



## Bayview PAC Minutes

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**Date:** Wednesday, September 23, 2020 6:30 – 8:00pm

**Location:** Virtual Meeting via TEAMS

**In Attendance:** Kent Grier, Michael Rossi, Anna Friedlander, Joss Taylor, Birgitte Biorn, Kelly Ryan, Emilia Doro, Ebru Montagano, Cora Sheyka, Sandra Mithani, Yuka Pryde, Jocelyn Chang, Joe Damiani, Itzia Paz, Ramon Zarate, Delia Jane Ramsbotham, Allison Briggs, Susan and Jesse Pare, Barbara Insley, Tina Jiang, Yefeng Hu, Min Yao, Jennifer Tham, Geoffrey Metropolit, Kylie Taylor, Niloofar Pooryousef

### Agenda Items

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

- Minutes of last meeting
  - Emilia moves to adopt minutes; seconded by Cora; minutes are passed as presented.

2. **Seismic Update:** Kent Grier and Michael Rossi

- **Overall site update:** All hazmat work is complete. Currently we're in the excavation stage, replacing soil with new fill. Then micropiles will be installed: they drill down into soil and install micropiles to absorb seismic load; then concrete footings will be installed (lots of concrete trucks will come and go on Dunbar Street). Demolition was paused while we waited for nesting gulls to be moved, per Environment Canada procedures. The targeted occupancy is November, so we should have a December 2021 move-in date, if unforeseen issues do not arise—they are making up for the time lost with gull relocation, but there are bound to be hiccups.
- *Question from Joss:* In the consultation process, there was some feedback regarding exterior aesthetics, but we haven't heard any update on the exterior plan. *Kent:* The materials displayed at the open house are the same that were submitted and approved by the city for permitting. The exterior brick is still a light colour, and can't be changed without submitting an amendment. The colour of the sunscreen louvers has not yet been finalized, though.
- Landscaping infrastructure (drainage, etc.) has been finalized and approved already. The playground area has been set, but the layout of the playground equipment hasn't yet been settled. It will be installed by VSB Grounds rather than by the equipment company, which gives us time to determine what to keep, and then consult with the equipment designer. Bayview PAC needs to establish a playground consultation group who can carry through the process of determining the playground. Birgitte has photos of the existing equipment, and the staff will have students look at them and talk about what they like or want to change. The regular swings at Queen Elizabeth have been popular. Can we incorporate more natural materials? It's clear that the kids loved playing on the hill, in the bamboo, digging in the dirt, etc. Birgitte has discussed this with Tyler (JKC) about this, and they would also like to go more natural. *Kent:* they will have to check with the VSB Grounds Department. E.g., there's a concern with safety on regular swings—VSB might prefer the existing saucer swing. The person who supervised the removal and storage of existing equipment explained to Kent that everything needs to meet specific safety standards and parameters.

The seismic funding pays to remove, store, and re-install equipment, and it will also pay for installing any new equipment bought by PAC. Installation would start in Fall 2021, so we will need



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the design laid out well in advance of that. Kent warns that it will be a very time-consuming process to figure it out and coordinate with VSB Grounds. The PAC playground group should do some envisioning exercises to decide what direction we want to go, before talking to a playground designer.

- Are there certain equipment suppliers we are allowed to use? *Kent*: Habitat is usually used by VSB, but Kent and Michael will ask the VSB Grounds department for a definitive answer on this.)
    - Birgitte received a list of approved suppliers the following day; it is attached at the end of the minutes.
  - HVAC question: Will there be provisions for high-efficiency filtration or other air-purification and ventilation options, in light of the coronavirus? *Kent*: Each classroom has its own Unit Ventilator, so each class has its own air circulation (they don't mix unless all doors/windows are opened and we get cross-ventilation). These bring in exterior air and filter it through fabric; the filters should remove viruses and other contaminants. Each teacher can request adjustments to temperature (21 degrees is standard). Similar to the portables. Common areas (e.g. library, corridors, gym) are served by air handling units in a zoned system. Each unit has a filtration system.
    - Each classroom has two operable awning windows. The building is a positive pressure zone: if a window is opened, air goes out. With more open windows, the unit ventilator has to work harder to pull air in and cool the air.
  - Bayview PAC had requested a large copy of the floor plans, for furniture layout planning. Kent is approaching Frankel to ask about this. We will need plans for the learning commons areas, multipurpose room (eg. tables for the lunchroom), hallway layouts/dimensions (for adding PAC and other storage), and library.
  - Multipurpose-room furniture comment from Michael: Tyler's licensing requirements are an issue—if there's too much furniture, it limits JKC's licensable area for care (i.e., less space for kids). Birgitte acknowledges that we will be keeping in mind that furniture in this area should occupy as little area as would be practical.
  - Kent recommends that we have separate committees for playground and for interior questions—it could get too time-consuming for one group to take it all on. Sandra asks how many people would be good for each committee: Kent suggests to aim for no more than eight, but leaves it with Birgitte.
  - Michael thanks the PAC for handling the brick removal so quickly and smoothly.
  - Kent notes that there was a neighbour who came to the construction site and demanded that they close the site down for the day, earlier than the contractor wanted to stop work. The contractor is allowed by city bylaws to work M-F 7:30 am-8:00 pm, Sat 10 am-8:00 pm, except for statutory holidays. Can we post somewhere the allowed working hours? Kent will maybe enlarge the announcement postcards and put them up on the fence, highlighting allowed work hours.
3. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn
- It's great to see new parents joining the PAC meeting online.
  - Enrolment: 236 students, 12 divisions; new staff were listed in the last newsletter.
  - Busing
    - Smooth so far this year. Yuka has been helping out in the afternoons.



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- Assigned seats have been working well, and all spaces but one have been taken.
- Compared to last year, the organized loading in the morning has been very smooth.
- Code of Conduct: the district is working hard to include anti-racist language, and during Friday's Pro-D day, staff will be working on incorporating it into Bayview's code of conduct.
- Staff have been wondering about doing a meet-the-teachers night. They will discuss this at tomorrow's staff meeting. From a parent perspective, what would be helpful? Some schools are sending out video self-introductions by teachers. Others doing online chats.
  - A zoom/teams meeting with a tour of the classroom would be nice.
  - Teachers could give parents a walk-through of how they use Teams (each teacher uses it differently).
- Since parents can't come on site, it's really important for teachers to communicate on a regular basis—emails, blogs, etc. We can't rely on the kids to relay things completely. This is also good for when kids have to stay home sick.
- Option 4 check-ins will be handled by Jenna Braitch[?], our counselor.
- We received 30 new iPads from the district, replacing the old ones; staff will discuss how to share them safely (sanitizing).
- Brett Whitelaw (librarian) might be off for a bit (a week or longer) for dealing with some family stuff. We hope the kids can start checking out books next week.
- Birgitte got an email about some outdoor learning resources for purchase, including sit pads for sitting outside. Some of the money goes to Take Me Outside (company with good resources for teachers). We could discuss this separately.
- Kylie Taylor has a question about where to park for kindergarten drop off, since we can no longer walk through the school. Birgitte: You can park on 17th, 18th, etc., as long as you're not on Camosun St.

#### 4. **Teachers' Update:** Ebru Montaganano

- We are so happy to be back! All the teachers are ecstatic to be back onsite. Ebru is part of the health and safety committee, and it seems like things have gone well, with the kids following protocols quite well.
- The original transition up to Camp Bayview was hard partly because of the outside hallway, but now that feels like a bonus.
- For Friday's Pro-D, staff will be looking at the "Be Fair, Be Safe, Be Kind" motto and code of conduct and revisit the details. They will also take time to collaborate on planning the collaborative inquiry groups: STEM, Indigenous Education, Diversity and Anti-Racism, and Outdoor Learning.
- Today was the first rainy day of classes, but everybody was prepared and happy.
- On behalf of the PAC, Joss reiterates what we are here to support the staff with anything that comes up that we can help with. Advocacy, money, communications—just ask!
- The teachers do miss having the parents around, but they feel the love and support through emails from parents. Many teachers are doing more neighbourhood and bog walks. Many of their usual field trip locations have gone virtual; e.g., next Monday Ebru's class has a virtual field trip to the Port of Vancouver. The Beaty Biodiversity Museum at UBC has set up a system for sending



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artifacts to classrooms for a monthlong loan; they are then sanitized before going to another school.

5. **Treasurer's Update:** Emilia Doro

- Regular account balance: \$32,071.57
- Term deposits: Escalating \$30,750; cashable \$10,000, nonredeemable \$15,000
- Gaming account: \$ 1,395.70
- We have excess funds because of last spring's reduced expenditures. We'll have limited fundraising opportunities this year with COVID, so we can draw on last year's surplus.
- Jocelyn asks: can we still do the social/emotional/relationships-education workshop? i-Girl and i-Guy programs had been discussed as a possibility--could this still happen? Birgitte will check in with them.
- Joss will deliver classroom-incidentals money to the teachers soon (\$250/year, plus \$50 for science consumables).
- Federal COVID funding: unknown if it has reached the district yet or not.

6. **Bayview Spirit Wear and Merchandise for Sale:** Joss Taylor

- We have sold more than 160 face masks so far; they will be distributed by Jocelyn on Monday to the teachers.
- The new company we are using is very helpful and has a great online store.
- Deadline is this Friday for ordering.

7. **New-School Fundraising Update:** Kelly Ryan

- Committee of four has been meeting and working over the summer.
- Our first effort is to sell 300 of the 1913 bricks salvaged from the old school building's north wing. Selling for \$100 each. Doing a direct-mail campaign to 3000 addresses: a postcard with an explanation of why we need to fundraise. This will be sent out in the first week of October. Bricks can be ordered at the [buildingbayview.com](http://buildingbayview.com) website; see also buildingbayview on Instagram.
- We have contacted a real estate agent who will donate up to \$5000 and will try to get other local agents to make matching donations.
- We will be launching a media campaign on awareness of what parents have to fund that isn't included in provincial funding of seismic replacement buildings.
- Wayne Dryer and Tom Prasol are well connected for direct drive fundraising.
- The goal is another \$200K in the next 18 weeks.
- Joss asks: can the current parent community get first crack at ordering bricks, before the public mailing goes out. Kelly: an email will go out to all parents before the postcard campaign.
- Bricks will be packaged in a nice burlap bag with a postcard describing the history of the school.
- The committee will put out an appeal to parents for grant-writing volunteers.
- Brie Lunn put together the website, which looks great (Michael Rossi mentioned that he has been hearing a lot from Brie).



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### 8. Role of the PAC this year: general discussion

- Maintaining community
- Advocacy
- Support for students and families
- Parents: any thoughts, ideas, for how we might do things differently this year, with everything so different? Birgitte, is there any need for advocacy from the parents regarding how things are being handled by the district regarding COVID?
- E.g., it's a lot to ask of teachers to do a whole new thing with online teaching. Maybe if there was funding, it could be used to hire a staff person to help with that? Or would staff prefer a different type of support?
  - Birgitte replies: it's tough to answer, since we never know what's going to happen next. If a large number of kids come back in person on October 13, it will increase the burden for teachers. Since plans has been very vague, teachers don't have a clear sense of how to connect with students who are not in the classroom. The bit of additional staffing we have is helping, but there's still uncertainty about expectations. We'll wait and see what advocacy might be needed. Additional staffing probably would be a welcome use of COVID funding.
  - The district is giving all schools a 1-day-a-week extra person to help with the Option 4 check-ins.
- Aside from Option 4 kids: what will happen when students are sick and have to stay home for more extended periods than they usually would have? There will be a need for additional out-of-classroom supports/communication. The district is encouraging use of Microsoft Teams for ALL students, not only Option 4 students.
  - Depending on the teacher, some are posting stuff regularly on Teams, so parents should check periodically.
- It's hard to have our usual discussion of events and activities. E.g., what to do instead of the Halloween Howl?
- Question for Birgitte: hot lunch is on hold—any sense of when it might pick up again? Answer: It is on hold for sure until January, and it will then be reassessed.
- Emergency bag lunches allowed? There have been kids asking for lunches, so we should look at something—not home-made, and individually packaged. Even a supply of various packaged food items (e.g., granola bars, etc.). Birgitte will talk to Yuka about it tomorrow. Stephanie Ali is willing to help the new volunteers set it up.

Next meeting Oct. 13 or 21? We'll stick with Oct. 21; 13 would give time for the Howl to be planned, but it will be impossible to do a Howl. Maybe do something additional for the costume parade—on the field, with parent presence and/or PAC assistance?

### 9. New Business

- No new business was proposed.



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### **VSB Certified Playground Suppliers and Installers:**

- SwingTime Distribution-Tammy Rule 604 990 8187
- Habitat Systems-Barbara Frewin- 604 294 4224/778 879 0222
- RECTEC Industries- Jeff Kuby 604 940 0067
- GreenRoots Play Equipment-Samantha Erskine-250 655 3373
- Suttle [Recreation-info@suttlerecreation.com](mailto:Recreation-info@suttlerecreation.com)

### **VSB Certified Playground Surfacing:**

- Marathon Surfaces-Barbara Frewin 604 878 0625-ext 2
- Habitat – Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) - Dave Warner 604 294 4224