



Bayview PAC Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 21, 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.
- New business:
 - Pickleball program proposal from Ms Hinds
 - Welcome to Kindergarten [covered in Principal's update]
 - Yearbook update
 - DPAC updates

2. Teachers' updates: Laurie Linton

- Ms B, Division 1: We had a book-review fair on Tuesday, including the option for students to rewrite the beginning of the book they had read. Next, students will investigate an ancient civilization from anywhere in the world. Then pairs of students will become experts on some aspect of the universe. The students are working hard and doing great.
- Ms Montagano, Division 3: We have Sophie, a student teacher in our class. We are working on a novel study of *White Jade Tiger*, set in Victoria, about the CPR and Chinese immigrants. We were excited to travel far in the read-a-thon; we have been studying immigration; geometry; and experimenting with drama. We celebrated the international day of pink and learned about gender identities. Now we are learning about the environment and Earth Day. A student teacher from Switzerland will be coming soon.
- Ms Lao, Division 10: We welcomed neuroscience student Haley, who will visit several times to teach us about the brain. Our class caterpillars have arrived, and we will observe their transformations into butterflies.
- Ms Jung, Division 9: We are welcoming Growing Chefs, from now to mid-June. They will help us plant an indoor garden that will be harvested to make a salad. We are learning about and tasting different types of vegetables.
- Ms Linton, Division 6: We have been weaving friendship bracelets and writing messages to Ukrainian children. Our salmon fry are skittish and slow to eat, but now they are coming out and eating well; we are focusing on the salmon food chain and the ecosystem food web. On May 4 in the evening, students' families will release the fry into the salmon stream at Spanish Banks; doing this in the evening allows us to include parents and siblings. For Earth Day, we are focusing on reducing litter, litter collection, and ways to conserve water and electricity.
- There has been a Geering Up workshop this week with UBC engineering students; various classes are participating. Thank you to the PAC for the funds to have these workshops.
- After many happy years at Bayview, Ms Linton will be retiring this June, although she hopes to be able to come back to ToC next year.



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3. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn

- Dates coming up:
 - May 20: Sports Day
 - May 19: Immunizations for K and grade 6 students
 - May 27 (the day after the talent show): Volunteer Appreciation Day. This is one of our main special Friday assemblies. By “volunteer” we mean everyone who is part of the Bayview community. Instead of hosting a tea, a crew of staff will go to McBride Park in the morning with goodies and coffee, and some will also be up at the school for those who drop off their kids there. Then all will be welcome to attend the assembly.
 - June 1, 9-11: Welcome to K, hosted in the Queen Elizabeth auditorium. It would be good to have some members of the PAC there. We will have an initial presentation, then kids rotate through presentations.
- Track and field is in the planning phases—more to come soon.
- We will have three Swiss student teachers visiting for three weeks, starting in May. They will be in Ms Montagano’s, Ms B’s, and Ms Taylor’s classes.
- Lots of new kids have been coming in to Bayview as things are opening up and new families are moving around. However, it is temporary: they are at Bayview because their catchment schools are currently full, but most will go back to their catchment schools in September.
- Lots of field trips, speakers, and other activities are starting up.
- In -person assemblies are on again, and classes will be presenting at upcoming assemblies; visitors are welcome.
- New school:
 - Kent had a few updates, but not much—flooring is going down this week, so the interior is nearing completion.
 - Michael Rossi mentioned that on May 2 there will be a big meeting with the planning committee.
 - Ms Biorn is going to the new school on Tuesday with Anthony Kwan (who orders furniture), to examine the common areas and discuss ideas for furnishing them.
 - We are hoping that we will be in the building for September. Occupancy target is late June, according to Kent, so some things could be moved in then, to be ready for September.
 - Staff will be getting purge bins back, to clear out accumulations from the past three years, and we will let parents know if we could use volunteers to help with packing/moving.
- Each year, grade 4 and grade 7 students do a province-wide learning survey that asks how they feel about school and about themselves as learners. Overall replies were positive, but there were a few notable differences from trends of past years. Student perspective data that was interesting (different from previous years), regarding social-emotional aspects of school:
 - Grade 7s were quite positive regarding feeling safe, diversity, support for learning and making friends, equality, fairness, and lack of discrimination based on sexuality (the last one with a few exceptions for a few individuals , who did feel discrimination).
 - Grade 4 results were a bit less positive regarding happiness and feelings of belonging at school. Grade 7s feel that four or more adults at the school care about them; this year, many more Grade 4s answered “don’t know” to this (more than in previous years). Maybe this is because of the lack



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of social connection during the grade 2-3 years of the pandemic? Grade 7s are old enough to have been able to make more connections on social media during the pandemic; also, this Grade 7 cohort is an unusually close-knit group.

4. Treasurer's update: Jessica Ellis

- Regular account: \$ 27,189.44 (general operating account)
- Gaming account: \$ 3,004.39
- New-school fundraising: most of the items we know we need to fund have now been paid for: playground equipment, rubberized surfaces, grass field, kiln vent; scoreboard, projectors, Apple TVs. We have about \$15K in reserve, plus almost \$6K from the read-a-thon, for any incidental expenses that arise during or after move-in.

5. Event recaps:

Read-a-Thon: Brie Lunn

- Thank you to all the teachers, families, friends, and neighbours who supported our read-a-thon this year. The classes read for many minutes, which translated to kilometres on a map, to see how far they could get across the world. We raised \$5,228.35. Congratulations Bayview!

Pizza Day: Joss Taylor

- This was a great success, even with only a one-week ordering window. We sold 160 pizzas, and raised just over \$500. Maybe we could do another pizza day, perhaps tied in with sports day. Birgitte has asked a few teachers, and they all thought that doing it on sports day would work fine.

Dine and Donate: Joss Taylor

- March, Rocky Mtn Flat Bread: \$110; frozen sales only got 8 orders (don't yet have information on how much it raised). Maybe the yield on this one was low because of the location (a bit far from our neighbourhood).

Purdy's Easter chocolates (and planning for next year): Emilia Doro

- We sold \$2,345 of chocolates, which raised \$615 for the school. Jeanine Rix will take over Purdy's for next year (she has experience from doing it at another school).

6. Sports Day (May 20): Joss Taylor

- PAC will provide a snack at recess time: popcorn and easy-peel oranges/mandarins (from IGA). We also have bought small freezies to provide as a treat at the end of the day, and will probably do pizza lunch.
- We will put out a call for volunteers to make popcorn and assemble the snack; also for distributing pizzas.

7. Hanging baskets sale: Brie Lunn

- The hanging basket sale has closed and the order has been put in to the nursery. Please ensure you come pick up your baskets. They can be picked up from the corner of Waterloo and 5th (3408 5th - Kelly's House) PLEASE ACCESS THROUGH THE WOODEN SIDE GATE FROM WATERLOO. Pick up dates:
Friday, May 6th, 3pm-4pm and Saturday, May 7th, 10am-12pm
- Do we need volunteers? Brie says we have enough.



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8. Talent and Trivia night: Emilia Doro

- This will be a virtual event, like last year's, which was much enjoyed.
- Thursday, May 26, 6-8 p.m.
- We will have more trivia than last year; Delia Jane Ramsbotham will be organizing the trivia.
- Double D, Jo's Italian Deli, and Bella Doro Baking will participate in the dine and donate portion.
- About half of the class platters have been completed; platter raffle tickets will be \$10.
- General raffle tickets will cost \$5; so far we have 17 prizes, from a variety of businesses—many gift cards, and various other items, including event tickets. The deadline for getting prizes is April 30. If anyone has a connection for getting a raffle donation, email the PAC at bayviewpac@gmail.com.
- Ms Biorn asks: what is the timeline for sending out information to the kids for submitting their talent videos? An information sheet/email will be ready to go out soon, with detailed instructions on how to prepare technicalities of the videos.
 - Joss: please send the draft to Birgitte, so that she can include a bit about it in tomorrow's assembly introduction.
- Delia Jane asks: how much time should we fill with the trivia? I have been talking with Christie Rossignol (librarian) about what books kids have been reading at school, so that we have some questions that kids might know but parents would not know. Questions are about books, songs, movies, video games, sports, math, science, silly general knowledge—mostly multiple choice. I will break it up into chunks, and we can use as much as we need (depends on how many videos we get).

9. End of Year Potluck: Joss Taylor

- At old Bayview, we held a family potluck dinner at the school the week before the last day of school—very casual, starting around 5:00. Kids run around, parents sit around and chat.
- It sounds like we could do a potluck this year. Maybe do it at McBride Park—it's central to the neighbourhood, a bathroom is available, and there are now picnic tables in the closed section of Waterloo Street.
- Proposed date: June 23 (Thursday before the last week of school).
- We will need volunteers to do setup and cleanup.
- Anna can share notes from having been the lead for the last couple of potlucks. Perhaps PAC could fund ice cream and cones as in previous years? We will need garbage/green bins; napkins; water.

10. New business

- Pickleball proposal: Joss Taylor for Ms Hinds

- We have scheduled a Pickle Ball program for late spring. It's the same company (Tennis XL) that has provided us with the tennis instruction in previous years. We were scheduled to have this group come and teach pickle ball to our students in May of 2020, but due to Covid we had to cancel and delay this program.
- Tennis XL will provide our students with three weeks of instruction, during scheduled gym blocks. Each student will receive approximately six hours of instruction from a qualified instructor, with Ms Hinds's support. They provide all equipment (paddles, balls, and indoor/outdoor nets). We plan to use the big gym in Queen Elizabeth and the outside basketball court area for instruction. The dates for the program are May 30th - June 17th.



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- The total cost for the program would be \$3,680 (based on 230 students). Ms Hinds asks for a \$2,500 subsidy from the PAC. We would then only have to ask families for \$5 for the program.
- Joss proposes that PAC fund the entire cost of the program—we have extra funds, as we didn't have many expenditures for performances or cultural programs. The motion was seconded and approved.

- **Yearbook update:** Joss Taylor for Genevieve Tiamo
- Genevieve has signed the printing contract.
- The website has been set up by the printing provider.
- Genevieve has been in touch with Jocelyn Chang, for tips from previous years' yearbooks.
- She will get in touch with Ms. Biorn about getting photos from teachers.
- Community volunteer, Stuart, takes lots of photos, so G will want to get in touch with him for pictures.

- **VSB District PAC** sent an email to Bayview PAC about getting the word out to parents regarding a couple of things they are working on:
- **Proposed closure of Queen Elizabeth Annex school** in September--VSB has put out a request for feedback.
 - DPAC's position is that they aren't looking at the closure of that particular school, but concerned that the process doesn't seem to be connected to the long-range facilities plan, and not enough data/evidence included in the closure decision. They are requesting parent feedback. (The text has been posted on our Facebook page.)
- DPAC is looking at starting an **extracurricular choral program**, and asking for expressions of interest from individual schools/PACs.
 - DPAC would hire a choral coordinator/instructor, who would come to interested schools to start choir at lunches/after school.
 - The cost would be about \$120 per student.
 - Schools interested in starting a choir could start this September.
 - This can be a low-cost way to bring music back into the schools, after many years of the stripping out of music programming from schools.
 - Birgitte notes that it will be hard for the school to express interest without much detailed information—we need to know more about the space needed, numbers of students involved (probably about 20), how often (maybe one day a week).
 - They will probably be going through the VSB for no-cost space rental; there will be a parent coordinator at each school to communicate with parents and school staff.
 - This is the first time that Birgitte has heard of it. Joss will send the existing information to Birgitte to discuss with staff, to gauge interest. It sounds like DPAC wants to know by the end of April (just an expression of interest, not a commitment), in order to get it started in September.
 - Question from Claudia: would this be paid for by PAC? It's currently planned as a cost to families (like signing up for any other extracurricular, such as computer classes).