



Bayview PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, Feb 22, 2017, 3:15 to 5pm PM

Location: Bayview Library

In attendance: Tanya Kyi, Sandy Grimminck, Emilia Doro, Cora Sheyka, Nathalie Gérard, Gili Avrahami, Joe Damiani, Joss Taylor, Chris Kerslake, Cecil Konijnendijk, Kathy O’Sullivan (pro tem principal). For item 2 only: Kent Grier (project manager for seismic upgrade)

1. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were approved, with one small correction (Kelly Ryan’s last name was misspelled).

2. Seismic update – Kent Grier

Kent had had a meeting with school staff during the previous week and provided the PAC with the same information.

The process was still in the so-called ‘review and implementation of the project development report’ stage, but recently good progress had been made. All four options for a seismic upgrade were in principle still on the table: an upgrade of the existing building, two different partial upgrades, and a full building replacement.

A public information session was expected for spring, given a regular approval process.

In case a so-called ‘swing site’ will be used during the seismic upgrade, the stay at the temporary site during seismic upgrade would be for about 18-19 months.

Neighbourhood learning centre (NLC) space is included in all future options, due to the strong community program in place. However, in case of partial or full school replacement, the area for the NLC will decrease from the current 230 m² to about 100 m².

Although the building’s heritage component had been brought forward during the process, it is a Category B (i.e. non-designated) building.

The PAC should continue its advocacy work to make sure that the process would move forward as quickly as possible. Hopefully there would be clarity soon on the chosen option for the upgrade.



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3. Principal update by Kathy O’Sullivan

Kathy O’Sullivan, former principal at Queen Elizabeth, had started this week as a stand-in for Noreen Morris, who is on a pre-planned medical leave. Kathy expected to be in this position for 4-6 weeks. She had been warmly welcomed by the school.

Kathy mentioned the Pink Day activities (highlighting the need to stand up against bullying) that had taken place on the day of the meeting.

Kathy and Peter Lee (who is the stand-in for May Dalglish at the office) had been working on figures for the Ministry on enrolment and future class structure. Given the new funding allocated to public education, and the new directive of not having more than two special needs children per class, some changes in class structure and amount could be expected.

4. Review of funding requests

Prior to going on medical leave, Norreen Morris has provided the PAC with an overview of this year’s funding requests. Joe Damiani would go through the request and see, for example, from which PAC accounts the respective items could be covered. Where possible (i.e. for activities/materials outside of the regular curriculum), the gaming account would be used.

5. Review of financials

The current PAC regular account stands at 32 018 dollars, with the gaming account holding 12 041 dollars. There were additional assets in the Pay Pall account, while there were some debts (e.g. to JKC).

6. Plan of events – Volunteers/Coordinators

Kelly Ryan, coordinator for the Bayview Gala, was abroad, so Joss updated all about the upcoming event, ‘Bayview en Blanc’. About 60% of tickets had been sold, while only about 50% of the childcare places had been purchased to date.

An impressive list of silent auction items was available on the PAC website. Great class baskets had also been compiled. As usual, the live auction of class platters would be a highlight of the gala.

For payment of items after the gala, apart from cash and checks credit card payments would be possible through Square readers.



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7. New business

Gili Avrahami briefed the PAC on advocacy work. She mentioned a PAN public meeting at the Tipper, on the coming Sunday 7-9 pm, during which representatives of different political parties would debate on education priorities for the coming year. Education was expected to be a major issue in the provincial election.

Gili encouraged all to engage themselves in current debates about the future of public education. Schools have been underfunded for a long time now, and PACs have had to cover for an increasing range of costs.

Kelly Ryan had bought new games, balls etc. from money on the gaming account, as requested earlier.

Graphic artist Ashley Spires would possibly be talking to the entire school, at a cost of between 600-900 CAD. About 300 dollars were covered from library budget, but additional PAC funding would be needed.

8. Next meeting

Tuesday April 18th, 6.30-8.00 pm (Bayview Library). During the meeting, volunteers for next year's PAC executive and event coordinators will be asked to come forward.