



Bayview PAC Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 17, 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: Christie Rossignol

- Ms Montagano: we are learning about human body systems; solving a daily “mathler” in math; singing French songs by Greg Laroque, building to a concert in May; student teacher starts after spring break.
- Drumming with Rhythm Resource will start after spring break.
- Ms Kochan: we are learning about ancient Japan and ninjas; composing and decomposing number skills
- Ms Jung: we welcomed the year of the tiger and are learning about lunar new-year traditions; I am excited to share my culture and heritage.
- Ms Lao: we are learning about families and how they are similar and different, and where they come from, foods they enjoy; we read “When we are kind “ by Monique Grey Smith for kindness week.
- Ms Taylor: we are having lots of fun while we learn; we are doing an author study of work by Arthur Hargreaves; in First Nations studies we are looking at bears; learning about Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, Alma Thomas, and anti-racism.
- Mr A: thank you to the parents for the staff appreciation lunch and posters.
- Ms B: thank you PAC for the lovely lunch and posters; we have had many excellent presentations on Black-excellence-related topics; we are studying evolution, speciation, and adaptation; western emigration from China; Kenya; and Afghanistan in novel studies.
- Ms Linton (2/3): two of our salmon hatched today; we are learning about how the tank mimics a natural stream; we created “random acts of kindness” posters this week, with tear-off suggestions; thank you PAC for the lunch and celebration.
- Ms Rossignol: I really appreciated the PAC funding for the purchase of new book series.

3. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn

- A huge thank-you for today's staff appreciation, which makes us feel so special. The door banners were fantastic, and the lunch was wonderful. We feel removed up at Camp Bayview, so that contact is very appreciated.
- Pictures of New Bayview [shared on screen].
- Update from Kent Grier re. new school construction:
 - Things have been moving well; interior work is in progress; too unsafe inside for a site visit by Ms Biorn.
- This was kindness week, and the kids got into the various themed days.
- We will have a special 9:15 assembly for pink-shirt day.
- Covid restrictions are being lifted partially, but there are no new guidelines for schools yet—they will probably come soon.



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- Parent-teacher conferences will be in the first week of March; for now, staff are planning for doing them virtually, but we might be able to open up to having them in person.
- Tomorrow is a district Pro-D day; most teachers are doing their own activities virtually, and all will have lunch together.
 - The staff STEM inquiry group and equity inquiry group will be meeting and planning activities
- Question from Joss: there had been a parent/staff committee for planning the playgrounds at the new school; will there be a similar committee regarding interior equipment/furnishings? What do we still need to fundraise for?
 - Teachers have ordered all classroom furniture, before winter break, with Anthony Kwon—this has been funded by VSB/province.
 - The common areas are smaller than we had thought, so we won't need much furniture there; the main area that needs to get furnished is the library--we are waiting to see if Bret Whitelaw will be coming back, and then will consult with her. Now that furniture is being funded, we have been given a catalog by Anthony and told "pick what you like."
 - Lunchroom tables: we have some that we kept from old Bayview. Staff have been preferring to keep students eating in their classrooms (it is very calm and pleasant compared to the chaos of the lunchroom), so we are holding off on the tables for now—they would cost a lot of money, so we might not end up buying any. The ones left from before might be enough.

4. Treasurer's update: Jessica Ellis

- Regular account balance: \$62,273.37 (\$25,648K is operating budget—the rest is New-Bayview funding)
- Gaming account balance: \$9,598.76 (includes \$7,602.57 for new building)

5. New Bayview fundraising update: Brie Lunn

- The fundraising committee met a couple of nights ago for a status update and what still needs to be paid for.
- We are in a pretty good position: many things are now being paid for, and rubber surfacing is now extended to an accessible part of the intermediate playground area.
- The Tire Stewardship grant and one other grant have been submitted for further rubber-surface funding.
- We will be planning an opening party and donor recognition event.
- For new parents, a synopsis of the new-school fundraising work:
 - Over the last several years we have raised more than \$300K for rubber surfacing of playgrounds (all of the primary area and a third of the intermediate area), new monkey-bar equipment, some more natural play equipment for the Kindergarten section; a scoreboard for the gym; projectors for all classrooms and the library; Apple TVs for all classrooms and the library; a room and the venting infrastructure for our kiln to be re-installed; grass (instead of gravel) for the field.
 - This has been amazing work by a tiny committee of three parents.

6. Staff Appreciation Lunch recap: Brie Lunn

- Julie Wong, a kindergarten mom who led the lunch organization, said it went very well; Olga (another K mom) helped out.



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- Birgitte notes that all went smoothly—Julie sent the staff a menu and order form, and upon delivery everything was labeled and organized
- Itzia Paz sourced potted primulas as decorations.
- Emilia Doro made beautiful cookies for dessert.

7. Dine and Donate: Joss Taylor

- Julie Wong is also organizing this.
- Next Wednesday will be dine and donate with Nuba on Broadway; they will donate 10% of ALL their food sales for that day, dine-in and takeout (not delivery), so spread the word to friends and neighbours.
- Rocky Mountain Pizza in March, probably the 10th; 10% of sales when mentioning Bayview. For frozen pizzas, we could do a bulk order and they give 30% back (maybe do the frozen one as a separate event).
- Castaway (on West 4th at Blenheim) in April.
- Double D Pizza night will be in conjunction with the Talent/Trivia night.
- Brie adds: I spoke with Julie about making a thank-you/recognition poster or card for thanking the businesses that participate—we could also take these to places like IGA and Cobs who support us.

8. Read-a-Thon: Brie Lunn

- We'll have a read-a-thon in the first two weeks of April.
- Similar to last year: as kids read, they move across geography—this time it will be across the world instead of just Canada.
- This time the reading and the fundraising activity are simultaneous during both weeks.

9. Plant Sale: Brie Lunn

- The sale will be of only hanging baskets only this year.
- Pre-order in April and pick up the Friday and Saturday before Mother's Day.
- Itzia Paz will lead this again this year.
- Maybe we could do planters as well as hanging baskets this year? Brie will discuss with Itzia.

10. Easter Purdy's chocolates: Emilia Doro

- The campaign has been set up online, but won't send out materials until March.
- Deadline for orders will be March 27.
- The Goal is set as \$1500—about what was sold last year.
- We will need someone to take over the Purdy's campaigns next year—if interested, email the PAC and Emilia can share information on how it works.

11. Talent/Trivia night (Gala alternative): Emilia Doro

- The blank platters are at school; Ms Taylor has finished hers and has started Mr. A's.
- Emilia has spoken with Ms. Montagano and Mr. T about hosting the evening.
- We need to set the date, in June or late May—a Friday or a Thursday before a pro-D day.
 - If grade 6/7s go to camp, that will be the first week in June. Maybe May 27.
- Delia Jane Ramsbotham will set up the trivia portion of the evening.
- Peter Graham Goudreau will handle the videos again.



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- Emilia emailed Julie and Olga to ask if they could lead the food/dine-and-donate portion.
- Will need some people to canvass the neighbourhood for raffle donations.
- We don't have anyone yet for leading the raffle organization. There isn't much left to do, except getting raffle items.
- The BC Gaming commission is very strict about how to handle raffles: we have to have physical raffle tickets and distribute them (Joss had to scan ticket stubs and email them out, which took much of a day). We also have to have all the raffle items in hand before selling the tickets.
- Joss is happy to help with the raffle organization and logistics, and has lists of possible donors from past raffles.
- Brie will put out a call for volunteers: a co-lead for the event and a lead for the raffle. Include a note that this would be a transition, with help from parents who have done it for many years but will be aging out of the school soon.
- We need to get the word out to people about starting to make their videos, and when they will be due.
 - Emilia will talk to Peter about how much lead time would be good for him, and ask what the problems were last time, so that we can try to forestall them. Peter will be getting busier with his own events and projects now that things are opening up.
- Anna will ask how much time is needed firing the platters; how much would it cost for him to do the glazing. Then we will know what deadline to give the teachers for finishing the painting.

12. New Business

- Can we have a **pizza day**? Orders from the Pizza Hut have been smooth except for that delivery problem on pizza day last year. They seem to have worked out the bugs now.
 - If volunteers pick up from the shop and bring to the school, we don't have to worry about delivery problems.
 - It was a good money-maker and easy to coordinate, and orders can be handled online, which makes them easier to handle.
 - Question for Birgitte: are we allowed? Birgitte says: If we limit the number of parent volunteers onsite, it should be fine—outside people on campus is the main issue. We should be able to do it with two parents, and the grade 7s who help with hot lunch could help to distribute. The individual pizzas will be labeled by type, and then there will be a list of who ordered what, for distribution in the class—they can be distributed as is done with the chips, which seems to be working fine.
 - We should do it, but we will need volunteers.
 - Maybe tie in with the end of the Read-a-Thon, April 14 before the Easter long weekend. It could be a celebration of finishing the Read-a-Thon.
 - Joss will contact Pizza Hut about doing it on that day.
- **Yearbook:** Genevieve Tiamo is still up for handling the yearbook. She has been in touch with Jocelyn Chang about what is involved, and will be in touch with Birgitte about collecting photos from staff and maybe getting some Grade 7s involved in sorting photos, doing layouts, etc.