

May PAC meeting, May 28th 2012

7:30-9pm in the library

Present: Jane Pike, Sheila Kirkby, Alex Sinclair, Ingrid Sulston, Gerardo Iglesias, Karen Wood, Gail Johnston, Denise Edwards, Kevin McKeown, Elke Porter, Tricia Wallace, Natalie Morissette (VP), Margaret Davidson (Principal), Heidi Schmidt, Frank Goodman

1. Discussion for composition of PAC meetings next Year

Introduction of guest speakers series for parents prior to each PAC meeting suggested for next year. PAC to start at 7pm (CHANGE OF TIME) with a one hour talk followed by a PAC meeting.

Topics:

- a) Body Science - Motion to book Jessy Wollan, sexual health educator, to provide sex education/body science at school for all classes and give one speech for PAC @ \$1,000 - Jan PAC mtg
- b) Social Media Safety - try to get a speaker from VSB - February PAC mtg
- c) Learning styles and homework Tips - Natalie & Margaret- October PAC mtg

2. PAC Year at a Glance Calendar - set the mtg dates for next year. Will put as many PAC and school dates as possible on the calendar and send it out to Class Reps before the end of the year.

3. Cash Cards- Sheila Kirkby will take over Cash Cards next year, as it ran this year (ie. monthly). Looking for someone who can pick up the cards from Progressive Fundraising's office.

4. Gaming Grant motions in place for next year

Motion- to spend \$3000 of Gaming Money on performances over the year (motion Ingrid, 2nd Karen)

Motion - to spend \$3000 on author visits over the year (motion Ingrid, 2nd Elke)

Will be voted on at September meeting.

5. SSW funds from PAC: Gail reports on what the SSWs would like to spend \$\$ on for specialized equipment.

Motion to spend \$500 on equip for the special needs students (Elke, Jane)

(\$100 from Direct Donation funds already agreed + \$400)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Coastal Health has donated a trampoline worth \$900 for the sensory room.

Natalie has donated the Bean Bag chair to the school for special need students.

6. Gymnastics with Sergei (guest instructor) was a HUGE hit with the students -

Motion to contribute \$450 (half the cost, split with Community Schools Program) (Elke, Denise)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PAC supports having Sergei back here next year. Need to book ASAP

7. Chess club - PAC paid for the Chess instructor - another big hit this year.

8. School Plan - yearly plan/goal setting for the school. This year's goals: 1) critical thinking, use of electronics as 'tools' and 2) increase students' participation in socially responsible activities around the school and for their own learning. Report on school plan from Margaret. Document will be posted on school website soon.

9. Ad hoc discussion of **crossing guards**, parking and speed bumps around the school. Safety Committee will look into this (Tricia) and find out what Bayview does.
10. Grade 6 French Immersion went to **Outdoor School** (NVOS). Students had a good time and staff would like to go again next year, maybe early June. Cost of \$325 per student - parents paid; some bursaries were available.
11. Discussion about **Stream of Dreams** - come and do education sessions about salmon and students create wooden cut-out salmon on the fence. (\$10 per student). Discussed having someone come from the organization to talk at PAC next Sept.
12. **Future of the VSB**: Powerpoint Presentation at <http://ourfuture.vsb.bc.ca>
 - about seeking parent input on future directions for the Vancouver School Board.
 - question about what the district needs to provide in terms of 'moral stewardship'
 - presented a system-wide analysis of the district, showing shifting demographics, aging infrastructure, expanding choice, declining enrollment.
 - suggested future directions: continue expanding choice and offerings, reduce duplication of services (efficiency & sustainability)/alignment of resources, public consultation process.
 - Ask the public "What are schools now and what could they be, how can they continue to contribute to the public?" - "repurposing" schools (brainstorming with the public) eg - Farm to Table school example from the U.S.
 - SURVEY on the website for parent input.
13. Request \$500 for **Grad Ceremonies from Gaming** (Tricia, Ingrid)
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
14. **Newspaper Club** needs another parent volunteer next year.
15. **Sushi Lunch** needs a parent volunteer in order to run next year.
16. **Direct Donation** needs a parent volunteer to run it next year.
17. **PAC Chair renewal** for 2012-2013 school year.
 - Karen Wood and Jane Pike will be co-chairs next year.
 - Kevin McKeown will continue as Treasurer.
 - Ingrid Sulston will be Secretary, taking minutes at meetings
18. **Summer baskets** for MacDonald Elementary, our sister school. Natalie will post in the newsletter, and the students will collect. Natalie would like parents to help out if they can.