



Bayview PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2015, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Location: Bayview Library

Attendance: Nanci Farrell (Principal), Carmen Lange, Sarah Jane + Joe Damiani (treasurer), Victoria Kroh (chair), Chris Kerslake, Christina Larson, Sally Martell, Lia Dodge, Ian Toscza, Michelle McLatchy, Judith Tracey, Joanne Van Ginkel, Zureen Khan, Christine Hibbert, Tanya Kyi, Holly Broadland, Gili Avrahami, Goya Ngan, Knut Boeck, Karen Harmel, Valia Thorburn, Patricia Thiel, Yael Stav (Secretary), Sara Shneiderman

Agenda Items

1. Introductions

Happy New Year!

2. Seismic Upgrade by Chris Atkinson & Kent Grier:

No Vancouver seismic upgrade projects have been funded by the provincial government for the past six or seven months. Thus schools with completed feasibility studies, and designs approved by the school board, are left waiting for funding before construction can begin. We are not far enough along in our planning process for this to directly affect Bayview, except by creating a backlog of projects.

The school board is supposed to submit an LRFP (Long-Range Facilities Plan) that includes the Seismic Mitigation Program, the Temporary Accommodation Plan and to show how they are going to reach 95% average enrollment in the district. Text of a draft LRFP created by VSB staff and under discussion by the board is available here: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/district-news/vsb-staff-report-interim-long-range-facilities-plan>

Bayview's Feasibility Study

The Seismic Project Office has assigned Kent Grier as our project manager. Kent is a registered architect. He worked for eight years at a firm specializing in school design. More recently, he was involved in the seismic upgrading of heritage buildings/SROs on the downtown east side. In private practice, he created feasibility studies for school seismic upgrades in Richmond and North Van.

Under Kent's direction, our PDR (Project Definition Report) has begun. This is a feasibility study. Engineers and architects will carefully cost three options:

- upgrading the current school
- partially upgrading and partially rebuilding
- replacing the school

The feasibility study will include options for relocating students during an upgrade. It may be possible to build on the field, and have students remain in the current building during construction.



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Several private companies have been hired to provide expertise:

- Acton Ostry, architects
- RJC, structural engineers
- MMM Group, electrical engineers
- Rocky Point, mechanical engineers

Along with surveyors and soil samplers, these consultants are due to begin work at Bayview on January 22.

There are no summaries provided to parents/the community during the feasibility study (though Kent and Chris are available to attend future PAC meetings to answer questions, etc.). After the lowest-cost option is recommended to the school board's facilities committee, parents will have the opportunity to comment. There will also be an opportunity to comment on design, once the feasibility study is complete.

Communication with Kent is only through our principal. However, Chris will remain as our liaison with the school board and will serve as our representative at meetings with the PDR team.

Parents at the PAC meeting emphasized to Kent the importance of JKC and the preschools to the Bayview community.

3. Teacher's Report, by Ian and Lia:

For highlights of activities see appendix.

Ian demoed iPad use (Book Creator app).

USB doesn't fund the software of the smart boards. PAC can look into software purchase.

Presented Camp Summit in Squamish mid June. 10 families are not able to pay the \$260 for the camp.

Joe: PAC can fund the required (after fundraising) through the gaming grant, as this is an extra curricular activity.

4. Principal's update, by Nanci:

Nanci presented the new provincial curriculum: designed to respond to be engaging and personalized for students. There are core competencies, essential learning and literacy and numeracy foundations. The staff will get an overview on Pro-D day.

5. Bayview Gala, by Joss:

This event funds 75% of the PAC. This year the theme is Rio carnival. Tickets available for sale online, including childcare and volunteering options. Always need volunteers.

6. PAC budget for 2015/2016, by Joe:

The Halloween howl raised \$1500, Christmas market raised \$900,

We funded the school \$31,000 this year (\$13000 for 30 iPads and a cart).

Patricia: Did the PAC allocate a budget for future maintenance for the newly purchased iPad Minis? Need to follow up and understand whether this is fixed time lease, and whether there's a maintenance plan.



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We have \$9500 in the gaming grant account. Will be used for extra curricular activities.

Options for gaming grant projects: Outdoor class, natural playground...

7. Advocacy update by Gili:

PAN parent advocacy network: New website panvancouver.ca. There's an online petition – please sign and share. Your elected officials need to hear what is important to you.

Postcards campaign: Postcards will be delivered in person to the ministry of education (with media coverage).

3 items on a letter that will be sent tomorrow to minister of education Mike Bernier:

- The seismic funding is held in order to make the VSB comply with the ministry's capacity rate. The seismic freeze is not in line with children safety as 1st priority.
- Capacity of 95% will mean elimination of music rooms, drama rooms, sensory room, computer rooms, preschools, and more.
- New curriculum cannot be supported by the 95% capacity. Require to exempt these spaces from the 95% capacity.

Feb 24th panel on public education – please plan to come.

8. Bayview yearbooks

Tanya – will need \$100 later

8. PAC meeting adjourned

Appendix: Teachers' Report - What We Are Doing

Div 12: Ms Taylor

Skating 4 times with Div. 11.

Arts Umbrella fieldtrip – free fieldtrip sponsored by HSBC -> environmental issues are+computer. Won this opportunity by a draw. Only a number of schools get this opportunity!

Div.8: Ms. Linton

Chum salmon eggs arrive on Jan 22 (55 eggs). The habitat is outside room 211 on 2nd floor. Students will learn about the lifecycle, fish anatomy, the importance of salmon in the environment (stream to ocean). The Fry will be released in April-May at Spanish banks stream.

Resource teacher E. Medina:



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Thank you to parents' support with LLI (leveled literacy intervention) and using RA2 kids at home (online leveled books) to foster literacy development. I am so impressed with all the students' progress I see in my pull out groups.

Div. 10: Sandra

Thanks you parents for the warm welcome and support during this transition period. I'm really excited about joining the Bayview school community while Katie Appleby is on maternity leave.

Div. 4,6,2,3:

Went skating. It was swell!

Div. 1:

Drew political cartoons about the election. Amazing job!

Div 7+3: Cynthia & Ebru

Have committed to participating in the Vancouver Giants sponsored "Acceptance" flash mob. Will be on Feb 17 afternoon. We need to learn a choreographed dance. Tickets are \$10. T-shirts \$5. We're still thinking about transportation to Pacific coliseum.

Div. 6:

Working on human body-digestion + nervous system.
Going on CBC tour February 16th.