



Bayview PAC Agenda

Date: Thursday, April 6, 2023 7:00 – 8:30pm

Location: In-person at Bayview

Agenda Items

Attendance: Shana Melanson, Ebru Montagano, Maria Andriopollos, Joss Taylor, Birgitte Bjorn, Brie Lunn, Jess Ellis, Irene Ibarra Rodriguez



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1. Introduction & Approval of last meeting minutes: Brie Lunn

Joss to pass and Maria to second

2. VSB Project Update: TBD

- Playground – the grass will be seeded before the end of April
- The playground will be installed during the summer months
- There will be 2 sections of the playground (on the gravel parts) The north side will be most of the existing equipment with a new monkey bar added in
- The south end will be the intermediate playground and will be a mostly wooden structure with rubber surfacing and wood chip on top. The blue saucer swing and tire swing will be on the intermediate side.
- Because there was one contractor for the building, they couldn't have another company on site at the same time. So now that the contractors are gone, Habitat can come and begin working on the playground.
- They are still deciding who will be doing the install
- No update on the scoreboard yet

3. Principal's update: Birgitte Biorn

- a. Thank you to everyone, PAC, parents and staff for all your support and patience over the years. We are so lucky with everything that everyone does to support our school.
 - b. It is really great to have parents in and around the building.
 - c. The staff will be learning about the Smartboards on the ProD day coming up in April so they can maximize their capacity in the classrooms.
 - d. Some things still need to be figured out; we still need more shelves in the library, and the library still needs to be fully set up. We still need shelving in some storage rooms and the gym shelving has been ordered and the VSB is going to install them.
 - e. Enrollment for next year – Kindergarten enrollment is very high; at the moment, we have more enrolled than we have spaces for. Staffing is still being figured out and it is up to the district to make a decision whether or not will be adding another class or not.
 - f. April 13th is the VSB event starting at 9:30 and will be live streamed. Birgitte had a site visit with the ministry today on what they expect. There will be a tour through the school, lots of media, parents are welcome to come if they wish. Mr. A's class will be performing.
 - g. April 14th – Open House 3 – 6pm, everyone is welcome! There will be hot dogs, ice cream and a live band. They weren't planned to be a day apart.
 - h. Thinking about year-end events including sports day, etc.. we will try to do a lot of the same things in the past. More information to come in the next month.
 - i. The newsletter – Birgitte can see how much time has been spent on reading it. As it is a new format, she is hoping people will take the time and read through it.
 - j. It is great to have the preschool in the building.
 - k. The noise seems great so far, no sound from the gym or the preschool.
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- l. Some classes have gone to McBride and it wasn't as successful as planned. It was busy with little kids and caregivers during the day and the kids didn't seem too keen on it, so it is still a work in progress whether to continue to take classes or stay on site.
 - m. All the kids seem very happy even though there is no playground, they are enjoying just having space to run and play in the meantime.
 - n. We do not have folding chairs for the gym. We have been borrowing them from Queen Elizabeth. We think we need a maximum of 150 chairs and possibly some folding tables. Birgitte is going to get a quote on 150 chairs and see if it is something the PAC can purchase.
 - o. Tara Evans (counsellor) has organized a cyber internet safety awareness workshop called 'White Hatter' for grade 4-7 students on Tuesday May 16th. In the evening there will be a session for parents and caregivers.
- 4. Teacher's Update:** Ebru Montagano
- a. Everyone is so excited to be in the new building! The kids love the new working spaces and having a clean, warm building. They love that the windows open.
 - b. The opera was great! It was nice for performances to drive and unload right into the gym.
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Christina Lao 2 days ago

Div.10 has been settling in nicely into our new classroom. We are enjoying the new toys and furniture in our shared kindergarten common area! Our wonderful student teacher, Ms.Chan has started teaching us about plants, community helpers and financial literacy.

Ian Toszak 2 days ago

Div.1 one is really enjoying their new school. The students really like the lounge spaces. This month Div.1 and 2 are attending a Skills Canada career exploration fair for elementary students. Students get a chance to try hands-on skills such as electrical, plumbing, hair and beautician skills , as well as heavy machinery training. A BIG Thanks to our PAC!

Benedicte Bossut 2 days ago

Division 2 also loves their new space (the classroom, the GYM, the lounge and chess table, the break-out classroom) and they are settling well into new routines as if it was a new school year. They are starting a new unit on Urbanization and Migration with a city project in the works. They are also learning about geometry and measurement and practicing writing letters to multiple audiences. Going to the Skills Canada Expo on April 19 will be a highlight that weaves all the threads of learning. Thank you Mr. T for organizing! Division 2 students are also excited to find ways to help around the school (reading time with buddies, offering classroom help, etc.)



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Teresa G. Taylor 1 day ago

Division 7 has settled in nicely!! this last week we have been talking about BUNNIES, and carrots! And thus the start of our gardening unit! We made adorable rice bunnies and planted our carrots today! We have been reading and watching some wonderful carrot videos! Did you know that carrots are one of the vegetables that are better for you when they are cooked rather than raw!??? I did NOT know that, but it breaks down the fiber so that you can digest all the GOODNESS!! We will be learning and planting for the next month! You can start watching our gardens grow outside as well as inside!

Ebru Montagano 1 day ago

Change can be hard but Division 3 is settling into our new Bayview nicely. Students are enjoying having quieter options to get their work done like the hallway with its comfy new furniture and tables. A few students mentioned how much they like walking to school from home. Our wonderful student teacher Ms Kim started a novel study and will soon start to teach more and more. We will go to the Metro Vancouver Watershed in May. We are investigating Perimeter and Area and measuring various cubbies and shelves in the room. We are wrapping up our unit on Simple Machines—"may the force be with you".

Susan A. Jung (Bayview) 1 day ago

The Grade 1s in Division 9 are settling in very nicely in their new learning space. We are some of the youngest children on the 2nd floor so it has been quite the adventure navigating all the traffic in our big hallways. On top of that, it has been fun trying to find our way to the classroom, looking for the washrooms, and getting drinks from the fancy new water fountain. We are HAPPY and we LOVE our new school! It has been a lot of fun learning and working in Room 218--it is such a cozy place. In Math, we have been learning about fact families and continue to develop accurate computational skills up to 10. We will soon be starting a new Social Studies called "Me In the Middle" where the children will develop a stronger sense of how they belong in relation to their community, city, province, country and continent. And in Science, we will focus on the Spring season and learn about the relationship between the sun, the Earth, and the moon. And as the weather starts to warm up, we will begin some Spring planting and discover how seeds grow.

Binika Roopra 1 day ago

Division 8 has been so excited to be in our new space! We have been learning about odd/even numbers and probability in math. Our mapping unit is coming to a start and students enjoyed learning about the compass rose. It has been nice to learn about Ramadan and Easter through videos, stories and oral discussions. Division 8 looks forward to publishing their creative Easter writing soon. In Science, we are exploring the water cycle through hands on experiments.



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Susan Kochan 18 hours ago

Division 11 is slowly settling into our new cozy space and learning the rules and routines of our class and our new shared space and toys. We recently finished our Japan and Ninja unit and we have started our Amazon Rainforest unit. We have also been working on addition skills and using different strategies to add. This week we have been practicing the Bunny Hop all around the school and hunting for eggs too!

Christie Rossignol 12 hours ago

We have been really enjoying our new space and learning how to use the spaces outside of the classroom for learning, playing, and taking breaks. It feels so good to have more space to spread out. We have been working on new routines as a result and have been really focusing on our afternoon literacy centers where we are working in small groups on various literacy related activities with the teacher in small groups and some more independence working with our peers. We are reading the novel "Lookout it's the Fitzgerald Trouts" and have been enjoying the adventures in the book and learning new vocabulary and how important it is to read a lot since even a kids novel has more word variety than most adult conversations. Interesting to know! As well, we are working on poetry writing where the kids wrote their first really beautiful poems, how we are all connected in various ways in Socials which is leading into community exploration and mapping, measurement in math and finally, we have our first field trip to the Symphony next week! We are all really excited about getting on the city bus together to go downtown to the beautiful Orpheum to watch the symphony together. We will be looking at the translink maps together and how we use these to navigate life and get to fun places like the Symphony.

5. **Cabin Party Recap:** Brie Lunn

- a. **Huge success!** Thank you to everyone who attended, thank you to the whole team who helped organize and help. We raised just under \$19 000.00 which is a huge help moving into the new school.

6. **Treasurer's update:** Jessica Ellis –

\$44015.56 Regular Account
\$6978.22 Gaming Account

6. **Safer Streets/Walking to School:** Shana Melanson

- a. We are hoping to be selected for this program in the fall.
- b. Kid-commute. It is a program that works with the VSB to formalize and map out safe routes for kids to walk to school; they provide vests, organize volunteers, oversee the program, collect data and complete a 2 year report on the effectiveness of the program.



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- c. This program helps kids become independent, build leadership skills, provides exercise, reduce green house gasses, reduce tardiness etc.. The vehicles in school zones are responsible for 40% of traffic.
 - d. We applied to this program and there are 3 schools from the district that will be selected. We will be looking for volunteers to help run the program. If we are approved, it will take some more time to get set up, but once it is set up, it should run smoothly. If we don't get approved, it is still a great idea for Bayview to put in place, it would just take more parent volunteers to get going. More information to come if we are approved and where we go from there. A survey will come out shortly to get feedback.
- 7. Hanging Basket Sale: Itzia Paz**
- a. There will be an email coming out next week about pre-ordering baskets and pick up will be just before Mother's Day at the school. They are beautiful and last a really long time. Itzia sources them from one of her suppliers.
- 8. April 14th Open House**
- a. We are having an open house to welcome everyone back to the community. We want everyone to see the school, have a hotdog and some ice cream and reconnect with our community and say thank you to everyone for all your support and patience. Spread the word and invite your neighbors and communities. We have invited the dine and donate sponsors, large donors, Broadway businesses, families etc.. We also have financial support from JKC and the preschool.
- 9. May Family Fun Bingo Night: Brie Lunn**
- a. At the beginning of June, we want to have a family bingo night. We have spoken to the gaming commission, and we can do it if we do not charge anyone to play. It is just a fun free night for families. We are still planning the details regarding food etc.. We are hoping to raffle the platters and class baskets on the same evening.
- 10. New business**
- a. We need a parent to help organize the platters. This involves helping and getting in contact with teachers. Teri Taylor is the teacher contact for the platters.
 - b. We are also looking for someone to help organize class baskets.
 - c. We are not having a read-a-thon this year.
 - d. Food literacy programs or initiative – Claudia Piaz is connecting with Teri and Itzia regarding the garden Teri is growing. Claudia is going to help with possibly getting some more grants. We may be looking for some help from volunteers to help with the gardening.
 - e. If you have an amazing garden and would like to donate some plants or vegetables, please get in contact with Teri Taylor. Strawberries and blueberries are some great ideas.
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