



# Bayview PAC Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 6:30-8:00 pm

**Location:** General Gordon Library

**In attendance:** Cora Sheyka, Sarah Chipperfield, Delia Jane Ramsbotham, Emilia Doro, Michael Friedlander, Joss Taylor, Christie Rossignol, Birgitte Biorn, Itzia Paz, Jocelyn Chang, Anna Friedlander

## Agenda Items

### 1. Introduction/call for additional agenda items

- Minutes of last meeting were adopted as written
- New item: "Un-gala" event proposed by Deila Jane Ramsbotham

### 2. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn

- WE day was on Wednesday, at BC Place
  - The kids really enjoyed the event
  - seats were up in the upper bowl, and the kids loved the panoramic view
- The first family teams activity was held before Remembrance Day
- Budget questions:
  - How much money is left for outdoor activities?
    - \$5k was budgeted; have only spent \$500 so far, on the coyotes presentation.
  - There is a good "Walking Curriculum" book with a series of planned walks—we would like to buy a copy for each staff member (~ \$20 each); would PAC be willing to fund as part of outdoor activities? There's also an arts activities book to go with it; Teri Taylor has made copies of this for staff to use.
- Teachers' technology needs
  - The staff finance committee has met to talk about technology needs
  - Old computers from the library were not brought to the temporary space, so we need some laptops for intermediate students' use.
  - Staff have talked about getting two Chromebooks for each intermediate class, and see how the usage is; these cost \$500-700 each. The school budget has \$4500 set aside for tech expenditures—could the PAC top this up? About \$2000 would be needed.
    - With extra income from un-gala and the Howl, we can do this.
    - A motion was put forward and approved.
  - Someone pointed out that the Chromebooks may not come with software other than Google apps. Birgitte noted that when we buy them through the District, they might have software preloaded. District also provides maintenance of machines bought through them.
- Hot lunch update
  - Only about 14-17 kids have been buying lunches so far
  - Maybe increase the number of days per week that it's offered (now just Wednesdays).
  - Might increase the number of days in January



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- After-school programs update
  - Chris Kerslake's classes will be happening, as of January; Birgitte still looking into other possibilities
- Selima Noon programs on social-emotional learning and
  - Intermediates programs are i-Girl and i-Guy
  - Programs are in two parts of two hours each :\$350 for each part; \$550 for full 2-part series.
  - There is also a coed i-Kid for primaries.
  - This was not originally something in our budgeting.
  - Staff sounds very keen to do it, for intermediates at least (it hasn't really been discussed by primaries); several meeting attendees are also enthusiastic.
  - The question is funding, since it wasn't in the budget. Maybe ask parents for a suggested donation toward the program to help pay. Ask for \$15 per student, payable through SchoolCash; PAC will top up any additional needed.
  - We would do just intermediates at first, then see if we want to do primaries as well. Ms. Rossignol points out that primary teachers already have training in a lot of the social/emotional learning stuff.
  - Birgitte will contact Selima Noon about booking both parts for all intermediate divisions.

### 3. Teachers' updates: Christie Rossignol

*Ms Taylor*

We have been enjoying walk through the Camosun bog every Wednesday afternoon

*Ms Rossignol*

Grades 2-3 are doing excellent writing about bats. We are also starting to work on fractions and making number lines with the fractions

*Ms. Montagano, Div 3*

In Socials we are learning: how Immigration and multi culturalism continue to shape Canadian Society and Identity; the development and evolution of Canadian identity over time; the changing nature of Canadian immigration over time. In Science, body systems and comparing to the body systems of living things found in the Camosun bog. We enjoy our outdoor education time every Monday afternoon at 2 pm. In Math, multiplication and division. A math highlight is when we solve estimation puzzles called "Esti-Mysteries." In language arts we are starting book clubs in which all the books have an immigration theme.

*Ms. Kochan, Div. 13*

We are learning about Medieval Times. We built a castle in our classroom and made props such as crowns and shields. We learned about castle feasts, becoming a knight, castle entertainment and how important horses were. We began reading the book "The Knight at Dawn" (Magic Tree House). Our class has also been learning about 2D Shapes and we used shapes to make ourselves into Princesses and Princes. We continue to learn about the Zones of Regulation. And we are beginning to learn about what Science is and what scientists do. So busy busy busy!!!



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### *Susan Jung, Div. 11*

Division 11 has been NUTS about squirrels. We participated in a workshop given by Northwest Wildlife Preservation Society yesterday. We learned about BC Wildlife around us AND in particular, squirrels. We are becoming experts on squirrels, and want EVERYONE to love them as much as we do.

### *Ms. Duncan, Div. 9*

We went to the Bloedel Conservatory today and learned all about Tropical Birds and Plant adaptations. Thank you to PAC for supplementing this amazing field trip. We have also been focusing on weaving in our classroom and looking at the traditional uses for weaving for Indigenous people.

### *Ms. Whitelaw, Library*

**857** books have been checked out of our library so far in November.

We have many new books related to our outdoor learning in the library. Our library feels as though it can breathe again! I am collaborating with Division 3 to help them with their theme of immigration in literature, and with their personal migration stories. We will be looking at resources we can use to broaden our understanding of events our families have experienced. Divisions 8 and 9 have been looking at the themes of perseverance and friendship through the stories of Winnie the Pooh.

### **4. Treasurers' update: Joss Taylor/Emilia Doro**

Account balances: regular \$ 48,000 gaming \$1824.95

#### Direct-drive fundraising

- The past several years of fundraising have brought in more than was needed for year-to-year expenses, and that surplus has been set aside to cover this and next year's budgets.
- This year's and next year's fundraising will be targeted specifically for furnishing the new building.
  - Government funding doesn't cover furnishings beyond the building itself.
  - We will eventually need about \$250,000 to fund the various things needed.
  - The first round of fundraising will be targeted at Bayview parents.
  - Donations over \$20 are eligible for tax receipts.
  - In the spring, we will direct a campaign to businesses and the wider community.
  - Delia Jane asks: if a business donates to buy something in particular, will it then be named? (e.g., "the IGA lunch tables")
    - Birgitte is pretty sure we can't do this, but we could probably have a plaque that lists all the various donors in one place.
  - Joss will ask staff for any ideas of alumni who might be possible donors.
  - We will also look into grants, such as Best Buy grant for technology hardware.
  - Anna will ask May about running reports, to check on donation totals (she made a donation already, to test the system).



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### 5. Halloween Howl recap

- Very successful event, especially given the last-minute planning and the new leads. Many thanks to all the volunteers, especially Clair McLaughlin, Susan Rae, and Christina Sobrepena, for making it happen.
- Net profit from the night was \$1,616; the preschool raised about \$360 from their bake sale.
- About 300 people came.

### 6. Parents' nights out: Emilia Doro (for Peter Graham-Gaudreau)

- \$140 was raised at the Legion parent's night in October, through popcorn sales and a 50/50 raffle.
- Peter has arranged with DoubleD Pizza (on 4th at Collingwood) to host a family night on December 2.
  - DD will donate to PAC 10% of Bayview sales that night, including takeout and delivery.
  - DD evening will start at 4:00.
  - DD has historically been very generous in supporting Bayview in many ways.
- In the new year, Peter will organize a trivia night.
- We might have Ms. Taylor's daughter run a paint/wine night in the spring.
- Any suggestions for venues are welcome (pubs, restaurants, etc.).

### 7. Pancake / Santa Breakfast: Joss Taylor

- This has been a Bayview tradition for more than 30 years: parent volunteers make and serve pancakes on the last Thursday of school before the Christmas break.
- Gord Bradley has been running it for the past seven years, but his kids are graduating out of Bayview, so this will be his last year.
- We don't have an industrial griddle as at the old school, so need to ask the school community for electric griddles (we will need 5-6).
- Joss asked IGA (4th and Collingwood) for possible sale-price ingredients, and they are going to *donate* everything, including oranges, cleaning supplies, syrup (everything except the pancake mix, which we get at Costco). IGA has been incredibly generous and supportive for years, so we encourage parents to reciprocate and shop there!
- We would love to find a future potential coordinator who could attend this year's event to learn how it works.
- Leon Bayer will be Santa for this event.

### 8. Holiday Market and pre-sales update: Emilia Doro

- The market will be held on December 14, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- We have 30 vendors signed up to rent tables.
- The market will be held in the QE auditorium.
- We still need a Santa, in case Peter GG has a gig and can't come.
- Hot dogs will be sold.
- Each class will make a craft to sell at the market.
- Games and activities: face painting, selfie station.
- Bake sale—we will need bakers and volunteers.



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- Raffle table—each vendor will donate an item to the raffle basket.
- Hot drinks for sale: hot chocolate, mulled cider, coffee.
- Cora Korthals made posters.
- Popcorn will be made and sold.
- Emilia will add all the vendors to the Facebook page.
- We will invite Queen Elizabeth to participate in the market and also to shop the pre-sale items
- Anna to send out an email blast on Saturday morning: remember, the deadline for holiday orders (Emilia will send orders forms and other details to include)

### 10. Support for sister school (Hastings Elementary) over the holidays: Joss Taylor

- The one thing we do for our sister school is holiday-season hampers or monetary support
- This year they request gift cards for local dollar stores, grocery stores, and things to create experiences and memories (e.g., movie passes, Science World passes)
- Hastings has 50-80 kids who could use support
- Christie comments that following the Hastings staff recommendation is the best way to support them (she used to teach there)
- December 16 as target date for delivering the gifts to Hastings; have the deadline for school donations be the Friday before
- Ask parents for cash donations, which would then be used to buy grocery cards and also some Vancity cash cards for discretionary spending; for parents who would rather buy something other than cash, they can donate, eg, tickets to movies or Science World or Aquarium.
- Birgitte will communicate the plan to staff; Joss will write up a letter and run it by Christie Rossignol

### 12. New business

#### - "Un-Gala": Delia Jane Ramsbotham

- Andrea Vandenenden and Delia Jane would like to organize a gala-substitute party, but the decor and silent auction seemed intimidating.
- The Harleys are up for running the bar.
- The basic idea is that we would rent St. James Hall (cost is \$103/hour), or maybe Redemption Church. St. James said that Feb 21 may be available, and that Feb 13 is definitely available. We would charge a cover, have a band, maybe a 50/50 draw, maybe do heads and tails. We would have a bar; Heather and Chris Harley, who were in charge of it for the last few galas, are willing to do it again.
- We would not do a silent auction or decorations, but could still do platters.
  - The platter auction is fun, but quite a few people feel that it's unfair because only richer families ever end up with the platters; maybe sell raffle tickets for the platters instead of doing an auction.
  - Also, don't have the kiln or spare project space, so it won't be so easy to fire the platters.
- Perhaps approach Phoenix Gymnastics about doing childcare (they do parents night out programs).