



Bayview PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday September 19, 2023 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: In-person at Bayview Elementary School: In the library.

Attendees: Brie Lunn, Jess Ellis, Brandy Stoker, Jacqueline Wasko, Maria Andriopoulos, Louise LeBlanc, Rob LeBlanc, Heather Mannas, Elena Morozova, Valerie Babkov, Michelle Truong, He Yanrong, Xiang Zhang, Liana Majed, Jessica Sproat, Adva Levto, Joss Taylor, Ian Toszczak, Eva Oberle, Sophia Redmond, Jon Sharahu(?), Bin Shang, Stephanie Bonn, Shannon Powell, Molly Johnson, Marcus Jennejohn, Stephanie Hannam-Clark, Patricia Hannam-Clark, Alisha Pate, Karen Trotter, Fatemeh Narimang, Nigel Erickson, Gamanjit Kaur Kalra, Itzia Paz Cortes, Molly Johnson, Meghan Schouten, Birgitte Biorn

Agenda Items

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

All attendees introduced themselves.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as presented. Motion by Joss Taylor, seconded by Molly Johnson.

2. Teacher Update: Ian Toszczak

Ian extended a warm welcome to all the new Bayview families and thanked everyone for their support over the past year.

- The first big event of the new school year, which is a big Bayview tradition, will be the Terry Fox Run which will be held on Tuesday, September 26th from 1:15-2:30. The whole school will take part in this event, walking from the school grounds to Jericho Park just off 4th Avenue. There is an area around a lake where the run will take place. Lots of volunteers are needed to walk kids across the busy streets and stand at different points of the walk to ensure no one goes wandering. There is no sign-up for this event. If parents want to walk with the students from the school, please be there by 1:15 otherwise you can meet everyone at Jericho Park for 1:30. Parents should check in with their teachers to see what is preferable as it will vary from class to class. The run will be weather dependent. If there is heavy rain, the students will be doing laps around the school instead. Orange slices will be provided by the PAC. It is a fun event and a very special occasion to be part of.
- Ian also touched on the upcoming camp event for grade 6 & 7 students that happens every second year. This is a very exciting event. This school year it will be happening at the end of May for 3 days and 2 nights. It will take place in Squamish at Camp Summit which is an adventure leadership program. Student will take part in a number of outdoor adventures including rock climbing, archery and fire building. It is an amazing program that helps prepare students for high school. In order for this event to be successful, it will be important to raise money through some fundraising. It's a wonderful experience for everyone involved but tends to be costly, especially the transportation component. The bus cost usually ranges between \$1200-\$1500. Quotes from a few bus companies will be available shortly.



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3. Principal Update: Birgitte Biorn

- Birgitte extended a welcome to all new families and familiar faces at Bayview and reminded all parents to read the monthly newsletter as there is a lot of information covered there.
- New building – We are so lucky to have such an amazing new school. Many people do not realize that although the ministry funds the actual building of the school, many things within our new school (scoreboards, rubber surfacing, projectors, wooden structures, grass field) are not actually funded by the government. It comes from the generosity of Bayview parents and the huge effort that has been made at fundraising. The school is so grateful to everyone for their help, we are so lucky.
- Playground – The primary playground has been completed and the kids are ecstatic. The intermediate playground has taken a bit longer due to some difficulties putting the structure back together after being stored for the past 5 years. The working crew continues to work hard at it and things shouldn't take much longer. The other part that needed to be done before installing the playground structure on the intermediate side was putting in two new storm sewer drains in the area to prevent flooding. Until the playground is available to the intermediate students, they will have access to the gym during recess and lunch. The field is also looking great but will not be ready to use until the coming spring as it needs a full twelve months to grow properly.
- The upper hallway of the school has been broken into four learning common areas and named after local trees: Arbutus, Birch, Cedar & Douglas Fir. The lower area outside the gym has been named The Eagle's Nest. All areas still need signage.
- The new chairs for the gym have arrived! They are so important for the weekly assembly that happens every Friday. Birgitte reminded everyone that parents are always welcome to attend these assemblies as they are a special part of our school week.
- One of the main school goals that will be continued at this time is literacy with a focus on writing. Last year was the first year with this goal. The upcoming Professional Development Day will be spent looking closer at this goal.

4. Treasurer's Update: Jess Ellis

Jess touched on the history of the various accounts. There are three accounts for the PAC. One is in the Vancouver School Board account which is the account where all the fundraiser money was put into. The last of it is expected to be used up by paying for the new chairs. We also have a gaming account that we get a grant from the government for and is used for whole school events (playground equipment, grade 7 ceremony, fieldtrips). If there are any raffle fundraisers, that money also goes into the gaming account. Finally there is our regular account that is used day to day cash flow. There are still big ticket items that need to be paid for out of the regular account such as a Donor Wall to show appreciation to our school donors that helped make Bayview what it is today.

Current numbers are as follows:

- Gaming account: \$11,745.71
- Regular account \$30,348.28

We have big plans for this year to use this money and raise more money through a lot of exciting fundraisers happening soon!



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The PAC also gives each classroom a certain amount of classroom funds if teachers need any materials and also supplements field trips for the students.

5. Hot Lunch update: Brie Lunn

Calhouns Catering will be providing the hot lunch program again this year and it will be starting up the week of October 3rd. It was very successful last year, and kids enjoyed the food. The lunches will be offered twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday. Parents must order through a website called Munchalunch so that the money will go directly to Calhouns. Calhouns will deliver the food to the school where some of the intermediate students will then deliver it to the classrooms. All families are being offered a \$10 credit per family if you sign up before September 24th. Or, if you already signed up, go into the system and update your information. Next, they will go into the system and apply a \$10 credit and send families an email once they launch the menu. Please note, there has been a switch with the software system, and you must pay in full for your order or it will not go through. Please be mindful of this when ordering.

6. Walking School Bus: Brie Lunn

Bayview is excited to have launched the Walking School Bus Program this Monday, September 18th. There were a lot of happy kids, excited to be walking to school together! For those that are new or unfamiliar with the program, this is a program that Bayview applied for and was accepted to participate in last spring. It is managed through the Society for Youth and Children BC (SCYBC) in collaboration with TransLink. groups of children have been organized to walk to school together, led by a Bayview parent/volunteer. Unfortunately, there were not enough volunteers for the evening shifts this fall, so it was decided to only run the program in the morning. If you are interested in the program or want to volunteer, Shana Melanson is our parent liaison and will be happy to give you more information on the program: Shana.melanson@gmail.com.

This is the first year that SCYBC has implemented the program, so there have been a few communication and timing hiccups that are being worked out. SCYBC has been given feedback on how the process and timing could be smoother and more effective in subsequent years. This includes the timing of the launch and volunteer recruitment, as well as streamlining the submission of forms and applications.

It would be very helpful to get a better understanding of how many families are interested in this program now that it is up and running. A brief survey will be constructed to understand how many families are interested.

It would also be good to have some older kids participating as it helps the walk leader in the morning as well as giving the students an opportunity to develop leadership skills.

With the launch of this program, we are excited to have yet another wonderful program that benefits the families in our community. If you are interested in signing your kids up for the program, I will recirculate the registration form for children with the meeting minutes.



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7. Art Card: Jacqueline Wasko

Jacq has reached out to a local company that does fundraisers for schools called Created By Kids regarding the Art Card project. It entails turning each students' artwork into greeting cards. The project will launch October 2nd and students will have 3 weeks in class to complete their art. Jacq will be interacting with teachers regarding more details as they come up. Cards are sold in bundles and are great for Christmas greeting cards. The cards will be returned to the school between November 20-24. Created By Kids did say that if there are siblings that do not attend Bayview who want to create artwork, they can. The PAC will retain 30% of the sales.

8. Halloween Howl: Brie Lunn

This year the Halloween Howl will be happening on Thursday, October 26th. Plans are already in motion to make it a success. Last year the PAC sold more tickets than expected and ended up raising a lot of money for the school! The PAC still needs someone to volunteer as a leadership role for this event to organize volunteer teams, oversee the different stations and take care of basic event planning. Please let the PAC know if you are interested in helping in any capacity. The Howl will be happening in the gym this year and will hopefully include many of the same items as last year. It is really fun family event, and we hope to make it extra special this year, being the first one at new Bayview!

Brie also mentioned that if parents are not able to volunteer at this time, there will be lots of opportunities throughout the year to lend a hand. Anything is helpful!

9. Meet the Teacher Night/Dine and Donate: Brie Lunn

This event will happen on Wednesday, September 27th from 5:30-6:00. Parents are welcome to join their children on a very informal and quick tour of the classroom. Please be aware that as the teachers have just started the year, they may not yet have an idea of each child's strengths and weaknesses. Save these kinds of questions for the upcoming parent teacher conferences.

After the meet and greet, everyone is invited to join in for the first Dine & Donate event of the school year which will take place at Double D's Pizza. Every month or so the PAC works together with a local restaurant in the area. The restaurants in the past have been so supportive. They open a night to our school where you can eat in or take out and simply mention Bayview School and they will kick back a percentage of the sales to the PAC. If parents have a restaurant or know of one that would like to take part in this program, please reach out to the PAC.

10. New Business: Brie Lunn

- **Introduction of Parent Education Role:** Em Carlson is a child and adolescent counselor working with high-risk youth. She is also a parent at Bayview. This year Em has agreed to take on the Parent Education Role at the school which has been absent at Bayview for a few years. She is interested in bringing in outside educators and community providers to offer programs for parents. These will be based on parent interest. Em's role also includes bringing up topics that parents are interested in and would want to learn more about. One big topic that has had lots of interest over the past year is that of anti-bullying. Em is currently looking at creating some kind of an information session on that topic this fall.

A survey has been created for parents to explore other areas they may be interested in.

The link to the form is [here](#).