



P.A.C. Meeting 5 Minutes, April 24th 2017

1. Welcome to all attendees - Promita

- The meeting started at 19:05.
- Promita welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves. Attendance: 29 parents, Principal Ms. Hope Sterling, and one teacher (Ms. Kim Hargrave).
- The minutes from the March 6th meeting were adopted.

2. Principal's Update - Hope Sterling - From Hope's Written Report

- 1) **Talent Show** – Great success. Thank you for your support. I think our kids are the most talented in the district. Asking for help with four TOC days for Ms. Mac for next year.
- 2) **Reunification Process** – On Thursday, May 4th at 2 pm we will be conducting our big Earthquake Drill. At 2:30 we will be conducting our Reunification Drill. This is what we would do in the case of a catastrophic event that would force us to release our students to their families. We will be sending home a letter to all three Kindergarten classes asking them if they would like to participate. If they agree, they will come at 2:30 to pick up their children from the field. If it is raining hard we will practice this in our gym. The process can take some time so we ask parents to be patient as we learn this new process.
- 3) **School Plan** – I am working with the School on updating our School Plan. The staff have decided to keep the same goal as last year:
 - GOAL: Self-assessment**
To provide opportunities for students to become proficient in the skills and strategies required to self-assess and self-evaluate which will support competent, confident and consistent independent learning.
 - GOAL: Aboriginal Cultural Enhancement**
To increase knowledge, acceptance, empathy, awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal histories, traditions, cultures and contributions among all students.
- 4) **School Fees** – Thank you to the PAC for approving our 2017-2018 School Fees. They are virtually the same as this year with a few field trips going up a bit due to inflation.
- 5) **Satisfaction Survey** – Every year the Ministry of Education asks for our opinion. Parents have an opportunity to tell the Ministry how satisfied they are by filling out this Satisfaction Survey online. If you are interested please let me know as I have the passwords and the website info.
- 6) **Thank You** – I wanted to say one big thank you on behalf of all of the staff specifically for your financial support. Because of your generosity I recently ordered two sets of goal posts for our soccer field, a new laptop cart to house our refurbished laptops, \$200 worth of playground balls, Ms. Mac is purchasing a new sound system (two powered speakers, stands, mixer and cords), Ms. Rassias purchased a ton of great new art supplies, Shani purchased materials for the Sensory Room, Katie is creating a math supply order and... what did I forget?
- 7) Q: Will there be an art show this year (to balance the talent show, for those with silent talents)? A: Likely yes, Hope and Heidi Leung are discussing. It will likely be in the Multi-Purpose Room. Details to follow.



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3. A Discussion on Critical Thinking – Janine Joyce

- Janine gave a 30 minute presentation on critical thinking, and answered questions from parents. Parents warmly thanked Janine for her interesting presentation.

4. Spring Fling Update – Suzan, Julie, Jessica, Birte

- The date is **Sunday May 28th from 2 pm to 5 pm**.
- Suzan said the focus will be on fun, for kids to come and play. There will be activity passports for face painting, beanbags, jump ropes, hopefully mini-golf, etc.
- Coming: **Little Kickers Soccer, 4Cats Arts Studio**, the school band **Contagious**, a **photo booth**.
- Kim's famous **Cake Walk** will feature, with Ms. Rassias helping. This raises funds for the primary book room, with surplus funds going back to PAC. It is always lots of fun. Donations of cakes are needed.
- There will be sales of donated **books** and **board games**. Ms. Sharpe will keep back educational games for the school. Pricing was discussed. We are not collecting general rummage.
- We are asking for **prizes** from the usual stores. There will be some prizes for parents.
- As usual there will be **food and drink**, including souvlaki in a pita with tzatziki.
- A **bouncy obstacle course** is coming, which costs about \$550. Pricing was discussed.
- Costs will be covered by ticket sales. Possibly tickets may be bought with a Square credit card reader.
- **50:50 raffle** for cash.
- **Plant sale** - sales are slow so far, but perhaps it is too early.
- Likely **attendance numbers** were discussed. Should be more than the Bike-a-thons, now we are back in our neighbourhood, likely many hundreds of people.
- **Flyers** were discussed. Small black and white posters are available.
- The **police** will be bringing a mascot. Q: How about **bike registration**? A: Yes.
- There may be a **fire truck**. We have asked at the Fire Hall.
- **Donations** are required.
- Need lots and lots of **volunteers** – Sign up online, for setup, cleaning up, manning stations, etc. Possibly may involve grade sevens. Hope said grade sevens may give **tours** of the new building.

5. Reporting System for New Curriculum – Denise & Erika

- VSB is running focus groups to help develop reporting systems for the **new curriculum**. Erika and Denise went to a focus group for parents to evaluate its inclusiveness. They are going to attend another one. If anyone has any ideas, please let them know.

6. Ongoing Fundraisers – Sheila

- **Big Brothers Donation Bin** – Located on Bayswater St at 7th Ave. We just received a cheque for \$1,600 for September through March. Please keep donating items.
- **Safeway and Gift Card Fundraiser** - We have sold \$13,200 of Safeway cards so far, almost all of the \$15,000 bought in September, and \$600 of other cards.
- **SPUD Online Grocery** - 25% goes to PAC on select boxes.
- Mention Gordon at **Stongs** or **Cobs** and a donation goes to PAC.
- Parents warmly thanked Sheila for her great work on fundraising.



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7. Motions and Votes – Promita

- **Motion for Next Meeting:** To pay from funds up to \$4000 for the purchase of a projection screen in the multipurpose room. Proposed by Julie. Seconded by Suzan. Vote next meeting.

8. Other Business

- Hope mentioned the **badminton money** that was voted is now not needed.
- Erika mentioned the next **PIE meeting** is May 15th at 7 pm in the library. PIE will be hosting a workshop on the growth of the disability movement and converting fears into hopes. All are invited. The last PIE meeting of the school year will be the first Wednesday in June.
- Jessica suggested getting **flags** for the school to take to cross-country and track-and-field events. The **school kit** was discussed. We do not have a consistent colour any more.
- Frank mentioned the **PAC tent** needs a safe storage place in the new school.

9. Thank you to all P.A.C. meeting attendees

- The meeting ended at 20:38.