



Bayview PAC Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2022, 7:00 – 8:30 pm **Location:** Virtual Meeting via TEAMS

In Attendance: Alisha Pate, Benedicte Bossut, Brandi Goodearle, Brie Lunn, Birgitte Biorn, Claire Hunter, Claudia Paez, Dan Xue, Delia Ramsbotham, Heather Mannas, Fiona Liu, Jessica Ellis, Joss Taylor, Karen Fung, Lesley Campbell, Luiza Ramazanova, David MacDonald, Molly Johnson, Sandy Chih, Susan Kochan, Julie Wong

Agenda Items

1. Introduction: Brie Lunn

Motion to approve the previous meeting minutes: Joss Taylor Seconded: Molly Johnson

2. Teacher update: Ms. Bossut

Thanked the PAC on behalf of the teachers for funding for the field trip money to fund the school field trips.

Division 1 and 2 just returned from a fantastic field trip to Science World. Updates by division:

Division One: working on descriptive writing with students and doing higher level math.

Division Two is working on narratives and collaborating with our buddy program on spots of kindness and looking forward to our next field trip which will be the Vancouver Art Gallery.

Division Three: Students sewed poppies to wear for Remembrance Day. They started their first passion project and enjoyed learning about women in Canadian Art History on their trip to the Vancouver Art Gallery about two weeks ago and they are looking forward to learning about BC's biodiversity as they go to Lynn Canyon Ecology Centre next Wednesday. They too thank you to the PAC for the field trip money.

Division Nine is working on Roots of Empathy and if families don't know Roots of Empathy is when a baby and mother actually come into your class. Baby Ollie and his mother, Marcela have visited the class and we are already in love and cannot wait to see him again in two weeks.

Division 10 is practicing writing and letter sounds through songs and games and in math learning about graphing. They planted the flower bulbs and cannot wait to see them bloom in the spring.

Staff is also looking forward to November 25th for Indigenous Focus Day.

3. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn/Brie Lunn

Seismic Update: Brie Lunn: Wayne Dryer, May Dagliesh, Ms. Biorn, Ms. Montagano and Brie went on a tour of the new Bayview and it looks really nice and the interior is close to done. Open, airy and cannot wait to get in there. They are working on the exterior as well and a lot of asphalt has been poured.

Birgitte Biorn: Asked site project managers, Kent and Doug on an update and they are still targeting a possible move in for early 2023 subject to final City of Vancouver inspections. The playground structures, landscaping and fields will continue towards completion after the move in date.

Birgitte provided video of the asphalt pouring around the exterior. Showed the K Pod, common area and two classrooms and exterior of SW side of the asphalt that had been poured outside. Front entrance concrete pouring in the coming week.

Dry weather helped keep the exterior work on track and a lot will be determined based on weather and timeline regarding permits and inspections.

Joss: Asked when they will be pouring the rubber surfacing so she can update the donors responsible for the tire stewardship grant. Asked for an official update from the team regarding the expected timeline for pouring the rubber as the last update has indicated a November pour. Joss wants to keep them apprised so we do not lose the grant.

Birgitte: will confirm timelines with the project team and send details to Joss so she can update the donors for the rubber grant. Also, noted when the group toured the new Bayview we didn't realize that the benches we ordered required such a significant concrete base. It just wasn't part of the discussions and is something that we will have to factor in. We have a couple of spaces for the wooden benches but we are also discussing the possibility of installing alternative benches into the Primary side. We reached out to Habitat to see if there are alternative options.

Claudia: Asked about the amount of green space that will be in the New Bayview.

Birgitte: Confirmed the bamboo in the front corner of 7th and Collingwood will remain there and that there will be a learning circle there. All the trees have been painstakingly preserved through the demolition and construction process. The trees that surround the entire school have been maintained and they have worked closely with the arborist to maintain the areas. The East side of the playground behind where the concrete steps were is all bark mulch and trees and once things have started to settle we can start planting more things there. We also have an entire grass field that the PAC has paid for that the kids will enjoy. The hill will be maintained and some of the trees have been moved but all trees remained except for one in the front where the arborist recommended getting rid of it due to its poor health. There will be two planter boxes on the west side of the school for the students to plant.

Birgitte: noted the New Bayview has a small footprint compared to QE but there will be green areas for the kids.

Joss: noted the reason for concrete and rubber surfacing is for accessibility issues. It was a conscious decision to ensure that kids with accessibility issues could also enjoy the site. Balance of accessibility and nature.

Birgitte: noted that one of the big pieces in the playground is a wooden playground structure made by the same people who created the wood structure in Hastings Mill Park. We didn't want to have an all metal and plastic playground.

Claudia: wanted to confirm how decisions were being made on how to incorporate nature to the new Bayview so the students remain connected to nature. It will be one aspect they will certainly miss when leaving Camp Bayview.

Birgitte: Confirmed that it is very difficult to create any green spaces right now and that we will need to get into the space and see what we can plant. We may also need a consultative process which costs money.

Claudia: Thank you

Birgitte: **Student and family affordability fund.** Bayview School has been given \$25,000 which is about average for the schools and works out to \$100/student. Bayview is looking at universal and targeted support to benefit the community.

As you know we sent out a survey and based on the survey there's quite a few families who have indicated a need for support. Based on the survey, more than half of the \$25,000 will go to families who indicated the need for targeted support. Bayview is working with the District to learn how to best proceed and whether it be through gift cards or the best way to streamline the process.

Universal support from the funding: will include an increase in field trip money for each class and an increase in money for performances. Funding is one time and needs to be spent by the end of June.

Staffing shortages: There are a lot of staffing shortages across the District and Bayview is also feeling it. Currently Bayview has two staff vacancies; one has been unfilled since September. With the two unfilled positions that means Bayview starts every day in a deficit of support. Typically Bayview has nine support workers so what this means is juggling support every day which is challenging for everyone - teachers, students, and support workers. Just wanted to be transparent about the current challenges and how students are not getting the support they need. Working with the District to try and resolve this.

Kindergarten registration is steady with applications coming in on a daily basis. Registration just started in November and we have about 16 registrations keeping in mind these families could also be applying to other programs like Montessori and French Immersion but we are moving along with kindergarten registrations.

Writing Goal: We keep moving along with our writing goal as Ms. B touched upon. We have all students

work together on a school wide write and are gathering quantitative data in terms of how the students are doing in terms of their personal writing. Coupled with that, teachers are also surveying students to ask them a series of subjective questions to assess whether they think of themselves as a writer. Ms. Biorn will share that qualitative data with everyone in January.

4. Treasurer's update: Jessica Ellis

Account balance in the regular bank account: \$32,950.77 and in the gaming account: \$8,447.28.

5. Dine and Donate: Julie Wong/Brie Lunn

Julie Wong: We did really well with Double D's last month and raised \$350 . Next month we will have Nook Pasta Room Nov 26th pickup and donating 20% of sales.

6. Halloween Recap: Jessica Ellis

Thanked everyone who volunteered to help in the Halloween Howl and we ended up with over 300 people there which was much more than expected. Many thanks to Ebru and Mr. T and the other teachers involved who organized the Thriller dance - that was awesome and the kids had a really good time with that.

Made \$2469 from the event which is way more than we anticipated and planned for so thank you to everyone who helped out.

7. No Winter Market: Brie Lunn

We will not be having a winter market this year as there is too much planning and not enough volunteers or organize and execute for this year. Once we get into the new space we hope to have a big winter market next year. If you are interested in planning a winter market for next year please let me know as we would love to hear from you and get some more volunteers working on different events.

8. Pancake Breakfast: Brie Lunn

Started planning the pancake breakfast and have heard from a lot of parents who are offering to help. Again this year it will be a two phase approach where we will be making pancakes on Wednesday and then reheating them in the ovens of QE and the staff room in the morning of the breakfast and then serving them to the kids in the lunchroom. We are starting the planning so if you have volunteered and have not heard back it is because we just went through all the lists this afternoon and I will send out an email shortly.

We have someone who is very excited to take on the Santa role but if there is someone out there who is really pumped up to be a hyped Elf or who has an Elf costume. So if you have an Elf costume or would like to have some music and want to tag along with Santa after the breakfast then please get in touch with us and we will connect you to Santa.

One other comment about the breakfast is that when we went on a tour of the new Bayview I saw the servery at the new school and it is a really nice space where we will be able to cook right there.

Jessica: We are hoping to make the pancake breakfast a fundraiser for Covenant House so stay tuned for details.

Birgitte: The pancake breakfast is a long tradition at Bayview of at least 30 years. Kent put in about 30 plugs in the servery of the new Bayview just to accommodate cooking for the pancake breakfast so everyone can plugin their griddles to make pancakes for the kids.

For any parents who are not familiar with the event, all the kids are in their pjs and get their pancakes and it is just a lot of fun for everyone. Many thanks to the parents who are helping with it this year.

9. Bayview Community Event: Brie Lunn

Wanted to put it out there to the Bayview and PAC Community that once we move into the new Bayview we will host a community event for everyone to celebrate and recognize those who gave to fund the new school or have been patiently waiting for the school to be ready. This is just something to put in your mind in case you are keen to volunteer in some capacity at Bayview in the new year.

Birgitte: Two other schools who just moved into their new schools and they had the same question: *how do we make the first day special for everyone when they enter the school for the first time*. Ideas like having a bow on each classroom door so you are opening the school like a present is one idea and there are others that staff are discussing but on a larger scale, it would be wonderful to have a bigger event to celebrate the new Bayview. The other part that we have been thinking about as staff is that we have been at Camp Bayview for almost 3.5 years now so how do we acknowledge that? It is something we will discuss with the kids when we get a firm move in date. I have asked Kent if he thought we might get a date before holiday break and have not heard back from him yet but it might have something to do with when the City can do its walk through and provide permits.

10. New Business

Sister School Support

Delia: Question about sister school.

Joss: Provided history of Bayview's sister school and how we have worked together in the past.

Our Sister School is Hastings Elementary which is in East Vancouver near Burnaby and historically we would support the school by creating hampers. Each classroom at Bayview would put together a hamper. About five years ago there was a change as per the community coordinator's request to move from hampers to gift cards. For several years we provided gift cards to the community coordinator to give to Hastings Elementary.

Last year the community coordinator indicated that while they greatly appreciated our previous years support that Hastings Elementary is receiving enough community support and does not need the support. The community coordinator indicated they would be in touch if something changes however they are adequately resourced for now.

Delia will follow up with the Community Coordinator to confirm whether they need support

Joss: Also, a question that has come up in the past is about Bayview families who need support over the holidays and I believe that in the past Redemption Church has been involved to support Bayview families. Redemption Church works with Birgitte to determine who needs help.

Birgitte: With the student family affordability fund I do not know if we will need to reach out to Redemption Church for that same sort of help this year.

Holiday Pre-Sales - Brie: We have items for pre-sale online for Purdy's and poinsettia until Nov 28th and available for pickup at McBride Park Dec 11th between 3:00 - 4:00pm. Bayview website has the details for the Purdy's sales and the poinsettias can be pre-ordered through the website.

Pizza Day is Nov 30th and the last day to get your orders in is Tuesday Nov. 22 and you order it online as well.

We might need some volunteers to run pizza to the classrooms on pizza day.

Bayview Principal at new Bayview: Birgitte

A number of people have been asking and I am not making an announcement but this is my 6th year at Bayview and typically principals have a fixed amount of time in schools. Six years is a long time to be at a school as a principal. It is usually 4-5 years. As administrators we get asked by the District about what our plans are and what we are looking to do next. It is in our contract that if the District feels there is someplace where we need to go then we will go there.

With that being said, the District, for the most part when schools are going through a seismic update, tries to keep people in place recognizing that it is a big transition for the school to go through. Birgitte hopes to stay at Bayview for a while longer but she has no idea what is happening and wants to address it. It would be nice to be together in the new Bayview and together as a community again before moving on so I would definitely like to stay a little longer but have no idea what will happen.

Pink Shirt Day: Joss

Given that the PAC is not meeting in December I just wanted to check to see whether we will have a pink shirt day in February. In the past we would have a student art competition and then the winning design would be printed on a shirt for purchase.

Brie: in speaking with the t-shirt contact, everything is still taking longer than normal.

Joss: Supply chain issues remain an issue.

Birgitte: Given that, perhaps it might be better to use the same design this year and print more shirts.

Brie: will contact Marvin to see if we can print more shirts and have them ready by the first or second week of February.

Penny Repair: Birgitte: We have all the new pennies but also have the old ones that need some sewing. So Barb had asked if there is anyone who has a sewing machine and is handy if there is someone out there happy to do that

Delia volunteered to repair the pennies

Brie: Thank you to the parents and families who came out for the Halloween Howl and also the Coffee Chat that we had and met new families and volunteers. Thank you everyone.

End of Meeting