



PAC Meeting #1

Date: Wednesday September 13th 2017.

Meeting Commenced: 7:00pm, QEA Library.

PAC Present: Kim Werker , Alison Foreman,

Meeting Facilitator: Kim Werker

Also Present:

Mme. Chantal
Teresa Wells
Susan Sung
Sarah Monro
Yu Chen
Kristine Bell
Christine Yu
Ken Chung
Rong Xiao
Natasha Dickson
Damien Fover
Victoria Wong
Gina Galway

Meeting was called to order by Kim Werker

Kim welcomed the new parents, everyone introduced themselves.

She explained how school PAC's work :

Parent Advisory Councils (PAC) are the officially recognized voice of parents at schools, providing an opportunity for parents and guardians to advise on school programs, policies, plans and activities. Every school has a PAC, and every parent is a part of the PAC. We have never been able to find out bylaws, so we are trying to set up a committee to complete our by-laws, so successive PAC's can start there and not be floundering.

<http://www.qea-pac.ca> - is our PAC website.

1. Minutes of the last PAC meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Susan and seconded by Sarah. Passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report

Olecia was unable to attend at the last minute so we had a very basic review. A proposed budget was presented, we will be presenting the Budget in the November PAC meeting.
We will try to align our fiscal year with the year of governance next year.

- Kim wasn't sure why there was a difference in opening cash.
- We got the gaming grant again.
- Direct appeal elevates a lot of fundraising that we have to do, please donate in the fall.
- Welcome back party will be tomorrow.

- Spring Fling is another fundraiser
- PAC runs the hot lunch program, and get a partial cut from the companies.
- T-shirt sales
- Mables Labels
- Book sale
- Custodial fees when we have an event is paid by the PAC
- We give a grant to teachers for materials
- 2015- 2016 bought the space net
- PAC supports school experiences- performances, field trips.
- Fish Tank
- Web hosting etc is paid by the PAC

The PAC's major mandate is to foster community in the school.

-Please come to the next PAC meeting to see the final Budget.

This year we are going to try to fund:

- Hip hop
- One skating trip with a bus

Question about Mme. Simone? Is there someone replacing him?

The answer is no, but there is music in the curriculum that will be fulfilled.

PAC survey about Seleema Noon- age appropriate sexual health education.

What were the results of that survey? Should we resend it out again? Suggestions for a third party?

<http://www.saleemanoon.com/>

Physical and health education IS part of the curriculum.

3. Holiday book sale:

It was a good fundraiser last year, the children enjoyed it.

Coordinate with JQ book sale, if we can tie ours in. Is it going to be just books or games too?

We had extra books that we were going to sell at the Spring Fling but the door was locked- we decided to set it up for the Welcome Back Pizza Party.

Two years ago it was too disruptive, so last year we opened before and after school.

We are looking for a book sale coordinator for this year.

Poinsettias – we didn't make that much money from this fundraiser and it wasn't overly popular (however the timing was a bit off). Serious soups fundraiser (frozen) or Mitchell's Soup Co (dried).

Tennis- Gino will be coming again.

Second Step – login for parents. Does the school board have a licence for it? Teresa is looking into it.

4. Out of School care programs

Gina and Sarah have been working on this, there are a lot of underserved families at the school right now who are scrambling for early morning and after school care.

-Last May they sent out a survey, included the incoming K's parents.

-There are 19 families that are looking for early morning care.

-There were 38 kids looking for after school care, there are still 13 children that still need after school care.

-They are going to do another survey with who needs it RIGHT now. YMCA and Dunbar kids club would be interested but there is no space to house the programs.

-They have done some letter writing with the MLA's, VSB is not responding, we are not the only school with these issues, so they are going to keep pushing forward, we will be sending out more information.

-D-Pac rep Leanna will convey our concerns, and Teresa has talked to the VSB.

5. D-PAC report

Leanna is the D-PAC representative this year and the back up rep is Kim, it is an eventful year for the district, there is a By- Election, in October- 9 new trustees will be elected, they are reassessing catchment boundaries because of population shifts and the district choice programs are being accessed. A new Superintendent will be hired, there is a massive teacher shortage, so there is a lot going on and our D-Pac reps will be bringing us this information. They will be meeting with all the French Immersion PAC chairs.

The D-PAC will be hosting a candidates forum for the BY- election and they want to know if PARENTS have questions for the new candidates during the forum on October 4th- we will put it in the next newsletter.

6.Teresa – Vice principle report

-Strategic Plan is coming next PAC meeting.

-Student learning Grant - as part of class size and composition agreement we ended up with \$32 per student that can be used for classroom materials, athletic, fine arts, music, technical learning resources, other learning resources etc... we will have to decide how we want to spend this money.

-We will find out the biggest needs and wants for teachers. We will send out a survey to parents.

-She thought it was an excellent start to the year, five new students and 19 new K's.

-Pumpkin Patch- October 12th is the first outing for the school.

7.Chantal- Garden

-Chantal is the grade 2 teacher and she runs a garden program, she has 6 garden beds, they plant veggies that they don't KNOW THEY like yet and they serve the other classes salads and kale chips and learn to garden in the process. They collect the seeds and dry them so they are learning the entire cycle of the food.

-Some seeds grow really quickly and some take a long time- learning patience.

-The students do a lot of cooking.

-She wants help redoing the mulch under the fruit trees, they harvested the apple tree this year.

-She wants to fix the hose, Teresa will talk to operations about this.

-She has been using a grant to pay for the end of year feast, seeds, and small tools for the children.

We have a connection with van – tech school also.

-We will need some leaves from peoples gardens, it provides the vegetables with warmth and we still get veggies in the winter.

-Chantal is hoping for bees and butterflies, Teresas husband is a bee keeper and will come in and talk to the kids.

-Grandparents and family are welcome to help in the garden- sign up sheet is outside of the grade 2 classroom.

8. Grandview Elementary

-Is our sister school in east Vancouver, it is mostly low income families, they don't have a functioning PAC or many parent volunteers,

- We have always provided cakes for their Christmas cake drive, and a winter outerwear drive and compass cards.

- We need a community liason that will work with their school .

- **Natasha volunteered for this position.**

- People would like to connect our kids with this fundraiser, would be nice for them.

9.Constitution and By- Laws committee

-We are looking for a Constitution and By- Laws committee – Lana ?? we need a 75% majority to implement our by- laws.

- **We will specifically list the volunteer positions that we need in the next newsletter.**

The next PAC meeting will be held the *morning* of Wednesday, November 8th, at 9:00.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm
Alison Foreman, Secretary