



Bayview PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Location: Bayview Library

Attendance: Tanya Kyi, Dorcas, Delia Jane Ramsbotham, Giorgio Levy, Patricia Thiel, Ian Toszak (Teacher), Gili Avrahami, Noreen Morris (Principal), Chris Kerslake (Acting Chair), Holly Broadland, Joe Damiani (Treasurer), Yael Stav (Secretary)

Agenda Items

1. Chris replacing Victoria as PAC chair.

Open positions for next year: Chair OR Treasurer, and secretary. Looking for volunteers. Will hopefully be nominated after the AGM.

2. Spud

Deliver local organic groceries. Introducing a couple of fundraising models.

The school gets 25% of school delivery. Boxes \$20-\$60. School delivery. Can be launched at any time.

Chris: Traditionally this PAC avoided chocolate box.

Joe: 25% is attractive and probably there's an existing spud customer so Bayview can benefit from that.

Chris: Home delivery is a better option since we are short on space etc.

Gili: Agree we should go ahead but not push too hard.

To balance with the IGA donations we can add a thank you note to IGA.

3. Teacher report

Ian: Probably 1-2K missing to fund the camp. Still fundraising. PAC agreed to fund the remaining.

Internet and social media: 6-7 grade age group are into Instagram, Vine, Snapchat.

Explaining issues with kids' vulnerability through social media.

Need to teach the kids the power of the technology.

4. Bopomo

Saif: Addressed the process of photo day, backdrop choice, digital option, class photos text.

PAC would like to have a free class photo for all students (not only for orders).

Chris: Need to put together a contract with Bopomo (historically only agreement, no contract). Would like to have a written agreement by end of May. Class photo date will be decided by the end of this week.

5. Gala Event

Joe: \$17.1K were raised. Kelly would like to coordinate the event next year as well.

6. Principal Update by Noreen:

Calendar: Noreen to submit calendar with pro-d days and early dismissal days. Suggested pro-d days are Oct 21, that week early dismissal Tue-Wed (18-19), Nov 10, 11, Dec 5, Dec 19- Jan 2 winter break, Jan 18-19 early dismissal, 30, Feb 24, April 13, May 19, last day Jun 29.

School fees: performances are \$4000. The alternative is adding \$14 to the fees.

Activity fees \$ 15 (e.g. tennis, badminton, dance, computer workshops ...).

Joe and Noreen: Need to close the loop for performance payment for this year.



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Gili: Are agendas necessary? Noreen: Maybe there's an option of saving on agenda cost.

Noreen needs to decide about adding those fees to school fees.

Joe: Suggest to add \$10 to the fees and the PAC will add the difference.

Gili: Adding the fees upfront is more transparent.

Patricia: Maybe less performances.

Decision was made to charge additional \$30 per student. PAC will compensate for estimated 30-40 students who cannot pay (\$1000-1200).

Seismic: Physical testing is done during weekends and summer.

Enrollment: 12 grade-5 go to French immersion + 10 Gordon families going back. Kindergarten enrollment is low. Totals: 329 students this year. 296 students next year.

Strategic plan: Would like a small group of parents to go through the discussion guide. Until May 9th.

Recess snack for sports day – need volunteers.

Looking for parents willing to talk with new parents in welcome to kindergarten event 26th may 9:45 (Joe?)

Looking for volunteers to work on the archive.

Barb: wanted to know if there's interest in Tennis for this year

7. Advocacy by Gili:

Private education funding increased as opposed to public education.

The impact of budget shortfall is the largest ever. Programs are closing. Admin is being cut. Less in every school. Gifted programs are being cut. Less resource teachers and less library.

The heart of the problem is per-student formula. Planning ahead is difficult, and the VSB can reject the budget but needs to balance it eventually with the minister.

VSB meeting on the 25th public input on revised proposal, and 28th Final deliberation.

Everyone can send lots of emails, phone calls (leave a voice message), talk to your friends and family, talk to the media.

8. PAC meeting adjourned