



Bayview PAC Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022, 7:00 – 8:30pm

Location: Virtual Meeting via TEAMS

Agenda Items

1. Introduction/Call for additional agenda items

- Minutes of the last meeting were adopted as presented.

2. Teachers' updates: Ebru Montagano

- Div 2, Mr. T: We are working on a big unit on electricity; grade 7s now registering for high school.
- Div 4, Ms. Montagano: We did a snowflake STEM challenge today; we are learning about Jean Michel Basquiat in art; our Black Excellence Day newspaper project is underway; and our student teacher is here every week. The Everfi online teaching tool got Ms. Montagano entered in the NHL Teacher-of-the-Month competition. If she wins, Bayview gets \$10,000 to use toward technology equipment, and VSB gets entered in a draw for another big grant as well. Vote for her every day!
- Div 5, Gina: We are learning the steps for doing research projects on animals of Canada; we are continuing with knitting, and will soon learn weaving in First Nations style.
- Div 7, Ms. Taylor: We are learning about solids, liquids, and gases, and identified these on a bog walk; in our author study, we are learning about Roger Hargreaves.
- Div 8, Ms. Cameron: We are learning about the water cycle; in math, measurement and addition with regrouping; our art unit is work inspired by Emily Carr; and we are doing story writing and spelling skills.
- Div 9, Ms. Jung: We are learning about the Coast Salish seasonal rounds, including potlatches; we are starting a science unit on the winter survival of animals.
- Div 10, Ms. Lau: We had a great first few weeks; we have started a writing workshop, and I am so proud of the imaginative stories the children are creating.
- Div 11, Ms. Kochan: We have been learning about pirates and the Caribbean ecosystem; we are also learning about numbers, and about how the brain grows with new things and challenges.
- The first week of school without all the students was anxiety-provoking, but now that the kids are back, their good energy has bolstered everyone.
- Mr A and Ms Montagano are excited to be taking their classes skating in February; they will walk both there and back to avoid riding buses or cars together. The outing was approved because it will be only the two classes at the rink, no other group.

3. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn

- There were 11 students at Camp Bayview during the first week of school; teachers took turns teaching the small group, and those kids were happy to be there. The week gave staff a chance to try out how it might go during a functional closure. But so far we have been doing quite well, with very few absences.
 - Having the direct access to outside, and no shared spaces, makes Camp Bayview particularly safe for Covid purposes.
 - There have been a few kids absent with illness, but no more than in a regular flu season.



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- We have regular meetings with Dr. Choi, the school liaison from the health authority. There are new health guidelines out today, which are quite different on how to think about testing and isolation. Testing for young people isn't really recommended any more, unless they have regular, close contact with vulnerable people.
- The corrected version of the guidelines says "stay home until you feel well enough to resume regular activities" (nothing about 5 days isolation, which was a mistake in the earlier version of the guidelines).
- Also, if a member of a family tests positive, the other family members don't have to isolate if they are not symptomatic.
- Ebru notes: Dr. Conway from the Vancouver Infectious Diseases Centre commented that during the pandemic we shouldn't ask kids to tough it out if they say they aren't feeling well. Ask their symptoms, and if any of them are on the Covid list, send/keep them home. Especially if it's a sore throat.
 - Joss asks: is nasal congestion or runny nose now on the list of symptoms? It sounds like it is part of the Omicron symptoms. Response: It is being added to the list, along with sneezing. Also, consider each child's baseline: e.g., is this different from their usual runny nose?
- Report cards will go home next Friday.
- Leanne Riley's SSA position hasn't been filled, so we are short one SSA. This shortage is currently a problem across the district. We have been able to borrow from QE a couple of times, but it has been difficult. The SSAs have been working really hard to support the kids who need it, and it is taking a toll on them.
- New Bayview update
 - Kent sent a short email: There has been a flurry of activity inside the building lately. Installation of exterior cladding is ongoing; mechanical and electrical are 75% installed.
 - There is a small chance we could move in before the summer, but it's not likely.
 - Currently there are too many safety hazards inside for Birgitte to have a site visit.
 - In December, Bayview staff visited Tennyson Elementary, to look at their new furniture, and then we put in furniture orders with the district. It was very exciting to choose furniture and put in requests— e.g., new desks with a groove to keep pencils from rolling off, whiteboard tables, etc.
 - Once we move back to new Bayview, we have to go back to the 9:00-3:00 schedule, although the staff has liked the 8:45-2:45 schedule. We will try to keep the two half-hour recess blocks, which have worked out very well.
- Enrollment numbers are good--we will have two Kindergarten classes next year.

4. Treasurer's update: Jessica Ellis

- Regular account: \$34,782.22
- Gaming Account: \$12,006.62

5. New Bayview fundraising update: Joss Taylor for Brie Lunn and Kelly Ryan

- Currently we have achieved more than \$300K in total fundraising.
- We received two large, unexpected donations in late Dec and early Jan, totaling \$45K.
- Kelly is putting in applications for the BC Tire Stewardship grant and the Recycled Rubber Surfacing grant, to try to get funding for rubber surfacing on the intermediate playground (the primary



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- playground surfacing was funded in the last round of grants). The granting organizations strongly encouraged us to reapply, so we hope we have a good chance.
- Brie is organizing a Read-A-Thon for April.

6. Winter holiday market recap: Emilia Doro

- \$4,334 was raised by the market.
- The event went pretty well, despite being online. It's not a great platform for the vendors, however.
- It will be nice to get back to doing it in person, especially for the kids to be involved, but it's good to be keeping the tradition alive. Thank you Emilia!

7. Staff Appreciation lunch (Feb. 17): Joss Taylor

- We still need a lead and volunteers—we will be sending out an email call for volunteers next week.
 - The lead would contact the caterer, get the menu options to staff, and coordinate delivery on the day of the event.
- Like last year, we will get individually packaged lunches for staff; probably from Jo's Deli on Alma St., which went over well last year.
- Ebru says: thank you so much for organizing this—we absolutely love it, and feel so loved and appreciated!

8. Hot lunch: Brie Lunn

- The survey in December regarding the current hot lunches from C'Est Mon Café got 32 responses. Overall, experiences varied. Pricing, selection, and ordering experiences were positive, but food quality was an issue. Of respondents, 80% were willing to try C'Est Mon again with more food options; many would order more days per week if available.
- Susan Rea, who has been helping with the hot lunch program, talked to Calhoun's about supplying hot lunches. They can only do Mondays and Fridays at this time; they have more menu selections and size options, but prices are \$1-\$3 higher. They use Munch-A-Lunch for ordering, but they would absorb the fee if they were our exclusive provider.
- We will stay with C'Est Mon until the end of this school year, but if food quality doesn't improve significantly, will probably change providers for September.
- We still need more parent volunteers to help distribute the food—the existing volunteers have had to bow out or called in sick. There is a sign-up app for the shifts. The commitment is only about half an hour at midday, and consists only of overseeing the students who do the actual distribution. It's a very easy job, but without these volunteers, we won't be able to continue with hot lunch.
- If there is one parent who can come in every or most days, they could get free lunch for their kids.
- Emilia notes that there aren't lots of lunches actually being ordered: last time there were only about 15 lunch orders delivered. We need to remind everyone that the hot lunch option exists.
- We get a kickback from the orders: in Nov and Dec we received about \$600 from C'Est Mon Café.

9. Yearbook: Joss Taylor

- Genevieve Tiamo will take charge of creating a yearbook this year.
- Herff Jones, the yearbook company used previously, has been put in touch with Genevieve.



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- This is the first year we're doing it in advance, rather than as a last-minute scramble, so we hope to have a good supply of photos
- Let the teachers know to start collecting photos.
- Maybe we could see if any grade 7 students would like to be involved in the process.

10. Upcoming fundraisers: Emilia Doro, Joss Taylor

- Stong's online orders rebate
 - Online orders at Stong's can be designated as fundraising for Bayview, from a pull-down menu on the checkout page. 4% of your total order will be donated to Bayview. Let your neighbours and friends know!
- Valentine's candy
 - Last year we sold candy bags, in conjunction with Bayview's Kindness Week.
 - We will do this again this year, at \$5 per bag, sold online through the PAC website.
 - Birgitte: would staff prefer delivery on Fri 2/11, or on Mon 2/14?
 - Emilia will get the organization started next week; Yuka and Emilia will probably handle assembly of the bags. Brie can add a line about the candy bags to her call for volunteers.
- Monthly chips sales
 - We again can't do popcorn sales, so we will sell chip bags for \$1 on the first Friday of each month.
 - Joss will put all the dates on the PAC market website, so parents can order all their chips at once.
- Easter Purdy's chocolates
 - Emilia has signed us up with Purdy's for the Easter campaign. March 27 will be the ordering deadline; pickup will be April 8 at McBride Park.
 - Will need volunteers to help sort at the school, deliver to the park, and distribute to families.
- Dine and Donate
 - Castaway (Blenheim and 4th) is lined up for early February; Nuba (Broadway) for March.
- Read-a-thon (Brie Lunn)
 - This will be similar to last year, using the same service.
 - It will run in the first two weeks of April, after Spring Break.

13. Talent show (Gala alternative): Emilia Doro

- As with last year, we can't do an in-person event, so we will do another online talent show, with a bit more trivia challenges.
- Mr T and Ms. Montagano are aware of the event, and will host.
- Peter GG has agreed to help with the videos again, and Delia Jane Ramsbotham will handle the trivia.
- Class platters (to be won by lottery rather than auction)
 - With all the help from Emilia and Yuka and Ms Taylor, the teachers will be up for doing platters.
 - Anna will be procuring blank platters as soon as possible, so that they can get up to the school soon, for teachers/kids to start working on them.
- Associated dine and donate, desserts
 - Maybe we could have two restaurant options if possible, so that we don't overwhelm just one with too many orders.
- We have not set a date yet—we will have to be sure it doesn't conflict with Ms Montagano's son's graduation from high school.



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- Trivia

- Delia Jane notes that last year's trivia was kind of random.
- We could ask teachers for material based on things kids are learning in their classes, so they can compete against their parents.
- Last year the trivia was a small add-on, but it was really popular, so we want to make it more central to the event this time.
- Raffle: We will need volunteers to organize this, soliciting raffle prizes. Prizes need to be in hand before we sell raffle tickets, per BC Lottery Commission rules.

14. New Business

- No new business was proposed.