



Bayview PAC Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 6:30 – 8:00pm

Location: Virtual Meeting via TEAMS

In Attendance: Birgitte Biorn, Miriam Schellenberg, Anna Friedlander, Joss Taylor, Emilia Doro, David Eby, Dulcy Anderson, Andrea Galbraith, Kelly Ryan, Jocelyn Chang, Cora Sheyka, Tyler Summers, Sue Kochan, Delia Jane Ramsbotham, Barbara Insley, Niloofar Pooryousef, Luo Yan, Lynda McCue

Agenda Items

1. Introduction/Call for additional agenda items

- Minutes of the last meeting reviewed.
- Minutes were passed as written.

2. Public Library Summer Reading Program: Andrea Galbraith (VPL)

- Andrea is from the Kitsilano branch of VPL; regular hours are back in effect.
- Summer reading club is a free program offered throughout BC, for students K-7.
- This year, registration will be online, on the VPL website; opens June 14
- Andrea will send a blurb and reminder to register to Birgitte and Joss
- “Crack the Case” is this year’s theme
- Child gets a reading record form, for recording reading activity through the summer
- After the 50 days of the program, come to any branch of the library and get a reading medal.
- The medals are different every year, so kids can collect them.
- Encouraging kids to set their own goals for daily reading, story creation, out-loud reading, etc.
- Associated with the club are weekly contests and activity sheets at each branch
- Virtual programs (e.g., for younger kids, the Cookie Detective Club--the group solves a series of clues to figure out who stole the cookies); for older kids, code-breaking and make-your-own-book, plus some limited outdoor programs at certain branches.
- There will also be a self-directed virtual escape room, going live the week of June 14.
- Register by going to the “Kids” section (blue button at left of VPL home screen); <https://bcsrc.ca> is the website; Andrea can send us a promotional image to include in the Bayview newsletter.

3. Check in with our MLA: David Eby (and Dulcy Anderson)

- [David Eby joined the meeting during the Fundraising portion, below.]

4. Teachers’ updates: Miriam Schellenberg

- Div 1, Ms B: almost all students have presented their projects on countries; working on their science passion projects; working on our Asia map project and celebrating Asian heritage month; studying how the human body appears across disciplines; practicing editing and revising skills; also looking forward to Camp Bayview on the go.
- Div. 5, Ms Schellenberg: We are doing free-form embroidery, following an artist on Instagram; we are starting a math unit on data science, analyzing graphs from news outlets.
- Div. 7, Ms Linton: We had a very informative workshop on feminism by Julia Kyi and friends from Prince of Wales school; we’re working on a poetry unit, with Japanese haiku and lantern poems, and found



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- poetry; we will take a virtual field trip to the Seymour hatchery soon; we are learning about traditional vs modern methods for making cedar dugout canoes; we are keeping daily self-esteem journal.
- Div 10, Ms Jung: We are raising caterpillars that will become painted lady butterflies; we're learning about mindfulness and different parts of the brain, and how to have calm brains.
- Div 12: We are also raising caterpillars, observing and tracking their growth, and patiently waiting for them to transform; we are also learning about plants.
- From all teachers: we have been enjoying the beautiful hanging baskets installed by the PAC—thank you. Thank you to Yuka and Emilia for the help with the platters and for the spike-ball and badminton nets, which the kids are really enjoying.

5. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn

- Thank you to PAC for bringing in Sarah Maitland, the Saleema Noon sexual health educator.
 - Birgitte stopped in a few classrooms during the sessions, and it seemed to go very well
- Staffing updates:
 - There have been no new applications for the district ExSel program, so they have decided to consolidate the program at a different site. So Bayview will no longer have Div 5, and Miriam and other staffers will have to find other positions in the district.
 - The new building will have a classroom purpose-built for the district program, so VSB will assess what other program could go in that space.
 - For now, we are staying with the same number of divisions (11 divisions); enrolment is about the same as last year—we're trying to hold on to all students, so that we don't lose a division.
 - Support staff should stay the same next year—maybe will add one.
 - K enrolment is currently 34, with a large number of cross-boundary families on the wait list. The 2nd Friday in June is the deadline for catchment enrolment.
- The Pro-D day on Tuesday will be onsite, with a whole day focusing on equity and anti-racism.
- We have been focusing on Asian Heritage month in assemblies and Birgitte's read-alouds.
 - Ms. Lau has made a video about her family for this Friday's assembly.
- Welcome to Kindergarten: we can't do this in person as in previous years, so a video made by the teachers was sent out today to new K families. The families will visit on June 3 to pick up their welcome bags and meet the teachers.

6. New-school updates

Outdoor Committee/Playground: Birgitte Biorn

- Birgitte has been onsite twice with Jeff Permaine, VSB head of facilities who makes a lot of the playground decisions; it's clear that the old primary playground equipment won't fit in the space. There are various limiting factors, such as trees, tree roots, and the property line (it is quite a bit in from the fence line, and footings need to be on school property, not city property).
- Birgitte just sent a long email to the playground committee about thinking about what we really need and what will work.
- The proposal from the Habitat equipment rep had way too much and too-big equipment.
- It would be nice to have some more natural-feeling play structures; there are some really beautiful wooden play structures out there. Jeff Permaine was not super excited about this



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option, but he will not oppose if we really want to go that route. VSB is worried about the maintenance for wooden structures.

- Tyler comments: with vendors not approved by VSB, those usually have had plenty of experience with other school boards, so they know how to deal with school play structures—a good relationship can be built. In Tyler’s experience, children’s injuries seemed to go up in frequency when the old wood structures at Bayview were replaced with metal ones. Wood play structures have a better record for encouraging creative and safely risky play, which is important in child development. We should push to add more natural equipment—the metal structures are preferred by VSB just because that’s what has been done before.
- Birgitte notes that with the field and the forest by Camp Bayview, the variety of options had really encouraged creative play. It doesn’t have to be expensive, just varied. Dirt, bamboo, boulders, etc. were popular at old Bayview. The area where the bike racks used to be (by the 7th Ave entrance) could be a good natural play area.

Fundraising: Kelly Ryan (with David Eby in attendance)

- Great news this week: the BC Tire Stewardship Council is giving us a \$30K grant toward rubber playground surfacing; we now have a student in a wheelchair, so this is especially welcome for increasing accessibility. Total cost is actually about \$140K, so we’ll need plenty more to make it happen.
- We have raised about \$200K overall so far; we have been working very hard to fund what we need, especially the playground, as some equipment needs to be replaced.
- We still need about another \$100K to cover all the needs for furnishing the school.
- Still waiting on the Coop Community Spaces grant we applied for.
- During last year’s political campaign, the NDP promised that parents wouldn’t have to fundraise, but there are only three schools included in the special school funding for playgrounds.
- Question for David Eby: any thoughts for what we can do to access funding?
 - o David admits frustration that a new school doesn’t come with a new playground; he is happy to advocate with VSB for an accessible playground for Bayview, and will look for additional grant funding sources. He doesn’t know what the VSB’s approach is for choosing schools for playground funding (e.g., U Hill Elementary got playground funding after having already raised some money).
 - o Kelly and others note that it is frustrating not to have any central repository of information about the rebuild process, from previous school rebuilds—parent groups are reinventing the wheel each time.
 - o David Eby: I have a mixed record with the VSB, but will try to clarify the messaging on playgrounds and funding.
 - o We have all the infrastructure for updated tech in the new school, but we don’t have any of the requisite equipment unless the parents fundraise for it.
 - o Note that the Bayview playground is also used by after-school care and community members.
 - o Tyler Summers speaks to the before- and after-school care demand at Bayview: Enrolment at the moment is lower, because of being at the swing site., but lots of



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people come back to the new schools. JKC is currently licensed for 76 spaces; given the trends, we will fill these and will have a waiting list.

- Hopeful about governmental support in coming years.
- On Monday, the JKC board approved a \$35K donation for the new playground, and have also been looking at funding options for multipurpose room tables, millwork, etc.
- David Eby: There might be good news coming regarding licensing school spaces for child care—for streamlining the inclusion of child care in school spaces.
- Dulcy asks: please send her the details of the technology ask we have—what exactly are we fundraising for—to see if she can focus her search for possible additional funding sources.
- Thank you to David and Dulcy for taking the time to join our meeting and hear our concerns, and for your continued support of Bayview.

7. Treasurer's update: Emilia Doro

- Regular account: \$20,571.51
- Gaming account: \$5,897.29
- Set aside for the new school: \$15,798.98 3-year term; \$10,000 30-day lockout; \$15,000 non-redeemable annual term

8. Plant sale recap: Itzia Paz [couldn't attend—pet emergency; Joss, Kelly, and Anna discussed]

- Amount earned: \$1,325.32
- In general, it was a popular event that we should continue to hold, and raised a decent amount.
- There were supply hiccups, partly because of Covid; e.g., wholesalers would indicate plenty of availability for plants, but when we would place orders a couple of weeks later, they would already be sold out.
- It would be best to have a single pickup day, not two as this time.
- We could make it more of a community event, for passersby to come pick up plants, in addition to pre-orders we could have flats of various attractive options for on-site purchase; Itzia can return any unsold plants to the wholesalers

9. "Bayview's Got Talent!" fundraiser: Emilia Doro

- June 4, 6-8 pm, online via Zoom; will have short videos submitted by kids of talent performances (collected by Peter G-G); Mr. T will act as host.
- Dine and Donate coordinated for that evening with Hitoe Sushi and Okanagan Estate Wine Shop, plus cupcakes from Bella Doro Baking.
- Will draw platter raffle and general prizes raffle, plus maybe a 50/50 draw.
- Information and ordering is on the PAC website.
- Anna will double-check whether there is a participant limit on the DPAC Zoom license

10. Upcoming school activities: Emilia Doro

- "End-of-year blowout"—since both supervision aides are also Bayview parents, Yuka and Emilia can put on lots of events (all by preorder on the PAC website)



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- Friday May 28: potato chip sale
- Friday June 18: candy bag sale
- Friday June 25: Freezie Friday

11. Grade 7 leaving ceremony and related activities: Joss Taylor

- Mr T, Lia and Birgitte and others have put together a plan for celebrating the Grade 7 grads.
- The ceremony will be on June 22 (Tuesday); kids will have a regular morning, then during lunch recess, teachers will decorate the classrooms, and there will be a PAC-provided lunch: personal pizzas, cookie, drink.
- The leaving ceremony will be 1:15-2:15, on Teams; parents are invited to join online. There will be presentations, awards, a Grade 7 video.
- Grade 7 students will be encouraged (but not required) to dress up a bit that day.
- Grade 6 and 7s are looking forward to Camp Summit at Bayview next week. We appreciate all the staff efforts to make things as normal as possible.

12. AGM in June: Joss Taylor

- The annual general meeting will be held on June 2.
- We will nominate and elect the PAC executive for next school year
- Jocelyn Chang's family will be moving to North Vancouver—we are sad to say good-bye!
- We need some parents on the executive with kids in lower grades, as the current executive is all parents of older kids who will leave in the next year or two.
- It's really hard to make connections with K and grade 1 parents this year. Feedback from some has been that the 6:30-8 meeting time is very difficult for parents with younger kids.
 - We will start the AGM at 7:30 instead of 6:30.
- Birgitte will send an invitation to new K families to attend the AGM.

13. New Business

- Yearbook: Jocelyn Chang
 - Allen and Jocelyn will do a last-minute yearbook this year—it's hard to leave Bayview, and they want to have a nice souvenir for their kids.
 - We will document the last two years at Camp Bayview; we will use photos from last year as well as this year.
 - We'll have to pull it together in the next two weeks; have asked for pictures from teachers
 - Yearbooks will sell for \$20 a copy; deadline of next Friday 28th for ordering.
 - We will need to get individual photos of kids who missed picture day.
 - People can send photos via Google drive, email to Jocelyn, flash drive, or the PAC email address. Deadline is Wednesday after the long weekend (May 26). We will reserve some space for the Grade 7 grad activities and Summit Camp Days.
 - Mr T might already have a group photo of the Grade 7s.