



Bayview PAC Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021, 7:00 – 8:30pm

Location: Virtual Meeting via TEAMS

In Attendance: Sarah Jane Damiani, Sue Kochan, Birgitte Biorn, Anna Friedlander, Brie Lunn, Joss Taylor, Ian Toczak, Annabelle Zhang, Emilia Doro, Robyn Tsonis, Kelly Ryan, Tyler Mackenzie, Heather Mannas

Agenda Items

1. Introduction/Call for additional agenda items

- Minutes of the last meeting were adopted as presented

2. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn

- What did people think of our “meet the staff” video compared to last year’s?
 - It was humorous and entertaining.
 - It was nice to be able to jump around in the video and find parts of interest.
 - Last year there were more still photos, so it was nice to see the videos this time, and it was well produced.
- At our staff meeting we talked about how every year we set up gymnastics equipment in the gym. The kids love it, but there are usually some injuries of differing levels—there’s a lot going on for Ms Hinds to supervise on her own. This is our last chance to use the gymnastics equipment—it can’t come to the new school for lack of storage space—so we would like to take advantage of it.
 - Any feedback from parents, re dangers?
 - Mr. T suggested having older students as spotters for the younger kids, to help out Ms Hinds; younger kids can get a kick out of having older ones show them how to do stuff.
 - Sarah Jane notes that nasty injuries can happen in gymnastics—not saying that we shouldn’t do gymnastics, but that it’s worth being careful.
- This year all our grade 6 students are mixed with grade 7s, so for leadership activities, we will have a one-day leadership conference in first week of November, with the two 6/7 classes. Kids will go through a variety of workshops, with a pizza lunch in the middle of the day.
- The Remembrance Day assembly will have to be virtual again, so we will do a prepared video for everyone to watch together, because the live virtual version was very glitchy. Joss suggests that Birgitte could send out information to new parents, to let them know that the Remembrance Day ceremony is the one event at Bayview with lots of student performances (as opposed to the holiday performance that is common at most schools).
- Teacher conferences are October 27 and 28; on these days dismissal will be at 1:45 (one hour early).
 - Virtual meeting is encouraged, but we can do it in person as well if requested.
- Teachers are starting to work on organizing field trips, mostly in walking distance to avoid bus rides.
- We have a new support worker: Joanne Mark.



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3. Teachers' updates: Ian Toczak

- The teachers are excited about the bulb-planting project, and finding ways to wrap lessons around gardening topics.
- Mr. T is coaching boys' soccer, and it's good to see the turnout
- There has also been great turnout for cross-country running.
- Thank you for everything the PAC does.
- Everyone is busy, and will be back indoors more with the change of weather; remember to have kids dressed for rainy and cold weather.

4. Treasurer's update: Joss Taylor

- Jessica Ellis is getting up to speed as co-treasurer.
- Operating account: \$22K
Gaming account: \$10K; the new gaming grant not in yet, but it should come by the end of this month.

5. New Bayview fundraising update: Brie Lunn

- We are planning a direct drive targeting parents and community members; Redemption Church has been very helpful in targeting their community. We will probably send out the campaign on Monday; will put together a video to put on the website, Facebook, etc., to show people what we're working toward.
- We are currently waiting on results for one grant, due to be announced in December.
- The fundraising committee haven't found anyone yet to produce the video about fundraising, so if anyone knows someone who could help with this, that would be great. Joss will put out a call.
- The direct drive is needed in part because the cost of rubber surfacing has increased by 48% since we started fundraising for it. We still want to do it, but will have to cut back the amount of area covered if we can't get more funds.

6. Halloween activities: Emilia Doro and Joss Taylor

- Candy bags are being sold by the PAC, for delivery on Friday, October 29 in school.
 - Four volunteers stepped forward to put together the bags
 - We have sold 45 bags already, as of 5:00 today.
- Proposal: dance party with Westside Dance Fit
 - Friday 29th, after the school costume parade, Westside Dance Fit will bring in a DJ and dance facilitator for an hour of dance party. Primaries will dance for the first half hour, then intermediates for the second half hour.
- Is pumpkin carving and option? Staff talked about it this morning, but 1) parent conferences are that week, and 2) bringing pumpkins on the bus was a bottleneck last year: many kids didn't bring them, and many didn't make it back home on the bus. Also, we can't do it in school-wide teams, which was part of the fun. Hopefully next year!
- No pumpkins are available for a pumpkin patch or sale, so this is not a possibility.



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7. Hot lunch: Brie Lunn

- So far, four volunteers have come forward for supporting a hot lunch program.
- Hot lunch would be two or three days a week.
- Brie has contacted Bittersweet Kitchen about whether we can start with them in November.
- It looks like we'll have enough volunteers to make it happen.
- We could use grade-7 students to help with distribution, so one parent on site each time could be enough.
- Please email the PAC if you would be able to help with this—another one or two people would help.

8. Spiritwear update: Joss Taylor

- The sale closed on the weekend; as of Friday afternoon, we had 40 orders.
- Distribution will be in the first week of November.

9. Spring bulbs beautification project: Joss Taylor

- PAC will fund this (cost for soil and grow bags), as Susan Jung's grant application did not come through.
- Because the plantings will be in grow bags, they can come to the new school with us.

10. Shopping rewards and affiliate fundraising: Joss Taylor and Emilia Doro

- We have a number of programs/affiliates for which the stores will donate a percentage of purchases to the school.
- We're trying to figure out how to get the word out to parents. Postcard? Periodic emails? Both?
- A tip to help remember to shop through the fundraising portal: put a bookmark on your browser toolbar.
- We have a new volunteer to work on how to organize these programs better.

11. Winter holiday market planning: Emilia Doro

- We need a handful of people to manage presale items
 - Itzia can handle poinsettias and trees.
 - Purdy's is easy to set up, but we will need hands for distribution.
 - Someone is needed to manage the JJ Bean coffee ordering.
 - Emilia would like to have a point person to train for taking over next year.
 - Online market: we need a point person to line up vendors and organize a raffle of prizes donated by each vendor.

12. New Business

- Could we be allowed to make and sell popcorn?
 - The main problem is that kids love to share their food, but otherwise Birgitte doesn't see why not. We will need to look carefully at the VSB's regulations, to see if it's allowed with just volunteers, as opposed to a vetted and approved vendor. (Emilia notes that she is food-safe certified, because of her baking business.)
 - Maybe we could pre-sell tickets, then distribute bags to the classrooms? However, this would be a lot more work.



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- Playground small equipment (balls, etc.):
 - Emilia has gone to several stores, but much was sold out, and/or expensive.
 - We have been using the rolling bin, and keep it locked when it isn't recess, and we're having a bit less attrition.
 - We could use more tape to make four-square outlines; we should just go out and buy more (it doesn't come from VSB). Birgitte will ask about getting the lines repainted, to avoid having to use tape again and again. Four-square has been keeping a lot of kids busy and happy.