

Bayview PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, Feb 16, 2016, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Location: Bayview Library

Attendance: Cynthia Begliomini Siniscalchi, Gili Avrahami, Noreen Morris (Principal), Chris Kerslake, Sheri Adams, Ebru Montagano, Christina Larson, Christine Walsh, Michael Kleinman, Holly Broadland, Sarah Jane Damiani, Joe Damiani (treasurer), Suzanne Molyneux, Gordon Glaze (Secretary)

Agenda Items

1. Advocacy and Upcoming Panel Discussion (by Gili):

The VSB is seeking feedback from parents, staff and students on the creation of a new Strategic Plan (this is different to the Long Range Facilities Plan and the input being sought for that). It's important we as parents provide input and have our voices heard! The strategic plan will have real implications for funding decisions around programming, staffing and resource distribution across the district. We need to capitalize on this chance and encourage everyone in our networks to fill in the survey, candidly and thoughtfully. Fill in the survey - http://fluidsurveys.com/s/VSB2021/ - Deadline is Feb 21

What is the Strategic Plan?

The Strategic Plan is a blueprint that sets the educational priorities of the Board for the next five years. To review the <u>last Strategic Plan</u> (2011-2016). The Strategic Plan is based on the following questions:

- How can we make sure that all students have equal access to quality education?
- How can we engage our students to reach their full potential?
- What role should our schools play in their communities?
- How do we set priorities and use resources most efficiently?

Christine recommends sending PAN activity information through the class representatives.

2. Photographers:

Due to some dissatisfaction with the current photographers (Bopomo) conveyed towards the PAC, it was decided that Bopomo representatives would be invited to the next PAC meeting. All agreed that a face-to-face discussion with this business would allow us to decide whether we want to continue with them next year.

One parent noted that it would be nice to have the option of magnetized photos.

3. Principal's update, by Noreen:

Noreen is back and happy to be back. The PAC thanks Nanci for filling in for Noreen in her absence.

4. Reading Recovery Update (by Christine Walsh and Sheri Adams):

TBD.



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4. iPad Maintenance:

Joe: Our records show that out of 23 new iPads, 3 are in need of service after a year.

Chris: I have checked the purchase of the new iPads and the purchase does not contain Apple-care.

Joe: Apple care would cost \$99 per unit and is quite limited.

Chris: There is only a 60 days window after purchase for the buying of Apple Care. That time window has lapsed.

It was agreed that money would be allocated for the repair of iPads if and when necessary.

5. Rainy day Equipment:

After Gala a group (headed by Stephanie) will purchase approximately \$1000 of games and activities to be stored in cabinets for use on rainy 'inside' days.

6. Bayview Gala:

Joe: 150 tickets were purchased. We have to stop selling on Thursday 9pm.

PAC will send another email blast with a reminder that ticket sales Thursday 9pm.

7. Potential Speakers:

A parent has suggested a possible presenter, Sam Jingfors, a consultant who works with Safer Schools Together as a presenter on the issue of digital safety.

Christina: This presenter gave his talk in Lord Byng. There was a \$5 drop in fee. I attended the lecture. It was quite nice. Many other parents from bayview were there.

It was decided that the PAC will inquire with the speaker as to the cost of the talk.

8. PAC meeting adjourned