



Bayview PAC Agenda

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 7:00 – 8:30pm

Location: Virtual Meeting via TEAMS

In Attendance:

Brie Lunn, Jessica Ellis, Joss Taylor, Molly Johnson, Birgitte Biorn, Teri Taylor, Delia Ramsbotham, Fiona Liu, Karmel Grenfeld, Jenny Black, Reijrou Shibasaki, Gamanjit Kaira, Heather Mannas, Shoku Falvo, Lesley Campbell, Claudia Paz, Itzia Paz, Chinelo Chime

Agenda Items

- 1. Introduction: Brie Lunn**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes:** Joss Taylor; seconded Molly no objections.
- 3. Teacher's Update: Teri Taylor**

Ms. Montagano Division 3: Ms. Montagano's class started planting thanks to Mrs. Taylor for the inspiration. Ms. Kim is teaching 100% now and we are still reading the novel, *How to Trap a Tiger*. Students are learning about fractions and writing poetry and each student is researching a person or event in Canadian History. Soon we will get into chemistry and science. Today we started our ten session workshop with Vancouver Opera. We are so excited to create and perform our own opera.

Mr. A, Division 4: also doing the opera and collaborating with Ms. Montagano's class to create an opera.

Ms. Gina, Division 5: Ms. Gina's class is busy doing division and had *Gearing Up* visit from UBC for a chemistry demonstration. Stay tuned for a cross class collaboration dance called Jarusalama on Friday at the Assembly. They've been practicing so hard and have been weaving looms, learning about Coast Salish Wool Work and have been drawing with a teacher in England on Zoom every Wednesday. Comin up: Coast Salish Plant Cards.

Mr. T, Division 1: Grade 7's created absolutely amazing ancient civilization projects and their on display. Everyone has been going through them and everyone thinks they are amazing.

Ms. Jung, Division 9: Ms. Jung's class is getting ready for another field trip where they will focus on their emotional Wellness at Yoga Buttons Kids Yoga Studio and practice breathing techniques, meditation, and fun yoga poses. We will be going to Yoga Buttons two more times in June. Namaste

Ms. Roopra, Division 8: Ms. Roopra's class has been working on retelling stories in their own words and creating wacky ice cream flavours using alliteration. We are extending our mapping skills and have been playing group math games to help us learn addition strategies.

Ms. Kochan, Division 10: We just completed our unit on the Amazon RainForest and started our unit on the Ice Age. We just started measurement in math and have been working on reading Decodable Text.



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Ms. Lao, Division 11: Learning about community helpers, plants, and money. Ms. Chan has been teaching their class 100% of the time and they are looking forward to their UBC *Gearing Up* workshop and fresh fruits field trip later this month.

Ms. Rossignol, Division 6: just went to Science World today and she said it was a successful and stimulating field trip where students learned about solids, liquids and gasses as well as participating in a stage show and viewing the exhibits.

Ms. Benedict, Division 2: Progressing through Urban Planning Maps and a Passion Science Investigation. They are learning about Mandela Art and Henna Hand Designs on paper.

Ms. Taylor, Division 7: We've been gardening and have been doing so much gardening with the other classes as well. We are talking about food and where it is coming from. Explaining the history of gardening and how everyone lived the gardening experience. Students love it and love learning about seeds and transplanting seeds and talking about growth and garden design.

Platters: The platters are very exciting and coming along. It's a busy time of year but everyone is helping out.

4. **Principal's Update: Birgitte Biorn** - Introductions of those in attendance and who their children are at Bayview.

Thank you to the PAC for the Open House. We had former students from recent years and the 1960s as well as neighbours and family visit the school to see Bayview and it really captured who we are as a school.

Registration is full for next year and we have a waitlist for kindergarten for catchment kids. Families on the waitlist will have temporary placement at General Gordon until there is space. There could be some movement with current registrants if families make different plans over the next few months if they move or choose to attend an independent school or french immersion school. It is our hope that every family who lives in the Bayview catchment and wants to attend Bayview has the opportunity to do so. We will know more in the upcoming months.

Growth: Due to increased enrollment we are adding a division in the fall so we will go up to 12 divisions.

In the past, Bayview had a district program, the Excel Program, a choice program for children with different learning needs and there was a district program classroom built in Bayview which is essentially a breakout room that is part of the classroom. We are receiving a new district program called the Core Two program for students who are on the low functioning spectrum with autism and who require intensive support. Currently seven students are in the program and six staff who will be supporting the program. Currently there are two of these programs at Cunningham Elementary and the VSB is wanting to spread the programs across the district. If this occurs then that will mean we will have 13 Divisions.

We have seven international students who will be attending Bayview as well.



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We are still on track for having the playground built in the summer. I just had a meeting with Habitat and the grounds crew have slotted us in for a summer build which is easier when the kids are not playing on it.

Ms. Chee is waiting for shelving so she can put away all of her books and shelving should be going up in the next few weeks.

New Report Cards coming next year that are being rolled out Province wide. The details are being finalized for what that means for VSB and you will see the changes in September but I will be able to provide you with more details at the next PAC meeting. Everything will be the same for the June Report Card.

Writing Goal: We have been meeting all year working on our writing goal and Staff have noticed that with a focused effort on writing that students are more engaged with their writing and feel really great about how things are going. We did a School Wide Write in the Fall and we will be doing another one in the Spring to see what the difference is. We surveyed the students about how they feel about writing and whether they consider themselves writers and will share those attitudinal survey questions as well.

Indigenous Focused Goal: We will be meeting soon to discuss our Indigenous goal as well and what we have been doing around that.

Project Opera: The Opera came and presented to the school which was fabulous and they then followed up with me to see if we had two classes that were interested in pursuing an Opera Workshop. Their sweet spot is the grade 4-5 range so Mrs. Montagano's Class and Mr. A's Classes will be participating in this ten session workshop. Project Opera will be coming twice a week and basing their opera from a picture book. The students will write the script, music and perform it June 13th.

Digital Literacy Presentation May 16th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. This is a PAC sponsored event and I hear that the White Hatter is excellent. He will be presenting to grades 4 - 7 during the day through Zoom and the evening to the parents through Zoom. It would be a great presentation to see even if your child isn't yet in grade 4 so I will send out the zoom details as soon as I have it so people can register.

Volunteer Appreciation & Assembly and Gathering: Friday, June 2: This is our big assembly of the year and everybody performs. Everyone is a volunteer in our minds for supporting the school or making sure that your child got to the bus on time. Everyone is invited and it is a wonderful assembly.

Sports Day is next Friday.

The Engineering Firm, Fask + Epp is putting together a promotional video highlighting the sustainability of mass timber which is what Bayview was built with and are coming to do some filming with Mr. T's class and are also interviewing some members of the PAC Community.



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5. **Treasurer's Update:** Jessica Ellis

- **General Fund:** \$41,961.49
- **Gaming Fund:** \$6,978

6. **Hanging Basket Recap:** Brie Lunn

Pickup was last Friday afternoon and Itzia brought in gorgeous baskets and we made \$350 on the sale. Proceeds from the sale went to the costs of the gardening and plants, hoses and supplies that were purchased for Teri Taylor's Garden Project.

7. **Financial Fitness: Making Cents for Kids:** Karmel Grenfeld

In my 30 years as a business coach and entrepreneur I noticed that no matter how wise my clients were they were never given financial skills growing up. Over the past few years I have been building this program with my daughter so that she has the tools and financial acumen once she goes out in the world on her own. The course is framed through a board game design by Robert Kiyosaki called "Cashflow for Kids" and it is a mockup of life. Mr. A was kind enough to let me work with his class as a pilot project and I taught a three hour session. The first half of the session is introducing terms and then after a break they get to play the game. I start with the grade 4s and then make the sessions more advanced as the students progress through the years.

Birgitte: Just reviewing the student's survey I think there was a question posed to the students and they admitted that they didn't know anything about money so we would definitely be interested in learning more about that. Let me talk to the staff and see what time we have in terms of availability. What age range were you thinking?

Karmel: Grades 3 would be the starting point when the little ones start thinking about what they can buy with their allowance.

8. **Platters:** Brie Lunn

Teri discussed the platters a bit and the platters are underway and it is a short window but we are excited about them. They look great.

If you are new to the school and haven't seen them they are adorable and it is an art project where all the students in each class add their art to their class platter and they are a hot commodity. We sell raffle tickets for the platters that the students in each classroom make.

The raffle tickets will go on sale for two weeks starting in the middle of May and the winners will be announced on Bingo Night.

Each Division has its own raffle ticket so you could buy raffle tickets for each of your child's platters. Each raffle ticket is \$2.00. Some teachers might need help closer to the May 24th



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deadline which is when we are hoping to get the platters glazed so that they are ready.

9. Family Fun Bingo Night: Jessica Ellis

June 6th, 6:00 - 7:30. Mrs. Montagano and Mr. T will be the callers for bingo and it should be a fun night! The schedule is 6:00 - 7:00 bingo and 7:00 - 7:30 will be the raffle. There are lots of fun prizes that we are collecting that both the kids and parents will enjoy and we will announce the raffle ticket winner. Anyone who is interested in volunteering for Bingo night or for the PAC in general send us an email at: bayviewpac@gmail.com

10. Fruit and Vegetable Program: Claudia Paez

BC and the Ministry of Health support a Vegetable Nutrition Program where farmers will bring fresh fruit and vegetables to the school 12 times in the year. The goal is to provide fresh fruit and vegetables to the students during the day and also expose students to different fruits and vegetables. If interested, we need to fill out and submit an application by May 30th to participate in the program.

Requirements include having the principal on board with the program along with 4-5 dedicated parent volunteers. There is an option to apply for a \$1000 grant with them for a fridge to store the fruits and vegetables. We also need to have a FoodSafe certificate volunteer as part of the program. We may have a parent who already has his or her FoodSafe certification but if not someone can get certified by taking the course online for \$90. If we go this route, would the PAC support paying for someone to take the course? I can coordinate the volunteers and work on the application.

You only need to apply for the program once and then just let them know that you would like to continue with the program for the next year.

Birgitte: I've been part of this program before and it is great and I am on board but do know that we need more than just 1 or 2 volunteers to make this work. You get a delivery schedule so parent volunteers will be aware of when the food is coming but you do need a volunteer team to make this work.

Karmel: In my previous school we found engaging the Grade 7 students to volunteer to organize the food was fabulous if there were not enough parent volunteers.

Claudia: I will need to reach out to the parents to learn if anyone has the FoodSafe certification and to understand which parents might want to volunteer for this.

Brie: Send me a quick email Claudia with the details and we can get something out to get the ball rolling.



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11. **Pot Luck Dinner - June 22: Brie Lunn**

We will have another Bayview Family Dinner and will host it at McBride Park again this year because we have the space and can set up along the picnic tables at Waterloo. I will check with the City about how long the construction will be going on along Waterloo and confirm that it won't be an issue. We can discuss this more at the AGM but it is a fun little evening that doesn't really require volunteers because you just go as a family.

New Business

Lifetouch Photography: Our class and individual photo provider. There is a change in the way that they are pricing class photos. In the past the class photo has been free but moving forward there will be a charge for class photos. It sounds like this is a universal movement that all the photo companies are making to their pricing structures. He presented some options on how to pay for class photos to leave it to us to make the decision.

Option 1) we could do class and individual photos together in the fall and if you order a package (starts at \$22) you get the class photo for free. If you only order one sheet of 5x7s or something then you would have to pay for the class photo for \$9.99.

Option 2) keep the two photo sessions separate as they currently are and you could have individual photos in the fall and the spring then if you bought a package you would get the class photo for free but if you just buy single photos then you would have to pay \$9.99 for the class photo.

Option 3) Lifetouch bills the school \$2/child and everyone gets the class photo for free.

Next Steps: Joss Taylor is going to call some other photographers to see what their pricing packages look like to get the ball rolling and we can revisit this at the AGM.

Mrs. Hinds Request: Brie

If anyone has a pop up tent canopy for sports meets in case it rains it would be wonderful if you could let us know if Mrs. Hind's could borrow it in case it rains during the track meet days. Please send an email at bayviewpac@gmail.com or reach out to Mrs. Hind's directly.

Grade Seven Event: Shoku

Are there any details concerning the Grade 7 lunch and ceremony at this time?

Birgitte: There's a grade 7 lunch for the students and staff on June 20th and then the ceremony will follow the lunch and the information will come out soon. The assembly ceremony part will be in the afternoon after the Assembly with desserts. An email will go out soon with all the details.

Pumpkin Patch: Itzia

If we are going to have a pumpkin patch in the fall we need to order the pumpkins now. The field will not be accessible but the hill would be available for a pumpkin patch in the fall. Last year they



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were sold out by the end of June. Itzia will collect information regarding numbers and pricing and make a decision from there.

What's App about platter volunteers - Jenny

A few classrooms are being covered by parent volunteers and Teri is training some parents about the process. As we get closer to the deadline of the 24th we will need volunteers. If you are interested in helping out please reach out at bayviewpac@gmail.com and we will get you on the What's App list to discuss volunteer times and dates.

AGM - Brie

The AGM is our next and last meeting on June 13th at 7:00 in the library. There will be childminding and everyone is welcome. We have two lovely grade 11 students to babysit while you are having a visit and informational chat at the AGM.