



## Bayview PAC Minutes

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**Date:** Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 6:30 – 8:00pm

**Location:** Virtual Meeting via TEAMS

**In attendance:** Birgitte Biorn, Joss Taylor, Brie Lunn, Anna Friedlander, Ian Tosczak, Kelly Ryan, Jocelyn Chang, Cora Korthals, Jen Tham, Sarah Jane Damiani, Itzia Paz, Delia Jane Ramsbotham, Kylie Taylor, Claudia Paez, Sandra Mithani, Kate Muscato, Shanah Ali

### Agenda Items

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

- Minutes of the last meeting were adopted as presented
- New item: school photos

#### 2. Teachers' update: Ian Tosczak

- It's exciting to see plans for the new playground being discussed by the playground committee.
- Teachers are hunkering down with the bad weather and getting a lot of curriculum done—lots of science and math.
- Primaries are involved in kindness initiatives, learning how to give back to the community. One division (Ms. Taylor) is collecting new or gently used socks for the needy (adult sizes).
- Div. 4 is about to start a new project, learning about marine animals and how plastics affect them. They will research different ways to reduce plastic use, and will spread the information to other classes to bring home.
- The candy drive is still going on as part of the kindness initiative—take donations to Ms. Taylor's class.
- May (in the office) also collects kid's socks to give to kids with soaked feet.
- Things are going well in general—everyone is in good spirits, aside from the crummy weather!

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

- Morale is pretty good, partly because we know what could be coming up with the winter—this time we are prepared for snow shoveling, winter boots, etc.
- Kids are getting wet, so we are ordering lightweight rain jackets in pouches, in sizes for grades 2-6, for backup rain protection.
- We need feedback: how did the parent-teacher conferences go?
  - Delia Jane: It was fine if the connection was made, but the challenge was that when slots ran late, you'd run out of time on the video conference because of defined time slots
  - Kelly: It was difficult tech-wise, didn't feel as friendly as usual, and we couldn't see the kids' work, but that's just as it had to be given the situation.
  - Joss liked it, because it allowed her husband to attend from work, whereas he can never attend the in-person conferences.
- Revision of the Bayview code of conduct: Birgitte has sent out the revised code, which has two main issues added:
  - Specific language about racism not being tolerated
  - An extra statement that Bayview is an anti-racist community



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- The previous code of conduct focused on Be Safe Be Fair Be Kind, but the new one highlights the positive, prosocial behaviours to be encouraged, rather than just the negative behaviours to be avoided. It's easy for kids to say "Don't do X," but can be harder for them to know what to do instead of "X."
- Focus on bus behaviours.
- Two staff members are working on a rap about the good behaviours.
- Laminated enlargements of the new code of conduct grid will be posted around the school.
- A more extensive document, including consequences for inappropriate behaviours, will be sent home for parents to review with kids.
- Kelly: We need to reiterate that there is to be no screen use on the bus.
- Claudia: If you can involve parents in any of the anti-racist activities, that could be helpful, since kids' behaviours usually start at home. Birgitte will pass along any workshops, etc., and will include stuff in the newsletters.
- Birgitte got a great book about a Sikh main character (the oldest marathon runner)—*Fauja Singh Keeps Going*--and has been reading it to different classes. Kids have come home and commented about it.
- Birgitte is starting student leadership with students from grades 6 and 7 tomorrow.
- Status of playground discussions
  - We had a good committee meeting a couple of weeks ago, and looked at the results of the student survey re. playground equipment.
  - We made a list of things that probably don't need to be reinstalled.
  - We suggest putting the blue saucer swing on the intermediate side.
  - Next step: contacted Kent and Michael to say that committee is ready to talk to VSB Grounds about the space and equipment and where it could go, and any additional space for new equipment.
  - We will maintain the southeast natural corner with bamboo, but maybe—since the K classrooms will be on the northeast corner—flip the playground so as to have more natural play structures closer to the K area.
  - Kelly: great news that we have raised the money needed for a grass field.
  - Birgitte talked with Yuka and Emilia, who commented that kids on the primary playground at the QE site love the monkey bars, so they suggest putting in as many monkey bars as we can.

#### **4. New-School Fundraising update:** Brie Lunn

- Current funds as of today (some still coming in): the kiln venting is covered; bricks at \$6000, matching donor confirmed to be donating the \$30K regardless of matching, and the money came in today; \$5000 from realtor challenge; Westbank (developer) \$2500; West Group in talks for donating installation and cost of scoreboard (about \$8000); anonymous donation of \$10,000 in discussion. Total for now is thus at about \$63,000 on top of the \$80K or so already in hand. ~ \$150K total
- Valia Thorburn and Rebecca Bansback are our grant writers.
  - We'll need grants for putting poured rubber surfacing under the play structures (Kaltire and BC Tire Stewardship)
- One more anonymous donor is in talks possibly for playground funding



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- Sandra Mithani has found grants for trees and some other things, so wants to be put in touch with Valia and Rebecca to work on these.
- The realtor challenge will be ongoing—no deadline, so we will continue inviting realtors to join the "Make Bayview Feel Like Home" challenge.
- We would like to do some fundraising project that could involve kids, if anyone has ideas—kids who participate could get a "I helped build Bayview" shirt or similar swag.

### **5. Treasurer's update:** Joss Taylor for Emilia Doro

- Regular account balance: \$ 26,000
- Term deposits (\$55K): Escalating \$ ; cashable \$ , nonredeemable \$
- Gaming account: \$ 6,500
- might need to tap term deposits for ongoing PAC expenses, but otherwise being held for new school funds

### **6. Holiday market/orders:** Joss Taylor for Emilia Doro

- We can't do an in-person market, so we are doing an online sale of holiday items:
  - poinsettias, small Christmas trees in pots (about 3' high), teas, coffees, wine gift cards, and various other gift items from local businesses
- We are currently putting finishing touches on the online store.
- Because we can't have pickup of items at school, maybe do some early-December pickups around bus arrival time at McBride Park, and on a weekend day.
- Might be able to offer delivery by PAC volunteers to people's homes, for \$5 fee.
  - Given the experience with delivering bricks, it's best to avoid deliveries and do the park pickup
- Itzia: one of her suppliers can help set up a Christmas tree lot if we are interest for next year. These are very profitable. She will get more information on what's involved; maybe see if Redemption Church would let us use their yard. She can also work on a hanging-basket sale for next Mother's Day. Lead time needed: order in January, so we can see how the McBride pickups go with the holiday sale.
  - If we're thinking of doing a tree lot we need to keep in mind that a couple of high schools in the area already do that as their main fundraisers (Itzia notes that the lot on Arbutus is gone, so there isn't a nearby lot any longer).
  - Kelly asks Itzia: should we limit it to hanging baskets, or also sell perennials? Itzia says she can do perennials as well—just need a team to coordinate.
  - Kylie: include veggie seedlings in the garden sale. Itzia says that's definitely doable.
- Claudia asks: Are students making holiday market crafts in class?
  - Birgitte doesn't know, but not sure how to handle the logistics of selling them without having a table for people to look over and pick stuff from. Joss says it's not likely that we could handle this with the online market.
  - Kylie suggests: maybe if a class wants to do a craft, kids could come in with a couple of dollars to buy their own or their friends' crafts, and teachers would keep the money from that sale.
    - Birgitte isn't sure teachers would be up for it, but she will bring it up with the teachers. Ian notes that his craft plan was for kids to make crafts and just take them home.
- The online shop should be going live tomorrow.



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- Kylie asks what the external vendors (e.g., Bayview Preschool) have to do to get on the online market (the equivalent of renting a table as done at in-person markets).
  - Probably there will be a link and description of the vendor, and the link will redirect shoppers to the vendor's own website, where the order will be placed.

### **7. Pancake Breakfast possibility:** Joss Taylor for Emilia Doro

- Parents can't come onsite, and food sharing isn't permitted, so how can we reconstruct the experience in some way?
- Maybe we could deliver treats to the classrooms for each kid: mandarin orange, candy cane, and packaged breakfast pastry of some sort (e.g., muffins).
  - Emilia and Yuka can come to work early and do the distribution
- Thursday Dec. 17 will be pajama day, and we will be collecting funds for Covenant house; we will do the breakfast treats the same day.
- This is usually a very low-budget event, because IGA usually donates all or most of the ingredients. This way of doing it will probably cost more—is this ok for everyone? Anna moves to approve additional funding for this activity; others agree.

### **8. Holiday support for Hastings Elementary School:** Joss Taylor

- Joss has been in touch with the Hastings community worker. Last year we collected cash to buy gift cards that the school handed out to students. This year the primary need is for food, in particular as grocery gift cards (they already have gifts cards for merchandise).
- Deadline for holiday market orders is the end of November, so the following week we could do a donation campaign for Hastings School, and whatever we raise we can use to buy cards from grocery stores recommended by the Hastings staff.
- Kelly asks: what do we do for families in need at our own school? Birgitte coordinates with Redemption Church, and they fundraise for gift cards.
- As a way for Bayview kids to learn what the giving is about, rather than just asking parents for money, maybe kids could make cards with holiday wishes for the Hastings students, and enclose the gift cards in these.
  - Staff will talk about ways to involve the kids in contributing to the connection with the Hastings kids.
  - Joss will ask the Hastings community coordinator if he has ideas for how he could also bring them in.

### **9. Orange-shirt and pink-shirt days:** Joss Taylor

- A parent suggested: in October is orange-shirt day, and February (24th this year) is pink-shirt day, and often we get there and don't have any shirts of the right colour for kids to wear to school.
- Maybe PAC could have shirt sale in advance of each day; maybe also have kids design a logo for that year's shirt.
- Is it too late now to do a contest for pink-shirt day this year?
- Cora: designs could be fairly easily vectorized for transfer to a logo for printing on a shirt
- Birgitte: with the school's current emphasis on kindness, we're already in the right track for a kindness-oriented line drawing design for pink shirts.
- For orange-shirt day, maybe see if the organization that promotes the day could provide us with a logo.



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- The orange-shirt day website runs an artwork contest –maybe our kids could participate in this.
- Birgitte will find a VSB contact for orange-shirt graphics.

### **10. New Business**

- School photos—are individual photos happening this year? Not as of now.
  - For parents interested in having a photo taken, Lifetouch (Bayview's photographers) are doing individual photos by appointment in their Burnaby Studio. Parents can book a time slot on December 6 by calling 604--294-1005 and ask for Janet
- Not certain yet whether we are doing class photos.
  - In Victoria, schools were doing group photos, so there's a chance that VSB will allow.
  - Kelly: maybe even if teachers take a photo of each class group, just to have at least a memory.
- If we end up unable to do professional class group photos, the staff will figure out a way to get a photo of each class. We will wait and see what the rules are in the spring semester.