



## P.A.C. AGENDA

### 1. Playground Fundraising Update

- Looking for approval of playground equipment recommended by committee so far.
- Looking for “sleek” structures. Henderson playgrounds has a structure with a lot of hanging activities. Check that it has the height for older students. Also considered a net or spaceball. Hanging structure kept as a placeholder for fundraising. Flywheel structure.
- Cedar forest: try and create natural covered spaces. (Building a covered space is \$0.5million, so use natural objects to give coverage (\$6000 per tree for 35 foot trees). Add trees into fundraising – it might appeal to some donors.
- Vegetable gardens – possibly reuse current ones and/or purchase others. Place them later.
- Meditation garden – native and sensory plants. Maybe reuse some of the natives in the current butterfly garden. Maybe willows or other natural fences. Maybe look at sponsorship for this piece.
- Full sail rain cover. PAC would need to fund pressure washing 2X a year. Warranty? Alternative cover: Cool topper.
- Benches.
- This list will be uploaded to website, with priority of placement (playground, then cedars).
- FUNDRAISING idea: Yacht Club evening for adults. Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014.

### 2. PAC General

- PAC meetings to be held at **Bayview Elementary** Next school year
- **Hot Lunch Program** being supported by existing team and new coordinators are being sought. Will be **run at both QE & QE Annex locations**.
- Consideration for **Kids Note Cards** fundraiser–Teachers will be asked if they have time to create the art in class, or whether it should be at an outside event.
- **Recommendation for a letter to go to VSB** in support of maintaining existing Admin throughout school relocation. Lynda K, parent at Gordon suggested wording for a letter. Suggestion to include VPs as well as Principals. Consensus reached among Gordon parents; Gordon PAC Chairs will contact QE PAC Chairs, and send the letter soon.
- Volunteers required to **organize 2 guest speakers** for next year PAC meetings. Topic suggestions welcomed.



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- Everyone welcomed and encouraged to support an **executive PAC position** next year – PAC Co-chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Child-minding co-ordination and Communications coordinator.

### 3. Principal update

- **Bussing survey**– The survey was very short – only 4 questions. Still not clear what grades will be in what school – will be known mid-May.
- **Move starting** Library will be shutting down at the beginning of May, to decide on books to take and books to store.
- **School Plan.** Technology and critical thinking are the focus, along with teaching Aboriginal culture in the classroom.
- **Talent Show.** April 24<sup>th</sup> dress during the day, performances in the evening. Forms for students are dis
- **Mohammed** has left. New engineer, Andre.
- **New Office Administrator**– Marilyn really appreciated Gordon print & restaurant voucher as retirement gift. May 24<sup>th</sup> event at Jericho Tennis Club, about 4–6:30pm. Around \$20 ticket for appetizer. Cash bar. Marilyn's job has been posted and only applicants are coming from high schools, so need to be tested in elementary finances before finalizing our

### 4. Good Bye General Gordon Event discussion

- **Co-ordination meeting for 'Good bye General Gordon Library 4<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am**
- Discuss approach for involvement of local businesses. Ask local business to donate small items, but nothing big. Food vendors a possibility, but take away from BBQ profit, so maybe just drinks.
- Planning meeting: **Monday, May 5, 7 pm Library**

### 5. Votes:

- Motion to provide **financing for Safeway cards bulk purchase in September of \$10k.** (PAC has funded bulk purchase of cards so that we can benefit from an 8% return donation on the face value, rather than 4%. There are sufficient funds to support this.) Motion made by Nicole MacRae, seconded by Beth.
- Motion to provide **funding for Author visits and performances next school year.** Motion to fund up to \$2.5K for author visits and up to \$2.5K for performances made by Tricia, seconded by Nicole Sillet. (PAC donates funds annually to support these school activities for the children. Some of the funds come out of a Gaming Grant where the funds must be specifically expensed for certain items.



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- PAC has been requested to fund a cart of mini iPads. French funds can provide funds for a second cart. Question as to whether mini iPads are worth the savings on a larger iPad. Motion made by Nicole Sillet for spending up to \$4K on cart of mini iPads, seconded by Nicole MacRae.
- Motion to approve up to \$200 per division plus resource and music for classroom funds. Motion made by Ingrid, seconded by Patricia.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.