



Bayview PAC Meeting Minutes

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Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 3:15 to 5.10 pm

Location: Bayview Library

In Attendance: Joss Taylor, Carmen Lange, Jasica Grewal (VSB CST), Cora Sheyka, Chris Kerlake, Tanya Kyi, Emilia Doro, Sandy Grimminck, Muriel Mare, Anna Friedlander, Birgitte Biorn, Cecil Konijnendijk, Stephanie Ali

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.

3. Introduction of Jasica Grewal, VSB's new Community Schools Coordinator; holiday hampers

Jasica introduced herself as new community schools coordinator for VSB for the area in which Bayview is situated. Currently she is the only person in this role, but hopefully another colleague and further resources will become available. Focus of her work is to help school with assisting vulnerable children. She currently collaborates with 15 of the 30 schools in her area, including Bayview.

Jasica mentioned that VSB, with the support of UBC, is carrying out a needs assessment for children in the 4th and 7th grades. This will generate evidence for future action. An information package with an opt-out option has been sent to affected parents.

Christmas Hampers will be started up again, with a collection of, e.g., clothes by all divisions at Bayview supporting families with children enrolled in an East Hastings school. Jasica would coordinate and check the actual family needs with the local principal. She would coordinate with principal Biorn and prepare a guidance form for parents so that the collection could be started from mid-November.

On the topic of Christmas Hampers, the administrator of the nearby church had also reached out for support. Principal Biorn was coordinating with the church.



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4. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn

The school had carried out its first family-team activity. Groups of students from all grades are mixed and need to complete tasks together, led by children from Grades 6 and 7 who thus develop leadership skills. The next activity of the family teams would be pumpkin carving.

The trial with the so-called Play First Lunch (children play first, and then eat lunch) has resulted in mixed reactions from students. An evaluation would soon be undertaken with students, staff, and parents.

Communicating Student Learning is a new VSB pilot project, with three Bayview teachers participating. The project represents a shift from summative to formative assessment. It also involves five required communications with parents, and student self-assessment of core competencies. More descriptive assessments of students are the result, but parents can still request letter grade if needed for e.g. other schools.

Bayview had received a learning grant of \$9,000 from the government. The meeting discussed how to coordinate the use of this extra funding with PAC funding. The school had a plan to set up a so-called sensory room for students, but perhaps this could be funded by the PAC from its gaming account. Then the grant could be used to e.g., purchase laptops (including one for the library).

5. Review of financials: Emilia Doro

The PAC's current financials:

\$ 31,025.17 on its regular account

\$ 12,521.14 on gaming account (with a deposit of \$5,580 received on the latter)

The Welcome-Back Fair, organized for the first time, had generated positive feedback. However, it had cost the PAC close to \$2,000. On the longer term this event would have to at least break even.

A new budget was being developed by Emilia and Joss, based on the teacher wish list. The PAC Executive would discuss a new way of enhancing accountability of PAC spending, e.g., by taking charge of teacher reimbursements.

Emilia had developed a new form claiming reimbursements from the PAC.



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6. Music program proposal: Sandy Grimminck

Sandy was asked to present a proposal at the next PAC meeting.

7. Seismic update: Tanya Kyi

The recent approval of a new school for Bayview by the Ministry was reiterated. The school will be rebuilt at a likely capacity of 365 students, and including community space. Students will be bused to swing site from December 2019 or January 2020.

This is good news, but still some questions remain (e.g. about having a stage and an outdoor covered area in the new building) and Tanya would send these to project manager Kent.

It was stressed that parents needed show up at VSB hearings etc., to support the current plan.

Potential dates for a public information session about the plan were set as November 15th or 23rd.

8. Determine dates of events for year

27 October: Halloween Howl
18 January: Staff appreciation event / lunch
23 February: Gala
22 June: Potluck (year end event)

For Halloween Howl: it is important to ask parents and children to bring sufficient small change, as using the Square devices for credit card payments comes at a cost.

9. New business

Several positions still needed to be filled:

- Advocacy coordinator
- Lost & found coordinator



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- Yearbook coordinator
- Potluck coordinator
- Welcome to kindergarten coordinator
- Class representatives for divisions are still in need of a class rep for the following divisions:
Div 1, 2, 5, 9 and 12.

Coordinators will be asked to come to PAC meetings to report on the planning of their events, discuss their needs, etc.

The issue was raised that school information presented at Friday Assembly does not always reach the parents. Therefore it would be good if all information is also sent out in writing.

The rainy-day games purchased by the PAC had been moved by JKC. Joss Taylor will move them back to the carpeted area and lunchroom.