

Graham Bruce PAC Meeting - MINUTES

Thursday, January 24, 2019 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm

Call to order time: 6:39 PM

Members in Attendance: Vince Sharma (Chair), Danica Hendry (Treasurer), Anjula Joshi (Secretary), Tiago Maximo (Social Media), Priscilla Deer (Events & Sponsorship), Sean Marlyn (Principal), Patricia Drescher, Tracy Major, Tammy Lee, Mel Lee, Peter Soukup

1. Adoption of previous meeting minutes: Nov 2018

- Danica adopted, Natlie seconded

2. Principal's Report: Sean Marlyn

- Mon Jan 28 Pro-D: teachers working on Math problem-solving together in school
- Day of Play - Feb 6
- School Garden - Sean submitted a grant application for \$6400, woodworking teacher will come to school and build the garden beds with the kids (10 beds @ \$500 each, soil \$20/yard, plants - indigenous plants, pollinator plants and food plants). Danica can check with her friend about possible discounts.
- Feb 19-22 Indigenous Week - arts and performances each day
- Peer Helpers - with Ms. Roguski. 7 pairs peer helpers will be outside each day at recess and lunch, helping kids with games, and helping kids who are not engaged in playing with others. Jackets - we have 6 black ones, need 15-20, waiting for an estimate from Creative Insignia. Vince will check into prices from Stormtech. Danica will check to see if they would qualify for gaming grants.
- Squeaky swings - Sean will look into it
- Tree stump - supposed to be removed by VSB
- After school programs - Difficult for parents to register in person at 2pm. However, this time there seemed to be enough spaces for piano, and other programs. They have tried having registration at 4pm, but that didn't work well either. Older kids often bring their own forms, and younger kids have parents coming to pick them up. Could they plan something for Kindergarten age students?
- Angela Roguski's parenting sessions - 3 or 4 parents attended each sessions. Tammy thought the sessions were helpful and informative.

3. Treasurer's Report: (Danica)

- Updated budget coming soon
- Gaming funds: the PAC has to write the cheque to the vendor, we cannot reimburse the school.
- Childminding: \$60 per PAC meeting. School will pay \$20, and PAC will pay \$40.
- Purdy's sales: A lot of nut-free chocolates are left (74 bars). Family size almond were big sellers.

- We were under budget for the multicultural potluck, and \$17 over for the pumpkin carving.
- We have enough tablecloth supplies and decorations etc. for the next event. Everything is stored. More balloons will be needed.

4. **Information for Parents about Public Education for children with Special Needs:** (Danica)

- There is a group called BC Ed Access - Parent Advocacy group, to identify, advocate for equitable access to education, especially for children with special needs
- Danica will send an email with links
- Across BC, a lot of schools have asked children to stay home. Children are legally allowed to be at school full time, and to be receiving an equitable education program
- This group is encouraging school boards (including VSB) to use the exclusion tracker, for parents to be able to track how much school time children are missing, where are there problems, why are there problems, are there enough support staff, when EAs are not there.
- Victoria school board and North Vancouver school board are starting to track this information
- Since Sept 2018 - 2000+ incidents of school exclusion, some without designations
- You can request to join the facebook group, which provides information and advocacy for families

5. **Purdy's Prizes** (Vince/Priscilla)

- Thanks everyone for helping support this fundraiser
- Email has been sent out with top sellers in each class (top 2 sellers from each division get a cool treat) and top division (Div 7) will get a pizza party

6. **Field Trip Buses**

- From Nov meeting: Can we increase budget to \$400 per bus?
- A lot of teachers book their buses far ahead of time (Sept), and then invoices will come at the end of the year (June)
- PAC voted YES to increase budget to \$400 per bus per Division.

7. **Community Events and Fundraising** (Vince/Priscilla)

- Gr. 7 Carnival May 10, - usually happens during the school day, Vince is proposing 3-5pm, invite the annex kids, no BBQ, easy food, parents can come and spend more money
- Priscilla - has secured a few sponsors for Raffle prizes, a few sponsors have approached Priscilla. How can we raise more funds for the school without having a carnival? Two organizations (CW music) have asked to come back and perform. Can we move the Gr. 7 Carnival to 4-6pm?

- Should be up to the Gr. 7s, because they are running it, later times - will the gr 7s stay later? Will Mr. Tam be willing/available?
- We need parents from Gr. 7 class get involved
- Later time - more potential for fundraising

- Date for Raffle

- does anyone else have contacts to get Raffle prizes?
 - Natlie - wants a letter to provide to sponsors to provide backup
 - Priscilla - has a standardized letter
 - Set a goal for a number of sponsors
 - Goal: \$5000 in sales, 40 prizes
 - Tickets - go back to \$2 per ticket
 - Tracy - can we approach all parents in school to bring in sponsors/prizes
 - Sean can by emailing a message from the PAC to all parents
 - Suggestion that we create a separate email address for PAC sponsors to contact us
 - Raffle date: All prizes need to be in hand when we apply for the licence. The list of prizes is with the application, and you cannot change the prizes after that.
 - Sell tickets until Friday May 24. Have the draw the following week.
 - If we wanted to start selling by May 1, we need prizes in by April 1.
 - Vince and Nat leave May 16 and return June 15.
- **Bruce / Collingwood Buddies** (Priscilla)
 - Tabled until next meeting
- **June - year end family bbq**
 - invite performers for that event

9. PAC Website

- Should we use the VSB site for posting meeting minutes (as in previous years)
- From Nov meeting: Do we know any web designers who could improve the appearance of our website
- Tabled until next meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM.