



Bayview PAC Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 23, 2021, 7:00 – 8:30pm

Location: Virtual Meeting via TEAMS

Agenda Items

1. Introduction/Call for additional agenda items

- Minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

2. New Bayview construction update: Kent Grier and Michael Rossi (VSB seismic planning office)

- The construction schedule will be extending—the finish date is now looking like spring 2022, which is anywhere from March 20 to June 21. Chandos Construction’s target is early March, but it could be later. This has not been made official yet with the ministry of Education.
- 50% of the roofing is done; 60% of the window cladding is done; mechanical and electrical infrastructure inside is well underway. There have been some problems with sourcing materials, which slows things down.
- Soils conditions on the site have been a major part of the delay in construction.
- The east playground area has had landscaping changes that were presented in June, and Chandos then said that the schedule would therefore have to be extended.
- Birgitte, Michael, and Kent feel that it’s important to do what is needed for a good job, even if it delays progress. E.g., more preparation is needed on the soils in order to install rubber surfacing.
- The playground equipment companies have a lot of projects on the go, so they have been slow in responding regarding our project.
- Getting utilities work done before heavy rains come is a current priority. These are complete on the east and north corners, and they are now working on Hydro ducts in the north part of the field. The connection to storm and sanitary pipes will be on 7th Ave. Telus conduits are now in place, underground on 6th Ave. Water supply is in; we are still waiting for Fortis to hook up gas.
- The site trailers will be moved away soon, and construction-office staging will be moved inside the school building, to allow for site work outside.
- We need to stop asking for any more changes, in order not to slow down construction, and so that stormwater management can be gotten in place.
- The gym looks great—it’s a nice size and has decent amounts of storage.
 - They are about to pour the concrete floor that goes under the wood floor.
 - Basketball backboards and the scoreboard will probably go up as soon as the building is weathertight, optimally before the wood floor is installed.
 - Kent was expecting the PAC to order the scoreboard, but Joss had a note that PAC was supposed to write a cheque to VSB by early December of 2021—she thought everything had to go through the VSB purchasing department. Michael and Kent note that they will need to move on ordering this—Michael will figure out the next step, in conversation with Birgitte and Kent. Brie will look through her notes to see what was done so far. The scoreboard will be ordered from Centaur (supplier).
- The CLT wall assemblies went up right on schedule.
- Birgitte notes that there are questions in the chat about reasons for the delay.



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- Kent lists the main reasons for delays: bidding problems at the beginning; gull nest that had to be left to fledge before they could finish demolition; bad soils were discovered under the old building, and the underground storage tank had leaked—a large chunk of soil had to be removed and replaced with new fill. All this threw the subcontractors off schedule, and they were hard to reschedule. There have also been shortages of materials, which is delaying supply of various components of the building. Landscape revisions in June were the last straw for Chandos's schedule.
- Michael notes that talk of delays always brings up questions about the exact move-in date, which we don't yet know. With Bayview, we have to be sure the outside facilities and grounds are ready before moving, because there's no place for the kids to go outside other than the immediate grounds (the field will be off limits for a season in order for the grass to get established). Just moving everything over takes at least 2-3 days, and then there is also getting packed and unpacking, so a regular (not long) weekend isn't enough. We will need to pick a date that will work for the teachers and students. Spring break would be ideal, but we might not be ready by then.
- Kelly asks, re. rubber surfacing and landscaping: Marathon has been asking repeatedly when they will be pouring rubber surfacing. What should she tell them? That it won't be until spring? Michael replies that he has learned some lessons about rubber surfacing: rubber is in short supply now, as with most materials, and installations are being delayed by a month or more. He advises booking Marathon *now* for March—it can be pushed back later if needed.
 - Kent notes that Marathon is currently working with a number of schools and a number of PACs. He will keep pushing them for a price, so that we can work out how much will be grants and how much fundraising is needed. Kelly notes: we have a \$30K grant from BC Tire Stewardship (needs to be spent by end of 2022), and we have applied for a couple other grants. There are no VSB grants available. Total for all the play areas will be \$158K.
 - Kent needs to know: will we be aiming for rubber surfacing on all play areas, or wood fiber on the intermediate play area? Joss replies: this will depend on the actual price—we don't know how accurate the \$158K quote was. Kent will tell Chandos that we need to get their price for landscaping, so that we know our goal for fundraising.
 - Kent is pressing Chandos's landscape contractor for a firm start date and price.
 - VSB gave Marathon a revised landscape plan in June, and asked them to contact the landscape contractor, but Kent hasn't heard back with a price or anything at all yet. Kelly says that Marathon tells her they don't have a price yet because they don't have fall heights (in order to determine thickness of rubber); she sent them fall heights today. For the existing landscape design, 4" thickness was in the plan, but if variation is needed during installation, substrate heights will have to be fine-tuned. In the primary play area, there isn't any equipment taller than 8 feet.
 - Note that a 10-foot strip along the south of the intermediate play area is city property, so to put something other than wood fiber there, it has to be cleared with the city (even though it's highly unlikely that the city would ever use the easement).
- Until the Ministry of Education has accepted Chandos's letter outlining their anticipated change in completion dates the sign at the site will continue to state a "winter" completion. Any announcement of an official change in anticipated completion date will likely be quiet and included as a side note to other, more positive, news.



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- Chandos has notified the VSB that there have been kids climbing over the fence into the work site. We need to do what we can to keep this under control.
- A playground committee update will be added to October's agenda, with full details.

3. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn

- It's wonderful to see so many new parents at the meeting. We have lots of new families this year.
- Busing has gone pretty smoothly so far, with just one hiccup on Monday because of a substitute driver.
- Normally we do lots of in-person events: assemblies (will continue to be on Teams), meet the staff (will be via video as last year)
- We have 11 divisions this year, about 240 students total.
- The Terry Fox run will be on October 1 (next Friday). There will be an assembly on this topic in the morning, and the run will be in the afternoon, around the track.
- We are all re-adjusting to the mask-wearing and hand-washing protocols. Remember to do daily health checks and stay home if feeling unwell.
- Please don't hesitate to email Birgitte with any questions or concerns.

4. Teachers' updates: Susan Jung and Teri Taylor

- Thank you to all parents for trusting staff with coming back to school in person during covid. Last year was tough, but the kids are doing very well with all the protocols. Thank you for preparing them.
- Thank you to PAC and parents for being so patient with getting all the kids into their new classes.
- Thank you to PAC for contributions to our programs, supplies, STEM, books, etc. We really appreciate you!
- Susan has news to share re. a "beautification project." She came across 400 flower bulbs for free—tulips, crocuses, daffodils, and grape hyacinths—from an organization called Bulbs for Kids. We would like to share these with all the teachers, for all classes to plant in the beginning of October. Each teacher will get an assortment of about 35 bulbs, a grow bag, and soil. Susan has a grant application in. The planted grow bags could then be brought to New Bayview. Joss notes: if the grant doesn't come through, please contact the PAC, as we have some extra money in reserve.

5. New Bayview fundraising update: Kelly Ryan

- We have raised about \$200K, but with the need to pay for an entire overhaul of the playgrounds, that still falls short—be ready for us to be asking you for money!
- As an example, a small set of new monkey bars alone cost \$10K.
- There are grants for playground costs, and we are still waiting on results from a couple of applications.
- We have had great support from the local community and from parents at the school.
- One positive aspect about the construction delay is that we can re-apply for grants that we didn't get the first time around.
- www.buildingbayview.com is the website specifically for the school fundraising.
- Birgitte notes, regarding the grass field: most new schools have gravel fields, but parents and the whole community felt that grass would be far better—it will cost \$32K dollars just to have grass instead of gravel. We are so grateful for all the PAC's work in making the new school really lovely.



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6. Treasurer's update: Joss Taylor

- Account balances as of Sept. 30:

Operating account: \$59,353.70 (inc. \$48,250 of fundraising for the new school)

Gaming account: \$10,369.06

- Jessica Ellis is our new co-treasurer this year

- This year's gaming grant has not yet arrived (this is money from casinos and lotteries that is earmarked by the province for extracurricular expenses in schools).

- Each year we give each teacher discretionary money to spend on classroom extras, to reduce how much they spend out of pocket; it will be increased to \$350 this year, to allow for science consumables.

7. Spirit-wear sale: Joss Taylor

- We are organizing a sale of Bayview t-shirts, hoodies, toques, and sweatshirts.

- In the next few days, we will have a link available for the online sale.

- The previous cotton t-shirts were a bit too heavy, so we're trying to get softer, thinner ones this year.

8. Playground small equipment: Emilia Doro

- Every year PAC buys playground equipment such as balls, hoops, etc., and every year they disappear.

- We have a \$500 budget for replacing these.

- Emilia found the ball cage on wheels that we used at old Bayview for containing and distributing balls; we will use this and have kids sign out balls and equipment, to encourage returning them.

9. Halloween event ideas

- A Bayview tradition has been to do a "Halloween Howl" evening event for families, with costumes, snacks, haunted house by the grade 7s, dancing, cakewalk, and more. With the pandemic, we haven't been able to do this, so have been brainstorming possible alternatives.

- Last year we sold pumpkins and candy necklaces.

- Itzia suggests a pumpkin patch—would we be able to set this up in the field? We could bring in hay bales, have a photo op setup, have pumpkins for kids to take home.

- Jack o'lantern carving had been popular during school in the past—might this be brought back?

- If anyone would like to be involved in a committee to work on ideas, please email bayviewpac@gmail.com. This will have to happen before the next PAC meeting.

10. Hot lunch: Brie Lunn

- Hot lunch is still a moot point, because we haven't had any parent volunteers step up.

- We are allowed to do hot lunches now, but we need a group of 3-6 parent volunteers to distribute the lunches each day that there is hot lunch (we will need one parent each day that there is hot lunch—each person would only have to do it once or twice a month)

- We need to decide whether to use our previous vendor (C'est Mon Café), but there had been mixed reviews, so maybe will try a new vendor (the other option we had been looking at is Bittersweet Kitchen; they serve a few schools in the district—feedback from people who have used them was very good, on both service and quality of the food).



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- Kelly suggests that an email calling for volunteers should mention the possible new vendor, so that people who were dissatisfied with C'Est Mon Café would be more likely to be interested.

11. Dine and Donate events: Joss Taylor

- We need one or two parents to coordinate these, which are evenings when we partner with neighbourhood restaurants to have a "Bayview Night": the restaurant gave the school a portion of proceeds from orders that mentioned Bayview.
- Restaurants need to know that they should expect high demand (the first few times, they were caught by surprise with the high volume of orders).
- we have lists of ideas, and it's a small amount of work, but we need someone to take charge of coordinating with restaurants. If interested, please email bayviewpac@gmail.com
- Sam Drier notes that we need to be more clear in our communications about what is involved in volunteering for each event/task. People will be hesitant to commit to volunteering without knowing exactly what is involved. Also, include information on how the school benefits from each volunteering role.

12. Call for volunteers: Brie Lunn and Joss Taylor

- We need job descriptions for all the volunteer roles.
- Brie and Joss will put together a communication detailing what is involved in each event/activity for volunteers.

13. New Business

- none