



Bayview PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 6:30-8:00 pm

Location: Bayview Library

Attendees: Sara Shneiderman, Tanya Kyi, Emilia Doro, Cora Sheyka, Barb Hinds, Nash Vuletic (Tennis XL), Claudia Ituarte-Lima, Jocelyn Chang, Allen Lin, Sandra Tom, Anna Friedlander, Christie Rossignol, Joss Taylor, Sara Cameron, Per Stromberg, Bruce Fletcher, Delia Jane Ramsbotham

Agenda Items

1. Introduction/call for additional agenda items

- Minutes of last meeting; passed with no changes

2. Potential new school photos supplier: Lifetouch

[No one from Lifetouch attended the meeting.]

3. Gym program report: Barb Hinds and Nash, re. Tennis XL program

- Basketball season is starting, in all divisions, until late February; three teams are starting league play, which goes 5-6 weeks (after school)
- After basketball, we will have our final 3-week gymnastics unit (we won't have access to the equipment at the Queen Elizabeth site next year)
- After spring break, there will be badminton for about a month
- Then, around end of May, will start a 3-week tennis unit run by Tennis XL
- Nash Vuletic, who runs the Tennis XL program spoke:
 - His philosophy is for sport to become part of one's lifestyle; main goals: empowerment, respect, to excel in life as in sport; sport as a lifelong healthy lifestyle
 - He works closely with Barb for input on individual students and their specific needs
 - Nash has offered two vouchers that could be used by needy students for the 3-week after-school program
 - Joss asks: could we put the Tennis XL fee in with all the rest of the fees at the beginning of the year, instead of asking for it piecemeal? Maybe just put a note in the fees paperwork that there will be a fee for tennis after spring break

4. Teachers' updates: Christie Rossignol

- Ms. Conway, grades 6/7, is working on making connections as we read; evolution
- Ms. Montagano, div. 3, is doing early man, grade 5s are doing Canada's geo regions; multiplication and long division; in French, covering leisure activities; writing speeches, and deciding on a passion project
- Ms. Jung's class has started the class platter for the gala; participating in a Chinese lunar new year lantern workshop with Ms. Taylor's class; next week they are doing a baking/cooking program; ice skating



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is coming up; they are participating in an aboriginal beading workshop along with several other classes (contact for the workshop: Gem Veranda Beading Workshops)

- Ms. Lao's Kinder class has started show and tell; they are starting a home reading program; in math, they are working on patterns
- Ms. Taylor's class have finished their gala platter; they have been doing cooking; they are working on "roots of Empathy" with a baby, and being active listeners; they are wrapping up a community jobs unit
- Ms. Linton's class has a new student; salmon eggs are coming soon; they are doing socials with our Indigenous coordinator; they finished their last ice skating trip
- Ms. Kochan's class just started show and tell; they are starting a pirate unit and words that have "R"; they went to a pirate session at the Maritime Museum; they are working on a science unit about the five senses; they look forward to the 100th day of school approaching. They might need parent help with their gala platter.
- Ms. Rossignol's class is studying local Native peoples; they have two new students (a Korean exchange student and a student who is back from several years in Germany); they are starting a unit on growth mindset

5. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn

- Thank you to the PAC for a great Holiday Market
 - Delia Jane Ramsbotham had a suggestion for next year: her son (grade 3) worked the table of class crafts alongside her, and he really enjoyed doing the math and handling money; there were other kids wondering how he got to do it; we could have kids man the class crafts tables at future markets
- We have 4 or 5 new families in the last month, mostly in the grade 2/3 range
- Ms. Biorn has been going around to the classes to talk about the seismic process; reassuring them that it will still be the same Bayview community and furniture and everything, just re-located to Queen Elizabeth; she has been showing them Google Maps view of the site
 - The kids all want to know if there will still be all the events, including assemblies
 - Ms. Biorn is explaining to them that we will be packing and cleaning up for the move to QE; we'll be riding a bus up and back; all classes will be together at QE, without use of the Annex
- Status of the seismic rebuild
 - We are in final stages of city approval for the design
 - There was a meeting yesterday with the project office and the architects; the city sent a list of questions based on the original design submission; architects will send responses back soon



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- Staff have started purging and cleaning out. There is VERY limited storage space at QE, so it is important to get rid of anything without a certain usefulness
- Tomorrow Ms. Biorn will walk around the school with Anthony Kwan, who supervises the moves for seismic replacement projects: he will help us determine which furniture to keep and take, what the process will be for common areas, how to clean out and move storage areas
- Ms. Biorn met with Kathy O'Sullivan (recently retired district principal for seismic projects), who will spearhead working through archives to sort and preserve—including antique furnishings and memorabilia. Her advice: whatever we do, we need to catalogue thoroughly and have a complete inventory; label bins thoroughly
- All archival materials are being moved from library storage cabinets into the empty room 104, for sorting through
- Tanya will put out a call to people who had expressed interest in archive work, and maybe also to the parents at large, in case there are more people with interest (a wider call can be put out by the initial group, once there's a strategy in place)
- The VSB's digital archives are very small, and might not have space for our materials
- Sarah Schneiderman has been talking to a UBC Anthropology grad student and they have put in an application to VSB to do digital archiving
- we need to keep very careful track of what stuff gets put into storage and brought back; do full inventory and photographs
- busing: two buses being provided, these will have to go back and forth to take everyone
- PAC will need to raise funds for area rugs for the classrooms, for furniture for learning commons, and for a piece of Primary playground equipment (to join existing pieces when they are reconfigured to fit the new space).
- Theatre group history proposal—Live History, based in Ontario; they go into venues and create productions that incorporate the history of the place
 - They do a whole-school production during the day, and also can do an evening event with actors placed around the school in character of characters from neighbourhood's history. Altogether the cost is \$1500 (2 hrs in day, 4 hours in the evening)
 - We need to provide them with the research
 - They have been booked for June 19
- The Lisa Sars Artstarts grant didn't come through Susan Jung is going to follow up with Artstarts to see why we weren't funded

6. JKC update on swing site plans: Tyler Summers



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[see Tyler's PowerPoint presentation on the PAC website for additional detail]

- JCK staff have met with Susy Carr, the Queen Elizabeth school principal
- Summer programming will be offered out of the General Gordon location during the seismic process
- Child care will continue with the same number of places (enrolment was at 78, but the QE space will probably be only about 60, so they have taken only 64 currently)
- The goal is to continue to offer community programs; currently it's 8-10 programs over 3 terms; community programs will probably be only offered in the 2nd and 3rd terms—it would be very difficult in 1st term, as they need to work out the space
 - JKC will probably have a dedicated office space in the new school; QE might have office space for them, but it's not certain
 - They will definitely offer after-school care at the QE site; they might be able to offer before-school care, but not sure yet
- It's not certain what fall enrolment will look like
- Vancouver Coastal Health licensing officers are an unknown—Tyler is not sure how they'll treat the temporary spaces
- We know that we'll need 78 spaces when we return, so we hope to have that many in the new school

7. Seismic update: Tanya Kyi

- The preschool has been offered space at the QE annex during the construction
- **Permits:** The city has given the planners a list of small things to fix or clarify, but it looks like (a) we'll be approved in time for the September move to the swing site and (b) we'll get away with only the two parking spots. We've been asked to save one courtyard tree that was slated for removal, so the design has to change slightly to accommodate.
- **Kiln:** The architects have traded an upstairs storage closet for a kiln room. This trade-off of art storage for the kiln has not yet been reviewed by staff. If it is implemented, the PAC will need to pay for additional venting, if needed. Birgitte and Kent are hoping that several upstairs free-standing storage cupboards can move to the new school to help alleviate storage concerns.
- **Archives/memorabilia:** Kathy O'Sullivan is taking charge of this and will be gathering all the materials in room 104 and sorting. I've given her the emails of Sara, Valia (thank you, both), and a few other parent volunteers.
- **Goodbye to Bayview event:** There's a theatre group from Ontario coming in June to do a history performance for the school. The PAC is considering hiring them to be character actors around the school during an evening open house — a sort of community goodbye to the old building.



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- **Small design changes/discussions:**

- JKC will likely be funding new foldable lunchroom tables. They are discussing with Birgitte.
- The kitchen has been redesigned to open onto the lunchroom.
- The equipment in the front playground will need to be reconfigured to fit the new space. Habitat playground company is consulting on this, and will provide costs for new equipment as well.
- The PAC exec has asked Birgitte to check if the VSB insures playground equipment during moving and storage.
- Discussion of bussing and necessary supervision is still ongoing.
- Bamboo is still under discussion. There was some sort of lawsuit involving a kid who was poked in the eye by a bamboo stem? The PAC exec is strongly in support of the bamboo.
- It seems we will all fit in the portables and the free Queen Elizabeth classrooms, and we won't need to split Bayview between the Queen E and the Annex sites.
- There is space designated for gardening plots, but not known if there will be a hose bib placed near it
- Question from Emilia: would PAC be able to fundraise for an outdoor storage shed or similar structure? Ms. Biorn is not sure

- **Area Standards:** PAN has asked us to participate in a forum about area standards and seismic upgrades, on January 30th. I have a work event that night. Does anyone else feel inclined? The invitation is below.

- **New leadership!** Last but not least, Cora has agreed to take over the seismic committee next year. As most of you know, she's been on the seismic committee executive for several years and has the admirable talent of getting tons done while appearing completely calm. Thank you, Cora, for shepherding this project into its next stage!

- seismic team aims to get all info to city by end of January

8. Treasurers' update: Emilia Doro/Joss Taylor

- Current balances: regular account: \$ 60,98164; gaming account: \$ 8,888.11
- The Holiday Market raised \$4300 net
- We will do an Easter Purdy's chocolates fundraising order
- We will have a used-book sale in April, probably April 24-26 (Jocelyn Chang is spearheading); posters can be produced through the student council

9. Gala planning update: Joss Taylor

- This is the largest fundraiser of the year; an adult-only evening with onsite child care; February 22
- There will be a silent auction of many items, including class-made platters



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- Teachers need parent support in getting the platters done
 - This year Tom Prasol (father of Bayview kids; mortgage broker) will match all bids on platters
- Each class will put together a themed basket to be auctioned off (each family donates something that matches the theme)
- The planning committee is having its third meeting tomorrow
- The theme this year: Bayview and Beyond, tying in history of the school with a futuristic theme; no need to dress up, but if you want to, any period of dress will work, to span the spectrum of eras
- Volunteers will be needed for many aspects—a call will go out

10. New business

- January 30 will be the staff appreciation day and luncheon; there is an online signup sheet for bringing food and doing setup and takedown
- Nepal school partnership (Sarah Schneiderman)
 - they are working on getting an internet connection
 - the family team activity around what students feel about Bayview and its spaces was shared with the Nepal school and very well received; Birgitte will provide slide show for PAC website
- Tanya can't do Christmas hampers next year, so a new parent coordinator is needed for next year
- Any suggestions for how to get Kindergarten parents more involved in PAC activities? Maybe set up an informal coffee hour? Maryam might be able to organize