



## Bayview PAC Minutes

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**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 6:30 – 8:00pm

**Location:** Virtual Meeting via TEAMS

**In Attendance:** Birgitte Biorn, Michael Rossi, Joss Taylor, Brie Lunn, Anna Friedlander, Itzia Paz, Emilia Doro, Sarah Jane Damiani, Cora Sheyka, Delia Jane Ramsbotham, Ebru Montagano, Sarah Shneiderman, Jocelyn Chang, Sarah Jane Damiani.

### Agenda Items

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

- Minutes of the last meeting (following pages) were adopted as presented

#### 2. New-school construction update: Michael Rossi

- Everything looks good—the CLT (cross-laminated timber) panel walls are starting to go up on the foundation, which is complete.
- The target is for all CLT panels to be up in three months (end of July for all panels to be up).
- CLT construction is a new type of construction in Canada; it is particularly eco-friendly. Bayview is one of two new schools in the VSB being built this way.
- Grass field updates: Early July is when we would need to send a cheque for the grass field; the total cost to us is still \$32,000.
- The kiln hood fan has been ordered and will be installed by the project office.
- Kent is lining up the installer (Centaur) for the basketball backboards and other items in the gym (including the scoreboard), to be done In November or December.
- The “fall 2021” date on the construction site poster board is generating lots of questions; can we put the correct date on there? Kent is working on getting a sticker to update the date. We are still targeting occupancy next winter (Dec-Feb).

#### 3. Outdoor Committee/Playground update for new school: Birgitte Biorn

- PAC executive realized that we didn’t know anything about the outdoor decisions, and who is on the committee.
- Committee met in November the last time. Members are parents: Claudia Paez, Kelly Ryan, Jessica Ford, Daniel Murphy (parents); teachers: Ian Toczak, Carol Block, Barb Hinds, Kaycie Burchett, Tyler from JKC.
- There hasn’t been much committee activity since November.
- Birgitte met with a Habitat representative in February to talk about the play structures we want to keep, and what might change. She received some plans/pictures just today, but with no costs included.
  - Birgitte has requested that the Habitat rep meet with the committee in the next couple of weeks to go over it, discuss, get costs, etc.
  - It seemed like there was an awful lot of new (expensive!) equipment in the Habitat proposal.
- The big blue saucer swing will move to the intermediate playground, replacing the tire swing.



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- The way the primary playground was initially designed, the majority of it wasn't accessible for people with any mobility challenges, so the committee is looking at how to redesign it.
- Michael and Birgitte will go on-site soon, to have a look at what the front area looks like now. There's a change of grade to be dealt with.

### **4. New-school fundraising update:** Brie Lunn

- As of the end of March, the PAC's online school account has \$109,422 from fundraising activities.
- A few donations have come in since February; \$8730 for the scoreboard came from Westgroup properties (they will want us to take a photo of their rep with the scoreboard); BMO sent a \$5,000 donation.
- The readathon raised \$7,250, and the woman who runs it has been great to work with. There was some staff confusion at first about when to start the reading, but now the classes have their maps up and are reading for their readathon time. The teachers are loving it—extra motivation for reading. One teacher was wondering how much money the readathon company makes from it; they take 15% of the total, which covers staffing, Paypal fees, etc.
- Fundraiser total is now at about \$172,000

### **5. Principal's update:** Birgitte Biorn

- Covid updates: our school was in Vancouver's first round of staff vaccinations, and most staff were so happy and grateful. In addition to school staff, JKC staff is also eligible because they are at our site, as well as custodial staff and bus drivers, who are going this weekend for their shots.
- We are still giving lots of reminders to kids about covid protocols--not sharing food, etc. They are doing their best.
- Staff really appreciate the portable microphones purchased by PAC; they work very well.
- We went back to having the kids line up to get on the buses, after having relaxed that a bit in the bad weather. This helps tighten up the following of protocol—they board from back seats to front.
- Student leadership is on hold, because it crosses cohorts and was meeting in QE—that's two protocol problems. We will pick it up in September.
- We will have a Vancouver Coastal Health webinar tomorrow with Dr. Alexandra Choi, who is the medical health officer for VSB.
- We haven't had any school-related exposures requiring letters, which is very fortunate.
- In a number of other schools, they have been struggling with large numbers of staff absenteeism, but we haven't had any. We are very fortunate this way, so far, for whatever reasons.
- Thank you, parents, for continuing to remind kids to do health checks and be careful of any signs of sickness, and for coming quickly to pick up when there's any call from school about sick kids.
- We recently got a new student with accessibility needs (wheelchair), and realized that the west play field isn't accessible to him. The district has assessed this, and is being very responsive about getting work done to fix the situation.
- This year we are focusing on anti-racism, and recently formed a "JEDI team": Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion. Our pro-D day this Monday will be on this topic, especially how to educate ourselves in order to transfer this to the classroom.
- Enrolment is about the same for next year. We should have two mostly full K classes.



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- Ms Cassie has arranged for an Indigenous author to come present to various classes.
- FSA results are in.
- Only 7 parents from grades 4 and 7 have completed the learning results survey.
- Various classes will be involved in virtual workshops with the Children's Festival. This was funded by an Arts Starts grant, and organized by Ms Taylor.
- Reminder: Saleema Noon sessions will be May 10 and 11, including the parent portion.
- We're looking at setting the calendar for next year, and how the school day is structured. We would like feedback from the kids regarding the two half-hour breaks (instead of a shorter recess and longer lunch).
  - Joss had missed the fact that recess is now the same length as lunch. She realized that she needs to pack lunches differently, because they don't have time to eat—they need a larger snack. But they like having a longer recess, to not run out of time to play.
  - Students eat during instructional time, so the half-hour lunch is all outside time. Primaries eat when they come in from play time. Some intermediates are eating between recess and lunch.

### **6. Teachers' updates:** Ebru Montagano

- Div 10: We have read for 70 minutes already, so we have 870 minutes left. Next stop is Banff. Preliminary planning for class platter is underway. Our theme is "We love our Earth, it's our home."
- Div. 1, Ms B: thank you to PAC for the reading fundraiser. We have read 92 minutes so far, and are approaching Banff as well. We are working on a draft design for the platter. We have been having Indigenous experiences with short stories and animations and documentaries from Reel to Reel festival. We will enjoy the Monique Gray Smith visit on May 3.
- Div 12, Ms Lao: We have adopted the unicorn as our readathon character. We have read 100 minutes so far, and currently are in Alberta. We are learning about spring and creating spring art.
- Mre T div 2: We are studying Ancient Greece and doing literature circles
- Ms Taylor: The kids excited to see our progress across the country in the readathon. We have planted our puds in tubs, onions, poppies, and garlic outside; wildflowers inside. We are enjoying the earth and spending lots of time outside observing nature. Kids were especially interested by the edible dandelions.
- Ms Linton, div 7: We will be in Banff this morning for the readathon. We are continuing to learn about chum salmon fry, and creating books about them with the book creator app. Will I release salmon on evening of May 5. Learning about coast Salish people and their connection with the ocean environment. Lots of relevant art projects. Telling time, learning division.
- Ms Kochan, div 11: We are learning about the Ice Age, and the classroom feels like we are in the Ice Age. We're amazed at how much our class raised with the readathon. The Magic Tree House books are our favourites; the next adventure is on the moon, so we will learn about space and the moon. Any large boxes that can be used for rocket ships would be welcome.
- PE: Ms Hinds is taking advantage of the weather to do disc golf, which the students are enjoying. She is hoping to do track and field next.
- Div 3 Ms Montagano: We are studying Indigenous legends and legends from other cultures; we will soon write our own legends. Andy Everson, an Indigenous local artist, will do a virtual visit on Friday. He helped design the Canucks logo, and also creates Indigenous/Star Wars art.



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### **7. Treasurer's update:** Emilia Doro

- Regular account: \$19877.89
- \$56,597 set aside for the new school in term deposits
- Gaming account: \$6000
- Purdy's Easter chocolates sales totaled \$2000 of chocolate, yielding a \$478.67 donation to Bayview.
- Yuka and Emilia often think about fun options for recess breaks. Perhaps nets and rackets for badminton and for volleyball. Emilia has asked Barb Hinds to inquire with sources about how much we'd need. Perhaps \$500 for miscellaneous play equipment? This amount was approved by attendees.

### **8. Plant sale update:** Itzia Paz

- The sale has been quite chaotic. It has been hard to source the plants and organize delivery and communicate with everyone about changes to orders, availability difficulties, etc. We would need more volunteers, with specific tasks, to make it manageable.
- About 1/3 of the plants were given as a donation by one of the suppliers.
- A lot of passersby were interested in the sale when we had the plants out for pickup.
- Some of the annuals in our orders are sold out at the suppliers.
- All is fine with the hanging baskets. Itzia might have to make two trips; all will be stored at Kelly's yard, which she has kindly offered for holding the stock.
- We will have to do an in-depth debrief when the sale is done.
- The pre-sale complicated things; when we are out from under covid restrictions, we could have onsite sales and cash, which would simplify it considerably.
- Normally, Itzia could go in person to the nurseries to pick out plants, but she can't now, so we have ended up with some subpar stock.
- It will also be best to have only one pickup date, as there has been confusion about what was ordered for when, and what was in which order.

### **9. May Dine and Donate fundraisers:** Joss Taylor

- These have been fun and quite successful. Double D in March; Olympia Pizza in April. Both restaurants got more orders than they had expected, but would be happy to do it again.
- Each raised about \$300, and Double D made a \$200 donation on top of that.
- May 1: Nook Pasta Room. This is prepared sauces, pasta, etc., at their retail location, to take home and cook. Food can be ordered ahead of time, and they will give back 20% of any orders picked up on Saturday May 1, between 3:30 and 6:30. It could make a good mother's day meal.
- We're looking for a fourth restaurant, to do one more event in June. We have sent letters to Nuba, East is East, Castaway, and Las Margaritas so far. Any additional suggestions would be welcome.
- Sarah has a question/suggestion: we loved these, but it was very busy, and had to wait quite a long time for the food. Maybe in the future stagger the ordering times in some way, to avoid overwhelming the restaurants.



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- Joss plans to let the restaurants know in advance to expect a sudden surge in volume, and to be realistic with customers about how long it's going to take for the food to be ready.
- Suggestion from Sarah Shneiderman: Hitoe Sushi on 4<sup>th</sup>. They do catering, so are used to doing volume. Maybe do a pre-set platter or two? Sarah can ask them; Joss will send her the letter template.

### **10. Sports Day options:** Emilia Doro

- With covid, we can't have a traditional sports day with all the kids and parents wandering around the field.
- Perhaps do sports-day-type activities during PE class (e.g., sack races, etc.), followed by chips and freezies, to make the day feel special.
- Sports day is usually before the May long weekend, but we can schedule as needed. There is already a budget item for the refreshments.
- Birgitte will mention this in tomorrow's staff meeting. It can be done with cohorts (a couple of classes together).
- Remember that freezies need a lot of time to freeze completely!

### **11. Class platters and gala-substitute event:** Emilia Doro

- Teachers have received their platters, and are on their way with designs.
- May Dalgliesh picked up the platters and supplies for us, in Surrey.
- Yuka and Emilia will help the kids with platter painting.
- This year we will do a raffle instead of an auction; we will see how well it does as a fundraiser.
- Deadline for platter painting is May 10
- We are thinking about doing some type of online gala-type event: trivia night; takeout meetup; raffle drawing; small auction, etc. We need volunteers if this is to happen—if you know anybody who would be interested, put them in touch with the PAC.
- Birgitte's oldest goes to West Point Grey Academy; we have never gone to their gala, but this year attended their virtual gala. They had an emcee running a program: videos with history of school, student performances, a few delivery meals to choose from delivered to the house. The program was running live, and taking donations; there was a social part at the end, on a platform called Givergy for the auction/donation part.
- Just putting this out there in case anyone wants to take it up.

### **12. Grade 7 leaving ceremony and related activities:** Joss Taylor

- Are there any allowable activities for a leaving ceremony? Last year nothing was allowed at the school, so the grade 7 parents organized an unofficial activity in the park.
- This year we are allowed to have a ceremony at the school. We traditionally don't do anything too elaborate. It will be just the grade 7s, and maybe any grade 6s in their cohort. We will confer certificates; maybe stream it on Teams for parents/families to observe. We could offer something like individual pizzas and drinks. June 22 is a possible date.
- PAC has a budget for leaving ceremony, so we can fund food/drinks.
- We are looking into some way to do a beach day(s).



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- Every second year, Grades 6 and 7 go to a 2-night, 3-day camp in Squamish. This year the staff from that Camp Summit will come to Bayview at the end of May to hold a “Camp Day” substitute for the traditional sleepaway camp trip: geocaching, archery, and various other activities. This is being organized by Mr. T.

### **13. PAC Executive for upcoming years: Joss Taylor**

- Several current members of the executive have kids who will graduate from Bayview in the next year or two, so we will need to set up for a transition by getting parents from primary grades to join the executive—initially as co- or at-large positions—to get to know how things work.
- Our June meeting is our AGM, so we will need to elect members for next year’s executive.
- If you know any good candidates, please put them in contact with the PAC.
- It’s hard to get to know parents when we aren’t ever at the school at pickups/drop-offs for casual conversations.

### **14. New Business**

Non proposed