

PAC Meeting of 20 January 2016

Attendees: Gord Lau, Karen Sadler, Jessie Chen, Shaleena Jeeraz, Megan Jenkins, Ellen Tsang, Tze-Wo Leung, Nora Harmsworth, Melissa Cheevers, Aliso Scarlett, Amy, Hnin, Amanda Magee, Amy Wai, Nicole Mordant, Daphne Chen, Darja Zlindra, Judy Zhu

Welcome to Mme. Lavoie

Shaleena adopts minutes; Karen seconds them

Report from treasurer

Financial Statement - Lorie calling in

- As of 15 January 2016, the PAC had \$210,570.85
- The PAC budget is much smaller than it normally is due to the need to build the playground, for example, this year we have not allocated any monies for technology
- I am hoping that once we have written the cheque to the VSB for the playground, that we will have a better idea of what we can afford, and if we can afford to do so, that the PAC will vote to allocate monies to some other line items

- As of 15 January 2016, the PAC has \$198,688.63 in the Community chequing account; it is high right now because the GICs have been cashed and deposited into the account in order to cover the cheque to be written to the VSB for the playground
- As of 15 January 2016, the PAC has \$11,713.16 in the Gaming Account; the provincial government requires the PAC to have a separate bank account for the monies it receives from lottery revenues, and this is the Gaming Account
- A reminder that the PAC voted to allocate \$11,500 from the Gaming account to the playground in Nov 2015, so this account will be quite low once the cheque has been written
- Some uncommon receipts sources include the donation from Choices (\$5,000) for the playground, rental from the film production company that is going towards the Earthbites programme (\$6,873.75), Canucks raffle which will be put towards the playground (\$743), and the donation from Pedalheads for the after school cycling lessons they held at the school last April-May where they donated \$10 for every child who registered (\$240)
- Main expenses in last month has been for Hot Lunch, Hot Dogs, and Christmas related items like the piano player for carols in the Halls
- Given that parents have been very generous with the two Direct Appeal campaigns in 2015 for the playground, the PAC will try to cover expenses for all programmes that normally would require parents to pay, such as the Earthbites programme, Gearing Up! Etc.
- A question was asked regarding when tax receipts for donations will be issued,

- and the PAC was told that they have been issued and will be mailed shortly
- As a reminder, the PAC cannot issue tax receipts, so the VSB does on our behalf
 - Santa's Workshop raised \$1,060.31 to be donated to a charity to be chosen by the grade 6/7 classes that helped wrap the presents; the three choices are: Ronald MacDonald House, Covenant House, and Immigrant Services Society of BC which is helping Syrian refugees settle in the area; the classes have been learning about the Syrian conflict and why people have been fleeing the country, so the latter would tie in well with those lessons
 - Lorie asked Admin if a decision has been made about dance lessons or something else to target grade 6s/7s where the PAC has allocated \$14 per student; Sarah reported not yet

Motion to accept financial report moved by Gord, seconded by Megan with the caveat that the year be updated from 2015 to 2016

The following motions are put forth as amendments to the current budget:

- Increase the amount of gifts for referees from \$60 to \$200
- Increase PAC meeting line item to \$260 to cover snacks for PAC meetings

Report from the Admin

- Mme. Lavoie is thrilled to be here; she is from Winnipeg and worked at Trafalgar in 2000 as FI Resource Teacher; moved to administration and have worked as VP in various schools; most recently she was the Principal at Tennyson Elementary
- She lives in neighbourhood
- She can be reached via email, and believes in building seamless relationships

Parking

- new vests (3) - visible -student support workers - to work and supervise workouts (5)
- had homeless people using the grounds and buildings -
- on-leash signs

Pro D - February 9 - Zones of Regulations - how children can self-regulate themselves

Behaviour - home and school are using the same language

- Need to have enough notice - in advance

Friday - leadership opportunity

- School Council - 6 and 7 - student leader - organise assembly, theme days
- Code of Conduct - parents are invited - kid friendly
- Care Team -

Tech policy - children are spending a lot of time; taking it to staff; student council; Lord Tennyson - phone disappears at 9. If any staff sees phone, locked up. They need to sign out their phone. If caught more than once, parent needs to pick it up.

Reinforcing kids go outside

-Nicole - offers to draft a document indicating that school not responsible for phones
How about educating kids on using technology - digital citizenship?

David Derpak - will visit the PAC - principal from Prince of Wales to answer questions on high school - Feb 17

Basketball underway - Sr Gr 7 /Jr Gr 6 Boys and Girls S G7

Afternoon dance for grade 6s and 7s

Sports Day - Thursday May 19 before the long weekend

Fine Arts Committee - to help plan arts for the full year - artists on residence - 1 or 2 parents to deal with teachers and PAC budget - Will Stroet will be coming to the school, funded by the PAC

5) Report from Chairs

Playground \$154,118 to VSB - 6 weeks to order to equipment -

-Bronwyn - SwingTime - can do a full track, walking structures, glide rail, circuit without touching ground, maxed out the height

-Geodesic Dome - 6 weeks of the main component and dome from Korea will take longer

-border, footings, mulch in 6 or 7 weeks

- install at one time - so don't keep kids from playing on the main section before the dome is installed

- will propose to the PAC that in the future can contribute money to extension to the junior playground

a) Playground Community Build - Swing Time will have supervision on sight. We need construction and engineering for people to help Swing Time

-planning an official opening to thank donors - that will go on schedule

-who wants to take on the playground opening event?

b) Hot Lunch/Food Delivery will have taste testing of new items later in the term
-Starting February 5, will have Hot Lunch every Friday for the rest of the term except when school is closed

-have added frozen yoghurt, baked samosas, and have engaged a healthy hot lunch catering company with a variety of entrées such as spaghetti and meatballs and chicken quesadillas

-PAC needs a new sushi supplier as Broadway Sushi is no longer owned by a PAC family and the new owners cannot communicate in English effectively. Hope to identify new vendor by the Fall. If anyone can recommend a vendor, please let PAC know

-dropped Subway and Kokopelli cookies as they did not meet VSB Food Guidelines

-Hot Lunch Team welcomes any suggestions parents may have while ensuring zero garbage and meeting VSB Food Guidelines

-looking for a new treasurer - writing hot lunch checks

write cheque to the VSB and see how much is less -might be money left over for the technology

c) Spring Festival

-We are working on details - performance and games- Panda W, 2 Chinese folk dances, traditional dress up show, 45 minutes ..1 hours ...2 hours; details to be finalised