

October 2018 PAC Meeting

October 9th, 2018

Attendees:

Tracey MacLeod
Christiana Luo
Annie Li
Melissa Cheevers
Chris Chatzoglou
Lee Zhang
Steve Asaoka
Amanda Vincent
Connie Kwan
Cristal Egan
Angie Buonassisc
Cristina Aydin-
Cheyne
Angela Cheng
Juliet Dong
Katie Henderson
Sofia Lynch
Cheryl Moscovich
Dawn Jung-
Doddington
Haley Barton
Jessie Wu
Lucia Chen
Jack Yao
Janet Chiang
Luisa Johns
Tze-Wo Leung
Shaleena Jeray
S Felden
Jacquie Lavoie
Sean Rupert

1. September minutes

- Adjustments to the September minutes:
 - Hot lunches: One can be credited or cancel your order. There are NO REFUNDS.
 - Band: The PAC does not pay for band.

September minutes: Passed

2. September Financials

- Welcome back social a success
- Deposit paid for Hip Hop
- We scan and Mandarin language put on website

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September Action items: Passed

3. Update from Administration (J. Lavoie and S. Rupert)

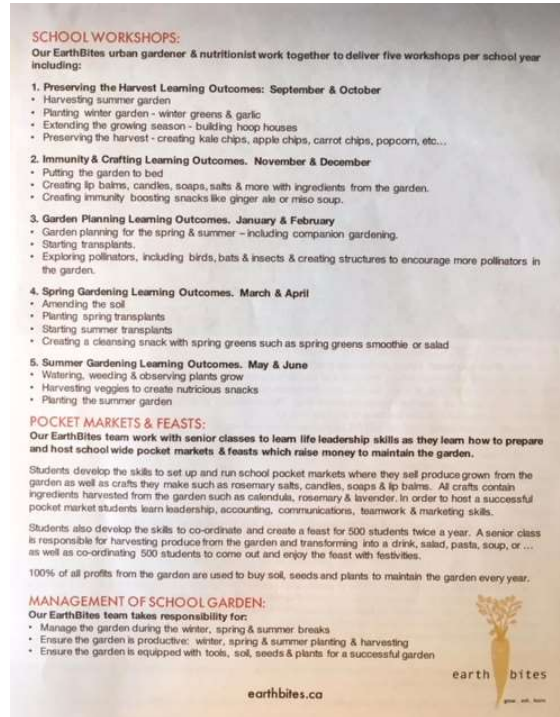
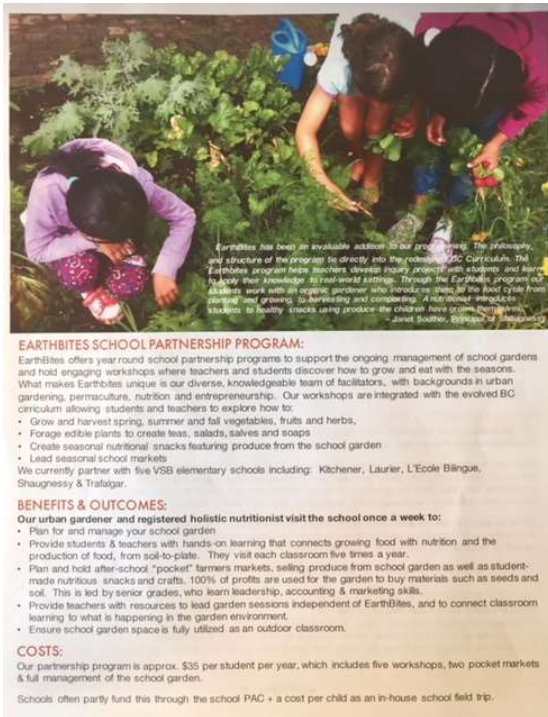
- J. Lavoie
 - Had a fantastic start up to the school year.
 - Most exciting thing is that we now have a new school song! It was created last week with the help of Will Strout and 4 divisions in the school. All helped write the song. Each division wrote a verse and all came together with the chorus. They used “H.E.L.P” as a guide to come up with the song and they presented it at the school assembly on Friday October 5th, 2018.
 - This year every assembly will focus on a virtue. This month’s virtue is “WELCOMING” and will be the focus for the whole month. November will be the “PEACE” virtue. Each month will be a new virtue with themes around it.
 - Review of “recycling rangers” volunteers at our school.
 - Workshops for the mural are starting this month. The company *Paintillio* will be coming to help run the workshops. They specialize in custom paint by numbers kits and collaborative murals. Link to their website: paintillio.com
 - Workshops will take place in October, December and March.
 - There will also be a parent paint night. Date TBA.
 - March 7th will be unveiling assembly.
- S. Rupert
 - Cross country underway.
 - Volleyball for grade 6 and 7’s starting.

4. EARTHBITES presentations

- Suzanne (parent of Trafalgar Student) presented information about Earth bites to the room.
 - School garden started 7 years ago with teachers and parents from the school after the seismic upgrades were complete. The location was decided upon so the students could use the space and play around it. It started with 7 food beds. They were told they could never grow a tree but because of the work done over the years it has built up over time and there are now trees growing well in the area and the students are able to play throughout.
 - Program consists of two facilitators - nutritionist and gardener. There is a learning element in garden and then they make something from the garden.
 - \$10,000 covers the program for the 2018/2019 year. This includes workshops, pocket shops, etc. This works out to be \$32 per student for the year. PAC funds half, parents fund the other (approx \$15)
 - ACTION ITEM: It was suggested by a parent that putting the EB information up on the PAC website would be useful. Also the recipes so kids can make them at home. It was agreed by PAC exec that an Earth bites tab on PAC could be done. A summary will be put up on the website so there is more information that the parents can access to understand the program. Summary of new curriculum will also be put up on the website.

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- At the Mandarin PAC meeting there was interest from parents to make the space more beautiful with flowers and possibly start a gardening club. All volunteers welcome.



5. PAC Budget 2018/2019

- Proposed budget summarized by Tracey.
 - Changes reviewed from last year.
 - Tracey highlighted that although it is the PACs final decisions of how the money is spent there is lots of collaboration with the teachers to ensure there is a shared vision with what is best for the school as a whole. Therefore the budget is flexible and changes throughout the year.
 - There is a link to the final budget on the PAC website at traflagarpac.ca
 - Income/Revenue:
 - Achieved our direct appeal goal this year.
 - It was highlighted that not receiving tax receipts from the VSB this year an issue for parents.
 - Also how the PAC has asked on the website for a suggested family amount needs to be addressed. Different tone would be the goal. Wording needs to be more sensitive.
 - BC gaming grant more this year.
 - Hot lunch, NHP, Yearbook etc
 - Expenses:
 - Appreciation:
 - School staff gifts policy created last year. \$500 in 2017 but only \$50 was spent. Teacher appreciation lunch and holiday gifts increased last year.
 - Arts:

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- Christina talked about Spring Festival changes.
 - During the day this year so all kids can attend.
 - February 8th at 10am.
 - No drumming workshop this year.
- Classroom Resources:
 - No classroom readers this year.
- Educational Presentations and Programs:
 - Looking for an alternative for Geering up as the program hasn't evolved. Amanda Vincent to look into new programs.
 - iGirl/iGuy grade 5-7 program this year.
 - Link to website for more information:
 - www.saleemanoon.com/igirl
 - www.saleenanoon.com/iguy
 - PAC Speakers: Amanda Vincent will be our new parent education committee leader. She has asked that we email parents for ideas to parent education program.
- Events:
 - International dinner will be brought back May 3rd.
 - Carrie really needs volunteers for the Monsters Ball night Oct 26th.
- Library:
 - Author visit - TBA who will come this year. Madame Michelle working on this.
- PE and Activities:
 - Going with a different Hip Hop company this year.
- Sensory Bins and Items:
 - Successful last year so more teachers would like to have SBs in the classroom this year. Will be labeled for homerooms so they don't get lost.
- Teacher discretionary funds:
 - Teachers are spending their own money for items in the classroom to support kids learning. Anything outside the basics of supplies (paper, pencils, and erasers) as going out the teachers pockets and we would like to be supportive of providing them more funds so that they don't have to do this.
 - 3 options were presented to the group (\$13, \$15, 18\$ per student) and a review of what the money's used for in the classroom was done: readers, rugs, stools, plants, bins, decorations for holidays, cooking units or supplies, crafts. Some parents said a fourth option of \$20 per student be proposed and the room voted yes to \$20 per student option.
 - Our goal is to retain our amazing teachers!
- Special Projects:
 - Sunshine fund is used for students for Hot Lunch or Noon hour program.
- Safety:

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- Traffic still an issue and needs to be addressed. An idea of possibly talking to the kids about telling their parents where they can and can not park may help.
- Possibly more initiatives of walk to school week.
- This same topic was reviewed at Mandarin PAC meeting.
- Upgrading Science equipment:
 - Requests from teachers to upgrade some equipment. For example - thermometers that weren't mercury, microscope, chemistry basics, lights, and materials for science experiments.
 - Admin will work with a teacher to collect the supplies.
 - Possibly a wish list could be created to give to UBC science department for when they are discarding items as parent at meeting works at UBC.
- Gardening supplies:
 - Compost bins in garden need to be replaced.
- Tech Upgrade:
 - Already voted in spring what we are buying (45 laptops at VSB, iPads in classroom) but a few more requests from teacher have been added.
 - Two scenarios we can vote on:
 - Option 1: \$34, 248.82 (includes some extras not accounted for in the vote last spring or Option 2: \$32,581.62.
 - Whole room voted for OPTION 1

MOTION TO PASS 2018/2019 Budget by M. Cheevers
MOTION PASSED. All in attendance is "For" the budget.

1. Band Update by Tze-Wo:

- 60 students this year.
- We are no longer considered a school program. As a result they are charging us rental fee and insurance costing us 4,500 dollars.
- Gaming Grant can not be used towards the band as it needs to be used towards all students in the school not just 60 students.
- PAC is in process of figuring out through DPAC how to get band recognized as a school program and not an after school program.
- We need some creative ideas from parents to have the band continue.

6. Class parent meeting directly after from 8:30-9:00pm.