



Bayview PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 6:30 to 8pm

Location: Bayview Library

In Attendance: Joss Taylor, Cora Sheyka, Gene Lin, Christine Shinessen, Cesar Garcia, Chris Kerlake, Michael Friedlander, Karine Hervé, David Spratley, Jessica Wittmann, Tanya Kyi, Emilia Doro, Anne Johnsen, André Sonnichsen, Maria Dos Santos, Paul Miller, Sandy Grimminck, Stephanie Ali

1. Introduction/welcome

Introduction of new PAC co-chair, Anna Friedlander.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Joss Taylor moves to pass the minutes of the previous meeting; seconded by Michael Friedlander.

3. Scheduling of meetings for 2017-18

Discussion of scheduling Tuesday PAC meetings (third Tuesday of each month), alternating between afternoon and evening meetings, in order to reach as many parents as possible. Anna Friedlander moved to adopt schedule; seconded by Joss Taylor. October meeting will be scheduled for 3:15 pm on Tuesday, October 17th.

4. Update from Gina, grade 7 teacher

- Lisa Sars, a dance instructor funded through an ArtStarts grant, will be working with the intermediate students for the next three months. The students will be doing a presentation the first week of December. The performance will be called The Living Room Project. Students are acting as both choreographers and dancers.
- The school's social responsibility team has received a grant from the VSB to do an inquiry project. They will be working to improve social responsibility and incorporate it further into our school.
- Bayview's Mac computers are eleven years old. While the teachers are very grateful for the iPads, the lack of computers or laptops is problematic. Eleven years ago, Gina's class was able to create individual blogs focused on books they'd read. She hasn't been able to do that project anymore because the macs are too old to support the necessary software.
 - The iPads better support the primary classes. They're not as useful for the intermediate students, who need word processing capabilities, ability to transfer to other platforms, etc.
 - The teachers hope the PAC will consider supporting the purchase of upgraded laptops.
- This is an outdoors camp year. The grade six and seven classes are hoping to head to camp in the spring.



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5. Principal's Update: Birgitte Biorn

- Birgitte has come from Richmond, where she served as a principal for ten years. She is enjoying getting to know Bayview and working in her own neighborhood.
- All teaching staff is now in place; we're still waiting for one more support worker to be assigned.
- The Terry Fox Run is next week, Friday, September 29th, at 1 p.m. All family members are encouraged to join. Weather permitting, the run will be held at Jericho.
- An Open House will be held next Thursday. Parents are invited to classrooms from 6 to 6:30 pm to meet the teachers; at 6:30 everyone's invited to the gym for a group introduction.
 - Stephanie will coordinate a PAC table/volunteer sign-up tables
- Our extra classroom upstairs (formerly Ms. Parson's room) will be turned into a sensory room for students. It will also be used by support workers for work with small groups of students.

6. Discussion of Technology Needs

- Joss clarified that the school receives highly limited government funding for the technology used by students, and not nearly enough funding to cover the curriculum activities.
- Chris added that the mac laptops were purchased eleven years ago and were maintained once, four years ago (hardware upgrade). The current desktops in the library are three to four years old. Those are anchored in the library and can't be used in individual classrooms.
- Ms. Biorn notes that grades three to seven teachers will soon be receiving a laptop from the school board. Teachers of grades K-2 will not be receiving computers, nor will non-enrolling teachers. Most teachers currently don't have a computer in the classroom, or they have a desktop computer that is too old to be networked, so can't connect to the school printer, etc. The situation is further complicated by the age of the building.
- Anna wonders if there's some way to establish a donation channel with UBC or another institution that's upgrading computers regularly. Computers that are obsolete to those organizations may be significant upgrades for us. (Though any new or donated computers have to be configured through the VSB.)
- Paul Miller mentioned that there is a computers for schools program that refurbishes computer equipment and donates it to schools.
- Chris notes that the school doesn't have a budget for maintaining computers and iPads, either. A challenge for the PAC if the PAC facilitates technology purchases is to account for future maintenance needs.
- There is a school technology committee, comprised of the librarian, a primary teacher, an intermediate teacher, and the principal. Chris is to meet with Ms. Whitelaw in early November. He will report to November PAC meeting.

7. Review of financials

- Emilia Doro has taken on the position of treasurer.
- Main acct – 31,322.60; Gaming acct - \$6,940.57



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8. Seismic update: Tanya Kyi

Parents were hoping the Ministry of Education would announce Bayview's seismic upgrade last spring, before the election. When that announcement didn't happen, the seismic committee planned a postcard campaign, but held off on the launch because of the uncertainty in the government. There have been hints of progress to come soon, so that campaign is still on hold.

9. Plan of events for year

- The new "Welcome Back" carnival will be held on Thursday. This is a community event, not a fundraising event.
- There are still coordinators needed for:
 - Welcome to Kindergarten in May
 - Sports Day snack making in May
 - Family Potluck in June

10. Welcome-Back Fair update: Anna Friedlander

- Some volunteers are still needed for one-hour shifts to assist staff and to supervise carnival game stations.
- Vancouver Party Works is providing bouncy castles/inflatable slide, etc.

11. Call for class representatives

- Classroom reps traditionally help teachers coordinate volunteers, forward PAC communications, collect for teacher gifts, coordinate platter painting and Christmas hamper collection.
- Please speak with your child's classroom teacher if you're interested in serving as class rep.

12. New business

- Christmas hampers. There is a new community coordinator this year, who can hopefully help facilitate the hamper program traditionally run by Bayview for East Hastings School. Anna will ask the church administrator to coordinate with Brigitte for any Bayview students in need of hampers.
- Holiday market needs to be added to the school calendar. It will be held Saturday, December 9th.
- Bayview Facebook page should be advertised to new parents.

13. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 17th, at 3:15 pm.