



Bayview PAC Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021, 7:00 – 8:30pm

Location: Virtual Meeting via TEAMS

In Attendance: Birgitte Biorn, Joss Taylor, Anna Friedlander, Brie Lunn, Emilia Doro, Benedicte Bossut, Heather Mannas, Jeanine Macdonald, Brandi Goodearle, Jessica Ellis, Kylie Taylor, Irene Ibarra, Karen Fung, Stephanie Ali, Dan Xue, Itzia Paz, Robyn Tsonis

Agenda Items

1. Introduction/Call for additional agenda items

- Minutes of the last meeting were adopted as presented.

2. Teachers' updates: Benedicte Bossut

- Ms Lao: We recently had a pedestrian-safety presentation, will have a handwashing presentation this Friday, and have planted our planter of bulbs.
- Ms. Jung: Our class has planted our bulb planter. Thank you PAC for the funding.
- Division 9 had a visit from the Northwest Wildlife Society, then took a walk into the forest to look for the animals from the presentation.
- Kids seem to be happy with the portion sizes in hot lunches, and the delivery system is working well. Remember to bring cutlery.
- Division 2 (Mr. T) is starting a global citizenship unit, researching global issues and preparing digital presentations on their work.
- Ms. Taylor and Mr. A are collecting Halloween candy, and also collecting food for the food bank; in January or February they will be collecting socks for donation to the needy.
- Division 1 (Ms B) has started a unit on electricity, which will link STEM and art projects.
- Div 11 (Ms Kochan) is studying medieval times and castles, and will soon start learning about Egypt.
- Ms Linton's class is working on autobiographical poems with pastel portraits; they are also learning about Indigenous teachings and worldview in a social studies unit with the theme "We are all related."

3. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn

- How did people find the Remembrance Day video assembly?
 - Not as moving as in person, but it was convenient to be able to watch it, for parents who couldn't attend or watch at the scheduled time.
- Birgitte visited the new school site recently and took some photos, which she'll send to Brie for the Building Bayview fundraising website. There is a lot more interior framing now, which gives a good sense of the hallways, classrooms, and amount of natural light.
- November 26 is a non-instructional day (not pro-D); this means that the district defines the learning topic (in this case, an Indigenous focus) and provides the materials, so all staff across the district are engaged in the same learning activities (as opposed to pro-D days, when each teacher decides what to do with the time).
- The leadership conference for grade 6 and 7 classes went really well. Teachers and staff set up stations that the students rotated through. The day started with an Indigenous welcome/acknowledgment, then a basketball player and inspirational speaker, after which they broke up into the groups for working



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through the stations. Topics included talking about leadership quotes, team-building exercises, making art about the qualities of leadership; choosing and discussing a motivating word for the year; brainstorming about activities for the whole school; collaborative work on understanding how to lead in a group and build on our strengths in group project activities; listening exercises.

- Joss asks if this will lead into ongoing leadership activities for the grade 6-7s, as there used to be with a leadership group from those grades.
 - There will be organizing of spirit activities, etc.
 - Some grade 6-7s have started to take on jobs, such as delivering hot lunches and assisting in the library. Also, they helped organize Halloween activities.

4. Treasurer's update: Joss Taylor

Regular account balance:	\$21,621.96
Gaming account balance:	\$11,323.65

5. New Bayview fundraising update: Brie Lunn

- The direct drive hasn't had much momentum, so we need to re-publicize it. However, there was bit more activity in November than in October.
- We will have a booth at the Hollywood Theatre during an upcoming movie event, publicizing the fundraising efforts and selling raffle tickets.
- We are revisiting some grants that we can re-apply for in the new year.
- A main goal at this point is to complete the playground rubberized surfaces; we have enough money for the primary playground, but with current funding, the intermediate playground still would have to be wood chips.

6. Winter holiday market update: Emilia Doro

- There will be two stages for the market: we have sent home and emailed information on what is on offer with our online market.
- Pickups will be December 3, 2:45-3:30, and December 4, 1-3 p.m., at McBride Park.
- Orders have been coming in more slowly than usual so far.
- Last year we sold \$6000 worth of Purdy's chocolates alone; so far we only have \$1200 of orders.
- We're starting an Instagram page for the holiday market, with pictures of everything on offer.
- When the presale is over, businesses that usually have booths at our market will offer their goods online to the Bayview community.
- We also have a raffle, with donations from many local businesses, and all raffle proceeds go to the PAC.
- Everything is having to happen early this year, so many people aren't quite ready yet to start Christmas planning and shopping.
- Please send us any ideas you have for the market—we love input!

7. Pancake breakfast: Stephanie Ali

- Thursday, December 16, in the morning
- This has been a tradition at Bayview for 33 years. On the last Thursday before winter break, parents serve pancakes to the kids, Santa comes through and hands out candy canes, and it serves as a kickoff to the



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holidays. The event is also tied in with fundraising for Covenant House, which supports youth at risk; kids can come to school in their pajamas, and bring a donation to Covenant House.

- Organization has just started—this is my first year being the organizer.
- Have contacted IGA for oranges, maple syrup, pancake mix.
- Sandra Ackerman (ex-Bayview mom) can still lend us the Santa Suit; I have contacted Leon Bayer as a possible Santa.
- We will have compostable plates, cutlery from Costco.
- I have been in touch with Alison Briggs regarding Covenant House donations.
- We have about 12 volunteers so far, so we will have plenty of helping hands.
- We should have a parent for serving each classroom; some intermediate students could help with serving as well, if they are allowed to go into other classrooms.
- There are 11 divisions; about 220 students total.
- Last year we couldn't do this event in person, so it's great to have it back. The kids really love it and look forward to it.
- Two years ago we cooked the pancakes in the Queen Elizabeth kitchen; can we use the Camp Bayview staff room this year? Birgitte says this can be worked out. We are still deciding whether to cook the pancakes at Stephanie's house and reheat them at school, or cook them onsite, if there are enough outlets in the staff room for all the griddles.

8. Hot lunch: Brie Lunn

- We might do a poll (via email?) to ask what people think of the hot lunches so far. Bits of feedback so far have been very mixed. Also, it would be good to find out how many people would use it, and how often.
- Stephanie notes that on the first day, the lunches didn't come on time. Birgitte notes that this was a problem with the play-first and Division 1 gym class timing—the lunches had actually come on time (noon). They have now worked out a way for kids with gym after lunch to eat and play.
- For picky eaters, is there a way to get a photo of each item, so kids can see the food and decide? There's nothing on their website.
- Birgitte notes that the food doesn't look significantly better than in the past (some complaints about, e.g., soggy chips, mushy vegetables, etc.), although the process and organization have gone smoothly.
- We will be looking at some other options; an advantage of C'Est Mon Café is that they handle all the ordering and payment details, so the PAC doesn't have to pay a third party to manage this (e.g. Munch-A-Lunch) and find a volunteer to organize the logistics.
- Brie will see if Susan is up for investigating other options and the logistics/costs involved with using them.

9. Spiritwear update: Joss Taylor

- Sorry about the delay with Bayview merchandise—the infamous supply-chain problems have been a problem for the printer.
- All but three orders arrived at the school today, and those three should arrive tomorrow.
- Joss will go to the school tomorrow and distribute to everyone.
- How often should we do a spiritwear sale? We've usually only done it once a year, at the beginning of the year. Bear in mind that we need to have a minimum order for most items.
- If you missed the order deadline, we do have a few extras as backup, so please ask.



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10. School funding items: Joss Taylor

- Drumming workshop proposal

- The whole staff submitted a request to fund another drumming workshop from Rhythm Resource. The instructor, Daniel, brings a variety of drums and percussion instruments from around the world and works with classes throughout a couple of weeks, culminating in a performance. He also offers a parents' session so that parents can try out what their kids have been learning. Each class would get 2-3 lessons. The kids really love it; each student gets a drum to play, and Daniel develops a great rapport with the kids.
- The cost would be \$7,000
- We do have money in the budget for arts enrichment activities. There would be an additional ask from families, but this year we didn't collect performance fees, so it wouldn't be on top of any other request.
- Kylie is in favour of supporting our local art community, and her kids loved it. Anna agrees, as do several others in attendance.
- Joss notes that we don't have a music program, and the kids really learn a lot in this session. Itzia also expresses support.
 - By virtual vote, the meeting's attendees are in support of this initiative.
 - In the spring, we might be able to do the drumming outdoors.

- Additional umbrellas

- We had purchased some umbrellas for staff to use on very wet days, and they have broken or gone missing, so we now need more.
- We have some budget left; can order 10 more umbrellas. They come from Costco, so if some break quickly, we can get them replaced.
- The ones that have broken are the polka-dot ones that were bought last year.

11. Hastings School holiday support: Joss Taylor

- We have traditionally given holiday support (gift baskets, gift cards, etc. for families in need) to our sister school, Hastings Elementary.
- In the past we did semi-personalized gift baskets, but in last couple of years, they requested gift cards.
- Joss contacted the support worker at Hastings to ask what support they would like this year. It turns out that they have had lots of support from their community this year, so they don't need anything from us at this time.
- Any ideas for some other holiday-season support for people in need? Another organization to collect for? Maybe support flood relief?
- A Bayview parent (Robyn Tsonis) is originally from Merritt, and asked about supporting Merritt or other flood-affected people.
 - Robyn suggests donating to the Red Cross—you can select which locality's Red Cross to donate to. We can do this in lieu of our holiday support for Hastings School. It would be nice to tie this in, for the kids, to the personal reality of what people have experienced. Robyn can do a write-up with some photos about what has happened and how people's lives are being affected.
 - Maybe connect with a school from one of the affected areas? Robyn will see about connecting with a Merritt school.



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12. Parent-education session on COVID vaccines Nov. 23: Brie Lunn

- The General Gordon PAC is holding a parent-education session about COVID vaccines for children, and they have invited Bayview to participate.
- This is one of a series of talks they are organizing—not interactive discussion, but online presentations; you can submit questions beforehand or in a chat during the presentation.
- The vaccines presenter is a parent at Gordon who is a physician, and who is bringing in an expert from UBC as well.
- We have often had requests for parent education events, but haven't had enough volunteer support for it, so haven't done many. General Gordon has a couple of very active parent-education organizers; Brie and Joss met with one of them yesterday about collaborating with them—Bayview could support the costs, and thus open up participation to Bayview parents. They would also be happy to help any interested Bayview parent organizers with information on how to fill this role, and work together on coming up with topics/ideas.

13. School photography: Joss Taylor

- LifeTouch has contacted PAC about signing an agreement to use their services for next year. The sooner we sign up with them, the better our options for photo dates.
- Feedback on experiences?
 - There was only one photo in the proofs—not two to choose between. It would have been nice to have a second option/pose.
 - Kylie hasn't bought photos the past couple of years, because the pictures weren't very good—the kids felt too rushed. Maybe good to have a bit more time with each kid?
 - At preschool, they had a local photographer, who took really amazing photos. But the school needs to have a provider who liaises with the school board database, which uses the photos for their emergency records.
- Do we want to look into switching providers again, or send this feedback to LifeTouch and see how it goes first? We will give them feedback, then see how it goes next year.

14. New Business

- Reminder: our first dine and donate is this Saturday, with Nook Pasta Room. Order online, and at pickup on Saturday, mention Bayview for us to get a 20% kickback.
- Apropos of holiday support to Hastings School and flood victims, Birgitte mentions that we also have families at Bayview who sometimes are in need, and the Redemption Church congregation has been very generous in raising money for them at holidays time and giving it as gift cards.