



Bayview PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2018, 6:30-8:00 pm

Location: Bayview Library

In Attendance: Cora Sheyka, Sarah Chipperfield, Jessica Whittmann, Michelle McLatchy, Holly Broadland, Tove Alm, Genevieve Taylor, Sandra Tom, Sol Porta, Allen Lin, Jocelyn Chang, Ebru Montagano, Emilia Doro, Joss Taylor, Tanya Kyi, Anna Eberhard Friedlander, Birgitte Biorn

Agenda Items

1. Introduction/call for additional agenda items

- Minutes of last meeting—passed (version with amendment about no political endorsement)

2. Teachers' updates: Ebru Montagano

- Every year a theme seems to emerge--this year, it's a "ME to WE" theme
- WE Family concert event will be on Nov. 21, organized as thanks for our support of Covenant House; parents need to RSVP.
- Bayview has been invited to participate in a UBC well-being study (grades 5, 6, 7): research into social-emotional learning and the effectiveness of teaching kindness (Kim Schoenert-Reichel leading the study). This part of the study focuses on student and teacher wellbeing in the classroom. Participants will be Ebru's and Mr. T's classes, but parents can opt out; the researchers will come three times in the year to survey the kids, and teachers will also do a survey.
- The intermediate teachers are involved with the WE wellbeing program: Bayview was chosen to participate, and teachers will learn on Nov. 6 about the program; they will get a preliminary lesson, then will give feedback, then next lesson follows (divisions 1, 2, 3, maybe 6, will participate).
- Thank you to the PAC for the drumming this week; divisions 1-6 get 7 sessions with Daniel (the teacher); divisions 7, 8, 9 will have 4 sessions with him in November, on Thursdays.
 - drumming performance will be October 26, 1:00-2:00 in the gym
 - October 30, 9:00, will be walking to General Gordon to perform for them at 9:30
 - Parent drumming session Thurs Nov. 15, 9:00; Anna will send announcement and reminder
- Younger primaries will be doing dance with Lisa Sars in the spring.
- SFU student teachers have been visiting and have been very enthusiastic.
- Divisions 2 and 3 will go to Greg Lauroc French rock concert in March (French kids' music, from Manitoba)
- Staff announcement: a Bayview alumna (Koa, now grade 9) passed away a week ago suddenly from cancer (Gina heard from the family).
- The converted garbage-truck vehicle parked on 6th Ave. belongs to a family from Germany doing a round-the-world trek for a year or two. They had the vehicle shipped to Halifax and drove it across



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Canada, and now are driving down to the tip of South America. The family's three elementary-age kids have been invited in to Bayview to experience a bit of Canadian school.

- Intermediate classes are involved in student elections, looking at the Vancouver municipal ballot and choosing candidates; teachers count and phone in their results, and the elections board tallies and announces the school results along with the regular election results
- Grade 7s will be reprising their *Thriller* performance at the Howl

3. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn

- Family teams are up and running (groups are pretty much the same as last year, except for new kids and those who left); first event was last week (get-to-know-you activity); next activity will be the pumpkin carving/illumination in the gym
- Sarah Schneiderman spoke at last week's assembly about our sister school in Nepal; new leadership there is keen to continue the relationship
- We will be continuing with same format for communicating student learning (as per last year's pilot program, with qualitative versus quantitative reporting)
 - An assessment professional will be meeting with teachers
 - Reports will be at the end of January and the end of June
 - FreshGrade email/online reporting of activities/projects should now be in use by teachers
- The playground leaders program has started; staff from Kits high group of schools meet with 6/7 graders to teach them about playground leadership, then the uppers will facilitate play with younger students
- This year we started leadership differently: 6/7s asked to apply to be part of student council or to attend WE Day (Nov. 22). This is a big social-change concert at Rogers Arena, for students from around the province; headed by Free the Children organization; the message is to go out and make a difference; students who have attended will choose a charity local and global one to support; 18 tickets available—students have to apply for them (2 staff, 16 students)
- This week and next week, groups of new SFU student teachers coming through to observe; different group every day, hosted one per classroom

4. Treasurers' update: Emilia Doro/Joss Taylor

- Regular account: \$59,295.93; Gaming account \$15195.77
 - Welcome-back carnival: Revenue: \$1886.62; Expenses: \$3815.00
Net Cost: \$1928.38 (last year's net cost was \$1801.87)
 - we need to figure out a way to come closer to breaking even



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- Anna will send pictures of bouncy castles in under cover area to Tanya, for province to see the use of the area

5. Seismic update: Tanya Kyi

The Seismic Advisory Committee met this week to discuss the final designs for our new Bayview. The architects have incorporated a lot of our parent priorities, as submitted at the first public information session:

- **Classrooms:** The classrooms in the new school are about the size of our existing ones, minus the cloakrooms. The hallways on both the main and second floor have collaborative spaces along the sides, so they're quite wide in many areas.
- **JKC and Preschools:** The preschool has been shifted so it now has windows and access to the main hallway. A room divider and storage are being finalized for the JKC space, to meet licensing requirements. The architects are working directly with Tyler Summers (JKC) on these.
- **Maximized outdoor play space:** There's a primary playground in the northeast corner; bamboo remains in the southeast corner at parents' request (possibly with a First Nations sharing circle/outdoor classroom space); an intermediate playground next to the dirt hill; a grass field in the northwest corner; multiple basketball courts. Entrances to the site have been removed from Collingwood Street to secure east side of site for playground. New site entrance added off Dunbar Street.
- **Grass field:** The grass field is smaller than our current one, but with new drainage will hopefully prove more usable. The field will be closed for the first year after construction, to allow grass to take root properly. New trees will be planted around the field's perimeter. New trees are required to replace the existing trees that are being removed from the site, this is a City of Vancouver requirement.
- **Covered space:** There are several covered spaces in the design. The largest one is on the south side (about where the current one is, though not as deep). There's a small covered area at the northeast corner and one along the east wall, created by the overhanging library on the second floor.
- **Performance Space:** While we won't have a traditional stage, there's an elevation grade difference between the JKC/lunchroom space and the gym floor level. When the acoustic wall is opened, the grade difference can serve as a raised area for students to perform with parents sitting in the gymnasium.

The designs show lots of wood panels and exposed wood beams, particularly in the corridors, library and gymnasium. Natural light has been prioritized throughout. Recognizing the problems with heat and ventilation at General Gordon, the architects have planned **glare shields and at least two opening/closing windows per room**, to increase airflow.



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Whether we move to the Queen Elizabeth swing space in **September 2019 or at Christmas 2019/2020** depends mainly on when we received the city permits.

The architects continue to work with groups of teachers, resource teachers, and JKC staff on final details. **A public open house will be held in the school gymnasium on November 7.**

- At the Queen Elizabeth swing site during new-school construction, we will have our own library in one of the portables, with part of our collection
- lunch room will be the QE one: we play while they eat, then they would go out when we go in to eat
- need to find out whether we would be able to use the gym at Queen Elizabeth for events such as the Howl during the new school construction
- If the school and the swing site will be open over the summer, parents and community could help with moving the school materials into the swing site
- Could the plan add a wall (e.g., a section of solid fencing, or similar) that the graduating classes could use for the traditional mural painting?

6. Fundraising for seismic rebuild needs to begin. Some ideas:

- Hold an open-house type of event to celebrate the old school building before it gets demolished? Emilia has had a lot of interest from Facebook postings about school artifacts and memories. Maybe have a rummage sale for teachers to unload materials while they're packing up
- Fundraising: do a thermometer (or other visual that might be more intuitive to the digital generation), with a goal of \$150,000
- Sell naming rights to bricks for sponsor to buy, that could be used to make a path or a little patio with benches; maybe also name benches
- Design a custom Bayview Monopoly board with squares sponsored by local businesses (to cover printing costs); then sell through school and through the local businesses; up-front cost for manufacturing the board is about \$40,000

7. Halloween Howl (Friday, October 26)

- Volunteers still needed: Valia Thorburn sent volunteer sign-up sheet for us to see the status
- looking for two parents to do last few door shifts: 7-7:30 (Anna) and 7:30-8 (Michelle and Holly)
- could use more cleanup volunteers, and maybe setup
- need one more pizza-selling volunteer
- add juice boxes and water, and buy plenty—people were thirsty last year
- sell the freezies left over from the carnival



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- don't have confirmation yet from preschool re. doing a bake sale; Sarah will follow up with them
- JKC will be organizing activities and games

8. Holiday Market (Saturday, Dec 8): Emilia Doro

- The event will run 10am-2pm this year
- We will do pre-sales as before; coffee, tea, wreaths, trees, candy
- For the bake sale, will need people to donate baked goods
- Photographer needed for photos with Santa
- Hot dog sale
- Teachers will be asked to make crafts in class for sale
- We will rent tables to craft vendors; price will be \$30 per table
- Maybe do a sock drive or toy drive

9. Bayview merchandise: Emilia Doro

- We will probably be doing tote bags and water bottles, adult T-shirts, and sticker printed by same company that does hoodies
- The company can do a Bayview website where people can order stuff
- Hilary Miles print of the school—get reproductions of this for sale? Emilia will ask Chris

10. Christmas hampers for Hastings School (our sister school)

- Joss will touch base with Tanya about contacting the community coordinator to see what the school needs
- Maybe have some divisions do hampers for the Immigrant Services Society, and other divisions do the kind of support the school requests (e.g., gift cards, etc.)

11. Gala update (February 22): Joss Taylor

- The first planning meeting will be on Tues Oct 23 at 1:30
- Vacancies for lead committee positions have been filled

12. PAC coordinator positions now partly filled



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- Popcorn sales coordinator is now Maryam Faroughi
- Book sale coordinator is now Jocelyn Chang
- Still need a secretary or co-chair
- Sports day and end-of-year potluck coordinators still needed

12. New business

- Eating time at lunch is now shorter by 5 minutes for primaries—only one bell at 12:40, for primaries and intermediates to come in at the same time (last year there was an earlier bell for the primaries)