



Bayview PAC Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 6:30 – 8:00pm

Location: Virtual Meeting via TEAMS

In attendance: Birgitte Biorn, Joss Taylor, Emilia Doro, Anna Friedlander, Angela Brown, Benedicte Bossut, Jennifer Tham, Jocelyn Chang, Fiona Kerby, Ebru Montagano, Delia Jane Ramsbotham, Barbara Insley, Kylie Taylor, Itzia Paz, Sandra Mithani, Kate Maliha

Agenda Items

1. Introduction/Call for additional agenda items

- Minutes of the last meeting were adopted as written.

2. Anti-Racism workshop: Angela Brown

- Some Bayview parents had expressed interest in anti-racism training for parents; Angela Brown is a provider of this type of training.
- Angela has taught in Vancouver for some 20 years, including a year job-sharing with Ebru Montagano.
- Worked as an anti-racism consultant for the VSB, 2007-14.
- Mentors early-career teachers in the district
- Facilitates anti-racism and anti-oppression awareness.
- Provides “anti-racism 101” awareness sessions.
 - She calls this an awareness session, not a training session, because real anti-racism requires deep examination of one’s biases, etc.
- Usually this is a series of sessions, but if there is only the chance to do one session, she condenses three sessions into one. Sessions(s) cover the following:
 - review of the history of racism/oppression
 - the staircase of oppression
 - terms and vocabulary for the topic
 - whiteness as an institution
 - now that we understand how oppression manifests, tools for how can we as individuals can respond when we witness racism/oppression
 - practice, using videos on how to respond to situations of racism/oppression
 - sample language supplied
 - Intersectionality: how attributes of someone’s identity can include multiple forms of marginality.
- Bayview parents are looking for concrete help with how to talk to kids about racism; this is usually included in Angela’s first session
- The online sessions need to be on Zoom (not Teams) in order for Angela’s audio to work; if we have access to a Zoom account with polling and breakout rooms, that would be helpful
- Two hours is about the limit for what a single session can be without substantial breaks.



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3. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn

- Saleema Noon body science (sexual health) workshops
 - We have booked for May 10 (parent session) and May 11 (all day in school)
 - Very science-focused approach
 - \$900 for the entire program
 - Sometimes the public health nurse helps with body science, but the nurse is too busy with Covid stuff this year
 - This year, Saleema has pre-recorded a series of videos for student components, to be watched alongside one of the educators, who attends online for questions, etc. The videos would then be available for kids and parents to watch, for the following 30 days
 - In order to keep with cohorts, delivery gets a bit more complicated because of mixes of ages within the cohorts.
 - For the parent component, it might be a live online conversation (the evening before the in-class component).
 - New program for 9-13 preteens: Growing Up Game Plan, which is to replace iGirl and iGuy programs, to avoid binary gender division of the programming.
- Renewal of the Option 4 schooling track
 - Option 4 attendance has been extended to the end of the school year.
 - Option 4 students can return to school March 1 if desired, or stay at home and keep school spot.
 - As of September, they don't plan to offer this option again
 - Joss notes that since our last meeting, the Bayview PAC executive sent a letter to VSB in support of Option 4. There was no time to seek wider parent input, so we went ahead and decided to send the letter. Jen Tham (option 4 parent) thanks the PAC for adding their support.
- Mask use
 - Staff and students have received new three-ply masks to use in school; there are enough for two masks for each student (K-7).
 - Tomorrow Birgitte will communicate new mask protocols for staff: staff are now required to wear a mask when indoors with students, unless sitting at their desk away from others, or eating/drinking.
 - Visors on their own aren't allowed—they must be combined with masks.
- Staffing update: Brett Whitelaw is off until spring break, so Ms Cassie will stay in the library a bit longer. She will work on author visits and maybe order some new books.
- Pink shirt day is next week. The shirts look great! There will be a special assembly that morning.
- Tomorrow Birgitte is meeting with Dave from Habitat Playgrounds. The main focus at this point is on the intermediate playground. Suggestion from Jeff Permain of VSB grounds for Birgitte: gather information from the playground committee re. a short list of existing equipment to keep, and take that to Dave to see what could be reconfigured; Dave will suggest possible additional equipment to complement what we have. The primary playground will need significant changes to fit in the new space.



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4. Teachers' update: Benedicte Bossut (Ms B)

- Thank you to the PAC for all the activities you do for us.
- Last week's kindness week activities were great; thank you to Emilia and Yuka for making it happen.
- Div. 12 (Sue Kochan): Working on kindness this month. Built a kindness tree and shared ideas for acts of kindness.
- Div 2 (Mr T): Just finished a unit on Ancient Egypt; now doing chemistry. Painting bears and bird houses.
- Div. 8 (Ms Taylor): Studying bears as the main theme for projects. Created a structure for polar bears from craft items. Many outdoor and nature activities.
- Div 7 (Ms Linton): Learning about chum salmon; the salmon eggs should hatch in the next couple of weeks; learning about Black history and Canadian civil rights; another big thank you to Emilia and Yuka.
- Div 3 (Ms Montagano): Learning about biodiversity in life science; going to the bog every week, which was especially fun during the hail/snow storm last week. Students are working on passion projects, with a great range of interests. Also doing a virtual visit to UBC's Museum of Anthropology next week.
- Div. 1 (Ms B): Focusing on Black History Month; passion projects on a range of interests. Tomorrow, we will have a live viewing of the Perseverance rover landing on Mars.
- All the intermediates are currently attending an online UBC Geering Up tinker-cad project: coding shapes to be printed 3-D.
- Sandra asks Benedicte about whether a barrier might be more comfortable for teaching than a mask. Benedicte: it depends on individual teaching styles. She usually wears her mask all day, and it can be challenging to project her voice, but it has been doable; she takes regular breaks. Birgitte: a barrier would be challenging, because most teachers move around quite a bit.

5. New-school fundraising update: Joss Taylor for Kelly Ryan

- There are a few things in the works, but nothing concrete to report at this moment.

6. Treasurer's update: Emilia Doro

- Regular account: \$28,755.21,
- Term deposits: escalating term \$31,600; cashable 30-day lockout \$10,000; non-redeemable annual term \$15,000.
- Gaming account: \$6401.75
- There have been developments in taking online payments. Paypal, after 14 years, is now requiring registered-organization documentation that does not exist for a PAC. After much fruitless work on this by Joss, we have switched to using Stripe, which is working well. Stripe did require personal information from one PAC member to certify the existence of an individual identified as manager of the account; Joss has provided her information for the Stripe account, so that will have to be changed to someone else when Joss eventually exits her PAC position.
 - The other option would have been to apply for a business registration number with Canada Revenue, but that would involve tax complications, so best to avoid if possible.



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7. Plant sale: Itzia Paz

- Plan nurseries are pretty much dead at the moment. The only option for now is to make a list of plants we would like to carry, and see what we can get from the providers. The hanging baskets will be from a different supplier.
- We would have to sell as pre-sale on the website. Itzia will provide pictures for the website.
- Best to have a weekend-only delivery. The weekday deliveries with the Christmas plants did not go so well.
- Suggestions for dates (Mother's Day is Sun. May 9)
 - Hanging baskets on May 8
 - Bedding/veggie plants later?
- Itzia, Anna, and Joss can come up with timing for the plants—maybe a week or two after the hanging baskets
- Kylie suggests earlier for veggie seedlings, but Itzia notes that those seedlings are too delicate for our kind of sale and delivery.

8. Kindness Week activities recap: Joss and Emilia

- \$625 came in (gross) from candy cone sales.
- Hot chocolate left over from IGA's pancake breakfast donation was distributed over a couple of days.
- 200 coloring sheets were put on construction paper; these were colored by the kids, then taken to David Eby's office for distribution to Steeves Manor residents.
- Huge thank you to Yuka and Emilia for pulling off all these activities

9. Pink Shirt Day (Feb. 24) and shirt sales update: Joss Taylor

- We sold 115 of the printed pink shirts.
- We received some comments regarding sizing information: the separation of adult and kid sizes into separate items proved confusing.

10. Staff Appreciation (March): Jocelyn Chang

- Staff appreciation day is happening, in modified format.
- Scheduled for the week before Spring Break, on Thursday, March 11. Student leadership is thinking of doing a spirit day that Wednesday.
- Since parents can't send home cooking as usual, we will have catered sandwiches/salads.
- Jocelyn has contacted three places; staff could let us know whether they would prefer that we do individually wrapped items on platters, or brown-bagged lunch combos.
- Will not put individual gifts together, but will work with Itzia to bring up some planters or baskets to go outside each classroom.
- Jen asks: is there a budget for this? Jocelyn: in the past, it's been mostly a volunteer potluck, with no budget. We will have to figure out the budget—around \$8-10 per staff member (33 staff). Probably a max of about \$500.



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12. Purdy's Easter chocolates fundraiser: Emilia Doro

- Paper catalogs just arrived at the school, and will go home on Monday.
- The online ordering account is live.
- Easter is the first week of April; ordering deadline is March 22, during spring break. Pickup will probably be March 31 after school, at McBride bus stop in the afternoon.

13. Dine and Donate fundraiser: Joss Taylor

- In the past, we have done a few versions of this: parent's night out at a pub, with kids babysat by JKC; and also a family night out where the restaurant donated a portion of the proceeds.
- We can't do a dine-in event, but we could still support a local business with a takeout event. Double D Pizza will donate 10% of Bayview orders.
- Maybe Monday, March 1? Easy date to remember, and not too far out.
- Might approach some other restaurants in the neighbourhood to inquire about similar events.

14. Sports Day: Joss Taylor

- Might there be any version of sports day this year?
- Birgitte: no word at all yet. We are still waiting for a policy on photos, as well as grade-7 year-end ceremonies; sports day isn't far up on the priority list for the district. If we did anything, it would have to be in cohorts.
- Joss: if there's anything the PAC can support, we have funds available!

15. New Business

- None proposed