



Bayview PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 6:30-8:00 pm

Location: General Gordon Library

In Attendance: Michael Rossi, Kelly Ryan, Birgitte Biorn, Anna Friedlander, Sara Shneiderman, Delia Jane Ramsbotham, Cora Sheyka, Magnus Leijanborg, Jocelyn Chang, Ben Wiggs, Lisa MacCarthy, Emilia Doro, Ian Toszczak, Itzia Paz, Dan Eisenhardt, Niloofar Pooryousef, Andy Li

Agenda Items

1. Introduction/call for additional agenda items

- Minutes of last meeting – adopted as written

2. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn

- Thanks to everybody for patience with lots of emails and transition stuff and for their kind, understanding responses to things not going smoothly.
- Enrolment: 261 students, in 13 divisions.
- We may take a few students from neighbouring schools who are now closer (Nora Rose Point, QE).
- All staff remained the same, which is really nice, and unusual given the circumstances.
 - This made startup much easier and smoother.
- New counsellor, Jenna Braich, will be at Bayview Tuesday mornings and all day Wednesday (she also serves Britannia school).
- We are still looking to hire a teacher for the XCel program.
- There will be a pro-D on Monday. Teachers will spend the morning with Pacific Spirit Park interpreters to learn how to make good use of the forest environment so close by. QE staff loved hearing about the idea, and they are having the interpreters in the afternoon.
 - In the afternoon on Monday, teachers will learn about a new Fresh Grade-style online reporting platform called My Blueprint that the VSB is adopting. Ms Conway and Ms Rossignol had training in the spring, and Ms Conway will present to the staff about My Blueprint, which can follow each child all the way through the school system.
- The new online payment process is being rolled out slowly, and we are starting it this year. It will allow all school fees to be paid online, including field trips.
- Parking reminder: we need to avoid parking in the QE parking areas. So far, people seem to be adhering to the parking guidelines.
- Bussing (Michael Rossi):
 - It has been interesting and challenging, though not too bad despite a few hiccups.
 - Ms Biorn and Michael have been in constant contact about any issues that come up
 - It is frustrating for them when things go awry at the park in the afternoon, after all the effort made to keep things in order in boarding at school
 - Starting Sept 30, all three buses will depart at the same time from the school in the afternoon. With the second two buses leaving 10 minutes after the first, 10 minutes is a long time for kids and staff to wait around before boarding. Students will still be on their designated buses. All buses will leave at 3:00, to arrive at 3:10 at McBride Park.



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- Signage changes will take a bit longer, but will come.
 - We are also frustrated with buses timing in the afternoon: substitute drivers left too soon from the school, so got to the park too early, before parents were there to pick them up. Therefore, we will have K and Grade 1 students sitting in the front rows, and not to leave the bus until their adults have arrived. Need to have parents reinforce bus-system rules to the kids, too (i.e., kids must wait on the bus for their adults). Parents can make the wait-on-the-bus rule for older kids, too, if they want. Also, we will communicate this new rule to all parents, so that parents can keep an eye out for kids who don't look like they're in the right place.
 - Michael has had strong conversations and email communications with Lynch bus lines about consistency with timing, drivers, arrival times, etc., as has Birgitte.
 - Michael says that in previous seismic busing experiences with Lynch (and currently with Wolfe Elementary), things have gone much more smoothly.
 - The kids have been doing a great job with following the busing routines/rules.
 - Maybe PAC can ask parents who would be willing to have their number put out to other families on their bus, as backup for people to text/call if desperate for pickup help
 - The orange cones for a temporary crosswalk will remain throughout the period—there will not be an actual crosswalk put in, as it doesn't fit with the city's system for where to have crosswalks.
- Seismic updates
- There's not much happening at the old Bayview building yet--the main priority was to get us moved to the swing site.
 - Now they will start going through the building and clearing out materials that can be reused or recycled, for storage by the VSB.
 - Then there will be work done to remove hazardous materials on the inside.
 - The building shell won't start to come down until late fall or early winter, once all asbestos and other abatement has been completed.
 - This timing actually fits with the original timeline, and staff agree that it was best to move out before the summer instead of mid-year.
 - Until when will the old playground will be accessible? Michael will check with Kent.
 - Bike racks will be moved from Bayview to McBride park as soon as possible (Kent is working on this with the city)—in the meantime, families can use the racks at Bayview.
- 3. Teachers' update: Mr. T.**
- Camp Bayview has been a good experience so far. It's great that the entire staff stuck together and families did as well—it says a lot for the community of the school. It's also good that the move was done before the summer instead of mid-year.
 - The rooms and the size of the rooms feel fine, even though the main hallway feels like a camp. The kids seem comfortable in the classrooms.
 - Kids seem to be adjusting to sharing the playgrounds, although some kids have heard a bit of "that's our playground equipment," but there has also been some "the QE kids were so nice at recess" comments from kids.



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- There isn't too much overlap with playground use—just one 10-15 minute overlap.
- Div. 9, Ms Duncan: We are settling into our cabin nicely. Working with zones of regulation Enjoying our space and thinking about how to be good guests. Working on reading and writing stamina. Looking forward to enjoying the outdoors experiences.
- Div. 11 Ms Jung: Campers are settling nicely in to Cabin 401. We love being able to look out and see the trees and the green space around us. We are learning how to get around our new environment; the routine is getting smoother. We are trying hard to be gracious guests; we were proud when a QE teacher complimented us on being very quiet in the hallways.
- This is one of the years the grades 6/7 go on their overnight camping trip, in the second week of June. Head up to parents: will probably need some support from the PAC for bus costs and help for every kid to be able to afford the camp trip. Slightly smaller group this year.

4. Treasurers' update: Joss Taylor/Emilia Doro

- *Current balances:* Regular account: \$ 51360.74. Gaming account: \$ 3281.03.

5. Welcome-Back Carnival update: Kelly Ryan

- QE students are excited about the carnival.
- In order to include QE in the carnival, we needed to rent more stuff, and to help with the increased cost, are charging \$5 entry.
- The weather forecast looks decent.
- We still need volunteers to man the big inflatables—there's one PartyWorks person at each one, but they need an additional adult to help manage the lineups.
- The bus schedule stays the same, so if kids are staying for the carnival, parents will need to bring them home afterward.
- Meet the staff evening will coincide: 5-6 pm the cabins will be open for people to come in and out.
- Be sure to email staff to notify if your kid won't be on the bus because they're staying for the carnival.

6. Review of the upcoming year's events and point people: Emilia Doro

- See the last page for a list of event lead volunteers so far.
- Birgitte will meet with Eric of C'Est Mon Cafe about how to do the hot lunch with the two separate lunchrooms; we will probably need an extra volunteer to help serve hot lunches (one in each lunchroom).
- Popcorn popping and sales will be divided up by classrooms again this year, for targeted class fundraising—teachers will have to find popcorn volunteers for their respective classes.
- There will be no gala this year—we will do some direct-drive fundraising instead.

7. Needs for furnishing portables: Birgitte

- Staff have made some requests so far; Birgitte will work with them to prioritize.
- We can discuss this at the next PAC meeting.



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8. New business

- We will look into how to work out child care for future PAC meetings (we only have the library space available to us at General Gordon during meetings).
- Parents are still welcome to come to performances and assemblies. When emails go out to invite parents to an upcoming performance/assembly, it would be helpful to include a map with an arrow to the auditorium entrance.
- Adult washroom: Parents can use the washroom just inside the entrance of the staff room.
- Lunch room: kids have commented that the tables seem very dirty—do they get cleaned between QE and Bayview students? Birgitte and Susie will talk to the engineers about coming through and giving tables a quick wipe-down between groups.



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Roles for 2019/20

PAC Executive:

Co-Chairs: Joss Taylor & Kelly Ryan
Secretary: Anna Friedlander
Co-Treasurers: Emilia Doro & Joss Taylor
Web Site Maintenance: Juliette Doddrell
Communications: Emilia Doro

Various On-going Committees & Programs [highlighted=not yet confirmed]:

Advocacy Committee Chair: Vacant
Seismic Committee Chair: Cora Sheyka
Social/Community Building: Peter Graham-Gaudreau & Jennifer Angeli
Yearbook: Jocelyn Chang and Allen Lin
Supplemental Lunch Program: Tanya Kyi & Stephanie Ali
Hot Lunch Program Coordinator (set up and service): ?????
Lost & Found Coordinator: Anke Meider
Popcorn Sales Coordinator: ?????

Special Event Committee Leads:

Sept – Welcome Back Carnival – Kelly Ryan
Oct – Halloween Howl: Valia Thorburn, Aimee Nygaard, Stephanie Ali
Dec – Winter Holiday Market: Emilia Doro
Dec – Pancake Breakfast: Gord Bradley
Jan – Staff Appreciation Lunch: Stephanie Ali
Feb/Mar – Spring Gala: N/A
Apr – Volunteer Appreciation Assembly & Tea: Principal and Teachers
Apr – Used Book & Bake Sale: Jocelyn Chang & ????
May – Welcome to Kindergarten: Principal & K Teachers
May – Sports Day Refreshments: Stephanie Ali
June – Athletic Banquet & Recognition Ceremony: Barb Hinds (P.E. Teacher)
June – Grade 7 Farewell Lunch & Ceremony: Grade 7 teachers & Grade 6 parents
June – End of Year Family Potluck: Anna Friedlander