



Bayview PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2016, 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Location: Bayview Library

Attendance:

Anna Eberhard Friedlander, Cora Sheyka, Joss Taylor, Cecil Konijnendijk (minutes), Kate O'Hara, Tanya Kyi, Emilia Doro, Sara Shneiderman, Joe Damiani, Jeff Zoern (with Birgitte Biorn, Ian Tosczak for Bayview staff)

Agenda Items

1. Introduction/call for additional agenda items

The agenda was adopted, and a quick round of introductions was made as there were several first-time attendees.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting (21 November 2017) were adopted without changes.

3. Teachers' update: Ian Tosczak

Ian Tosczak gave a quick update on the various activities in the divisions. The teachers had been excited about the new reporting system, and they had been explaining the system to the students. It was generally seen as positive that the focus had shifted more to learning and improvements. Hopefully, report cards would be available earlier than the end of January during coming years.

The planning and fundraising for the summer camp for the highest grades had started.

The PAC would soon provide the teachers with more news about funding, as the finances and budget were currently being sorted out. Future funding routines would be made more transparent.

4. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn

Almost all of the one-time provincial student learning grant of about \$9000 had been spent. The grant had been used for buying a laptop for the librarian, 5 Apple TVs, 5 iPad minis and cases, 2 projectors, 2 projector carts, cables and other supplies, and support to the InFocus social-emotional learning program. The remaining funds would probably be used for purchasing a few cloudbooks. The Apple TVs had proven to be an excellent tool for classroom teaching, students sharing their work, etc.



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Activities before the December break has included a successful student dance performance organized by Lisa Sars and a movie with popcorn (produced with the PAC's new machine!).

Parent-student-teacher conferences will be held in March.

Drumming sessions for the primary students will be held during the first week of February. These will be funded from the performance fees paid by parents at the start of the school year.

Student family teams would start working on their next project, under the theme 'Bayview's Most Magnificent Thing'.

Emily Wong had started as new school support worker.

5. Budget Update: Emilia Doro

State of finances: the PAC has \$36611.41 in its regular account, and \$12524.13 in the gaming account.

The proposed budget for 2017-18 was handed out. The budget was discussed and adopted, with some minor changes (such as an increase of the special expenses item to \$2000).

One of the principles was to save up money for the additional expenses associated with the seismic upgrade. A target for annual savings would be discussed at the next meeting, based on an overview of additional expenses of other schools that had undergone a seismic upgrade.

6. Fundraisers update: Emilia Doro

A popcorn machine has been bought in December and 'tested' during the school movie session. On the Friday after the meeting, the first sales for students would be held during the morning recess. Parent volunteers would be needed for future sales. Given the cost of about \$540 of the machine, a quick return on investment could be expected.

About \$2000 worth of Purdy's chocolate orders had been placed during December, with 25% of revenues going to the PAC. A similar initiative would be considered for Easter.

Emilia suggested to set up a clothes recycling bin at school. General Gordon had raised \$1700 from a similar bin during last year.

Anna Friedlander had been looking into a 'parents' night out' fundraiser, combined with a movie night at Jericho Kids Club. Several suggestions were made for venues, including The Blenheim (formerly Displace). Tentative date set for March 15 with JKC providing childcare.



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7. Holiday Market recap: Emilia Doro

The December Holiday Market had been a real success, with about \$3000 dollars raised. The sales of products from vendors and of Purdy's chocolate had been especially successful. Feedback on the Market and the wider range of activities had been positive.

8. Seismic update: Tanya Kyi

According to common procedures, the Seismic Upgrade Office was in the process of rehiring an architect. Ultimately the architect could be the same as the one working during the feasibility study.

During February-April, an advisory committee would be in operations, with the principal, teachers and two parent reps. Tanya Kyi and Knut Boeck (who is an architect) were nominated by the PAC. It was stressed that some key items / bullet points should be listed and brought forward during the meetings, such as the need for a covered area.

9. Staff Appreciation luncheon update: Anna Friedlander for Stephanie Ali

Parents were asked to email Stephanie if they were planning to bring food.

10. Gala update: Joss Taylor

The organizing of the Gala (to be held on Friday February 23rd, under the theme 'Bayview Goes Gatsby') has been progressing well, with new parents volunteering (for example for organizing the bar and the 50-50). Teachers had chosen their class basket themes, and donations had been going well. Tickets on sale Jan 22 online at bayviewpac.ca or by paper form in the office.

11. New business

Joss has developed a new, more user-friendly website.

Membership renewal of the BC Council of PAC's was discussed. Anna to determine the history and if we want to be members.

The future of the "Students Helping Students (SHS)" group was discussed, as e.g. past book sales had been a big success. A book sale in April was suggested. Mr. T. would discuss this with some of the students.

Parents were needed to help with re-shelving in the library - Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school.

Next meeting: February 20th, 3.15-4.45 pm in the Staff Room.