisions.

As a follow up to the minutes: the rainy day games had now been moved.

3. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn

The school had decided to keep the present 'Play first lunch' set-up, after evaluation of the survey of the opinions of students, parents and teachers. The intermediates (children in grades 4 and higher) had been given more flexible arrangements for where to eat there lunch, as a trial.

Birgitte expected to carry out one or two more family team events with all students before the December break.

Communicating student learning and the report cards. Almost all of the teachers are now using the new reporting and communication system for student learning. More detailed information will be sent to the parents.

Upcoming activities and performances will include Dreamrider (on environmental awareness) on November 29th and Lisa Sars (intermediates dance project) on December 7. Performances like this are typically booked in spring, in case people have ideas and suggestions.

All teachers had received new laptops from the VSB.

Parents were once again asked to use Safe Arrival for reporting children's absence. The new MyEd program would help in keeping track of attendance and absences. If a child will be away for a period of time, let May know, so she can enter it into the attendance system.



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Student leadership jobs for those in grades 5 to 7 had started. All children should have at least two jobs around the school.

Ebru Montagano had a teachers' update on the ongoing activities in the different Divisions. She e.g., mentioned next year's camp in Squamish for grades 6 and 7.

4. Budget update

The current account currently holds \$ 36,255.25, and the gaming account \$ 12,522.04.

Joss and Emilia has been putting together both a budget for the current year, and a report for last year. Last year the PAC spent about the same amount on e.g. activities, arts programs, funding for each classroom, events as it generated from events, the hot lunch program and a one-off contribution from the District. We used some extra funds from the gaming account, as we cannot build up too large of a surplus.

Birgitte has had discussions with the staff about technology needs, such as increasing the number of iPads and buying more Apple TV.

It was seen as necessary to start building up a reserve for the additional costs for equipment, refurbishment etc. associated with the move to the swing site and then the new school during the coming years. A direct drive could also be used to generate dedicated funding for this.

5. Seismic update

A public information on the seismic upgrade will be held on Thursday November 23.

Parents should be reminded of the main talking points related to e.g. supporting school replacement, size of the new school, maximising play space, and having a covered area.

Emilia had received good advice from the General Gordon PAC about the things to keep in mind during the seismic upgrade process.

6. Popcorn machine and sales proposal

Emilia came up with the idea of buying a popcorn machine, and use popcorn sales at events and at certain school days as a fundraiser. General Gordon's PAC has used this approach successfully. Emilia would visit General Gordon later in the week to get a demonstration.



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7. Holiday Market update: Emilia Doro

Preparations for the Holiday Market are well underway. Purdy's chocolate sales were going well, but no Indigo/Chapters gift cards had been sold yet.

For the bake sale, an e-mail would go out to ask for baking volunteers. A donation of 100 hotdogs and buns had been pledged by Choices Market.

A plan for preparing class crafts was being developed.

An engineer needed to be booked for the event.

It would be good to find a way of getting feedback from parents on the Holiday Market and the products offered.

8. Gala auction donations letter

Anna was preparing a letter asking companies etc. for gala donations. We could highlight past purchases from proceeds, such as technology, support of performances, funding arts education.

9. New business

For the Holiday Hampers, volunteers would perhaps needed on December 13th to deliver the packages. Tanya will coordinate.

Almost all divisions now have a class parent.

It could be good to draft a PAC welcome letter to kindergarten parents.

The next PAC meeting will be on January 16th (6.30-8 pm).