



Bayview PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018, 6:30-8:00 pm

Location: Bayview Library

In attendance: Anna Friedlander, Jane Roskams, Bruce Fletcher, Sandra Tom, Sara Shneiderman, Joss Taylor, Birgitte Biorn, Maria Noel Dos Santos, Maryam Faroughi

Agenda Items

1. Introduction/call for additional agenda items

- Minutes of last meeting were passed

2. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn

- This Thursday student council (20 grade 6 and 7 students applied) will participate in WE Day at Rogers Arena with Ms Montagano and Leanne Riley. Attendees commit to supporting local and global initiatives (our Nepal sister school will be the global connection).
- Ms. Biorn is taking student council slowly, talking about leadership, communication, etc., before making specific plans, so kids learn leadership skills first.
- Wrapping up the drumming workshops this week. Primaries will do their performance this Friday. Thank you to the PAC for supporting drumming. The parent workshop last week was well attended.
- Last week, staff met with Anthony Kwon—seismic mastermind at VSB who has been through all the previous Vancouver seismic rebuilds. He spoke about what the process and timeline will look like, and emphasized that the first step is to purge materials sooner rather than later. In December/January, big bins will arrive for teachers to use for discarding things; the bins will be emptied regularly by VSB. Packing boxes will arrive in April. Staff get one day release time on each end for packing and moving.
 - There is no storage at the temporary site. There is a library space there, with space for about a third of our book collection. The rest of the library collection will go into storage.
 - Common rooms (book storage, PAC storage, JKC areas, etc.) all have to be cleared out. Some parents have volunteered spaces at their homes to store PAC materials; we will have to inventory and track this well, since stuff will end up in various places. The plan is that as each event happens, materials for that event get stored offsite, not back in the PAC room.
 - Birgitte will have an initial conversation with the Queen Elizabeth principal tomorrow. We still don't know if we'll be able to fit all together at the QE site—enrolment can change.
 - Question from Sara: any news about heritage objects? Will there be boxes allocated for packing these? Any system for identifying objects in classrooms that should be kept for heritage reasons?
A: Tanya, with help of Kathy O'Sullivan, is coordinating this. It would be good to have a central spot for collecting these things.
- On Nov. 30, Evan Dunfee, Olympic speedwalker from Richmond who has been doing fundraisers for KidSport, will come to talk to the kids.
- During the last pro-D day, Sam Asmoucha and Birgitte learned about a Community Arts Council of Vancouver project in which an Indigenous and a non-Indigenous artist are paired up to do workshops



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with classes. Will come for 2 days, 80 minutes each, in February to work with all intermediate classes. Sam bargained the cost down to \$1800 for 5 classes; will ask families for a small contribution to cover it.

3. Treasurers' update: Emilia Doro/Joss Taylor

- \$61,266.76 in the main account (much of this is earmarked for seismic costs, and will be moved to a term deposit); \$14,980.02 in the gaming acct. This is on track for the budget for this year

4. Seismic update: Joss Taylor for Tanya Kyi

- There was a huge turn-out to the public information session. Kent (project manager) seemed reasonably happy with the responses. There were mostly positive comments, but a few people were concerned about the modern look of the school exterior, and a few community members were concerned about the lack of parking.
- Links to the display boards from the public open house are on the parents' Facebook page, and they will be up for a few more days. We have until November 27 to add comments.
- Tanya is hoping that the comments about parking will not delay our city permits. Parents might want to add comments to say that we don't need any additional parking.
- There are some volunteers waiting to help with the sorting and cataloguing of the Bayview memorabilia. Birgitte will be working on a schedule for that.
- Rod McClatchey contacted Joss about maybe doing a 3D virtual-walk-through model of the school before it's torn down. Several parents at school have involvement/expertise with 3D modeling via digital photography. Would there be interest in this? Joss will have Rod contact these people and make a proposal (maybe to come in on a pro-D day or weekend to do the photographing).
 - Maybe find out if they could do exterior photography that could be used to turn into a CAD rendering for a 3D printer to make a model of the school for the memorabilia collection.
- It would be good to give as much information as possible to the kids about what the year in portables will look like, to forestall rumours and alleviate anxiety.

5. Advocacy for after-school programs during time in the temporary buildings: Anna Friedlander

- As it currently stands, there appears to be no guarantee that JKC will be able to operate fully; before- and after-school care will happen in some capacity, but it's possible that after-school community programs will not be accommodated
- Many constituents and layers involved: Queen Elizabeth space availability; rental arrangements with VSB for the portables; licensing requirements with Coastal Health
- VSB will be renting the temporary space to JKC, whereas in our current building JKC isn't charged (I think) for using space for after-school community programs
- For future, it should be part of the plan for the new school that a certain portion of classroom space be made available for community educational programs (such as the JKC-run after-school classes)



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- Maybe do a parent campaign of emails to the VSB to advocate: that the temporary space should be set up to provide the same level of services as the current space, and that in the new school we should not be wasting good space that can be used after 3:00 for community programs.
- But perhaps we are jumping the gun to do advocacy at this point. Maybe they're still working it out but headed in a good direction.
- Technically, we no longer have the "community school" designation, per Birgitte.
 - The meaning of "community school" is that other organizations use the school's space and there are agreements in place for this.
- Queen Elizabeth school does have a longstanding (over 20 years) and robust after-school daycare program, and also some instructional programs, and they have access to the QE gym. They have kids from other schools who come. How would this work alongside JKC?
- Former principals of Gordon and QE, who went through seismic process, noted to Birgitte that the idea is that we will be the guests of QE, so we have to be grateful to them for use of their playground, gym, facilities, etc.
- Let's invite Tyler to give us a presentation at a future (January?) meeting, to make sure we are not working at cross purposes – Anna Friedlander to do this.

7. Halloween Howl financial report: Joss Taylor

- Still finalizing numbers, but it looks similar to last year: netted about \$1,300
- Attendance was good, all seemed to have fun, and it was nice to see plenty of new families there.

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

- Urgently needed: a Santa and a photographer for the photos with Santa
- Need volunteers, especially for setup (prep the day before, and final setup the morning of)
- Other volunteers needed: bakers for the bake sale; one or two volunteers to decorate the premium wreaths (about three hours of work)

9. Pancake Breakfast funding request: Joss Taylor

- The organizers of the pancake breakfast would like to create commemorative placemats and "I love Bayview" buttons to hand out, as this will be the last pancake breakfast in our old building and the last done by these organizers. They request about \$200 from the PAC to fund this. They figured out that the first one happened in 1989.
- A suggestion was made for the placemats to have a picture of the old school building on them
- Funding was approved, and the plan will be to order extra buttons, to distribute at other events.

10. Christmas hampers: Joss Taylor for Tanya Kyi

- There are three classes doing gift baskets for East Hastings Elementary School, for a total of six baskets, as requested by Hastings School. The rest of the classes are doing hampers for refugee families.



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- All the class reps have been contacted to help organize. Tanya has had a few small questions, but everyone seems on board.
- Maria Noel comments: in past years there were backpacks put together for kids at Bayview with needs, and Maria found it very touching to see gifts that she provided being enjoyed
 - Last year the Redemption Church coordinated hampers for Bayview families
 - Maybe do a hybrid effort, with the church letting Bayview parents know what is needed for families in our community
- Tanya has big holiday boxes coming, but not until the end of next week. Until then we're going to have to scrounge for boxes.
- Finally, we need a couple more drivers for delivery day on December 4.

11. Sole Girls workshop proposal: Maria Noel Dos Santos and Maryam Faroughi

- This is an anti-bullying and relationship-education program
- There have been relationship problems among groups of girls in grade 3 last year and grade 4 this year
- Ashley, the person who runs the program, was bullied in school, and her coping mechanism was running; the workshops are based on physical activity through which the kids build friendships
 - concepts are put into practice through games, etc.
 - kids get trained to do a 5-k run
 - teacher is very loving and good with the kids
- The difficulty is how to address the whole group/school, while making it financially viable (it's expensive, with per-student cost of \$125-\$250, depending on format provided).
- Selima Noon also does sessions on interpersonal relationships
- Our school nurse might also have training in facilitating this sort of thing
- Birgitte will also talk to our school counselor about the possibilities for what to provide
- Maybe have a regular thing where grades 3 and 4 have a presentation about this stuff from the school counselor or nurse
- Conclusion: Maryam and/or Maria Noel will canvas parents of grade-3/4 girls to see if they can get the minimum of 7 to sign up for a 9-week series of weekly lunchtime sessions (like the lunchtime programs offered through JKC). Birgitte will concurrently look into having counselor or nurse provide class-wide sessions on the same topic to grades 3 and 4.

12. New business

- parent networking—Jennifer Higgs liked the idea of setting up a WhatsApp group
 - Maryam can organize a coffee meetup for parents to get to know each other.