

Bayview PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 6.30 – 8.00 pm

Location: Bayview Library

Participants:

Parents: Nathalie Gérard, Anna Friedlander, Chris Kerslake, Albe Castro, Kathy Hobbs, Goya Ngam, Tanya Kyi, Emilia Doro, Cora Sheyka, Kelly Ry, Joe Damiani, Holly Broadland, Cecil Konijnendijk

Other: Noreen Morris (principal), Janson Ho (Director, Vancouver Project Office), Kent Grier (Project management, Vancouver Project Office)

1) Minutes of last meeting

Minutes from the November 23rd meeting were approved, with two minor corrections (Bayview Spring Gala is scheduled for *March 3rd*; the drop in Halloween Howl ticket sales was in line with a *decrease* in enrolment).

2) Seismic update

Janson Ho and Kent Grier, director respectively project management at Vancouver Seismic Project Office, briefed the PAC on the *current status of the Bayview seismic upgrade project*. Using a schematic overview / flowchart of seismic upgrade projects in Vancouver, they mentioned that Bayview was still in the Feasibility phase, with the draft Project Definition Report being discussed between the Project Office and the Ministry. The report includes results of the feasibility study, which includes a full building assessment.

The next step will be a discussion of the report at the meeting of the Project Office Steering Committee within the coming months.

The seismic upgrade of Bayview will not happen in the near future, as the Feasibility phase could still take about one year, followed by up to two years for the Design phase, and up to two years for the Construction phase.

Bayview has been given high priority as a high-risk school, so hopefully the process will go quicker. Parent and PAC pressure can be helpful in making sure that things move forward as fast as possible.

The Project Office keeps will keep in close contact with the principal, and parents can contact her.

The PAC Seismic committee will ask local MLA David Eby to urge the Ministry to speed up the process.

3) Principal update – Noreen Morris

Finally *new provincial funding has been allocated to education*; a total of about 50 million dollars in all, generating 95 full-time equivalents for Vancouver. Schools will have to come with good arguments for additional capacity, either teachers or other staff (e.g., library, psychology). Bayview has some good stats to present (for example related to the high number of children with special needs in every class), but getting a full-time post would be unlikely.

Many activities are ongoing at Bayview, including parent-teacher conferences and basketball.

4) School priorities for the year

The school's finance committee had held a meeting to propose school priorities for PAC funding this year. This plan will now be checked with the teachers, after which a decision can be made on *what to request from the PAC*.

Priorities include technology items, but also e.g. fine arts, clubs, field trips, athletic club.

The different needs were discussed in relation to the new curriculum, which focuses on for example, applied science and technology and home economics.

It was suggested that the school would benefit from a technology committee and a longer-term strategy for technology needs and development at Bayview.

Joe explained that the PAC contributes with about 20,000 dollars annually for 'regular' expenses. Last year, an extra investment had been made when iPads were purchased.

The PAC also has a lottery grant account with over 12,000 dollars at the time, but funds from this account can only be used for extra-curricular activities.

Some of the parents volunteered to help shop for board games, etc. in order to use some of the lottery grant money.

Possibilities for upgrading playground equipment were discussed, but a future seismic upgrade of the school made this type of investment less desirable.

5) Review of financials

The PAC currently has 33,917 dollars on its general balance account.

The lottery grant account currently holds 12,399 dollars.

6) Plan of events – Volunteers / Coordinators

Kelly briefed the PAC on the upcoming *Bayview-en-Blanc gala and fundraiser on March 3rd*. All parents were encouraged to sign up for what promises to be a great event. Posters about the event will be available before the end of the month, and online registration and signing up for childcare during the evening will be possible (the latter with a discount for siblings). Class platters are being prepared for the traditional auction.

Kelly also proposed *a new kids-focused activity, namely a spring carnival* with the help of Vancouver Partyworks (<http://partyworks.bc.ca/>). This event could be held during 3-5 pm on a weekday in May or early June, and potentially turn into a fundraising event. The wider local community could potentially be invited. The PAC offered its full support to this new initiative.

Parents interested in volunteering can express their interest by mail: volunteersforbayview@gmail.com

7) New business

A message had gone out to parents about the annual teacher appreciation luncheon (on January 25th).

Stephanie Allen is coordinating and parents interested in bringing a dish to the luncheon could indicate this (and the type of dish) on a Google doc.

Ian and Lea are coordinating the Grade 7 luncheon with the Grade 6 students.

Parents interested in ordering school shirts could coordinate with Barb.

The next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday February 22nd, 3.15-5.00 pm

(N.B. during the remainder of the year meeting will alternate between Tuesday evenings and Wednesday afternoons)