

PAC Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2016

In attendance:

Rick McGowan, Janice Chen, Sophie, Jean Jing, Evana Mok, Mina, Catherine, Eugene Lim, Dalia Farag, Louise Rusch, Patrick, Jetty Kurniawan, Chang Han, Grace Catao, Claudio Bortulussi, Monica Chow, Ellen, Helena Readman

Principal's Report:

- Welcome
- 505 students – school population up from 494
- 200 nights of reading coming up
 - book awards in middle of May, kids choose a book
 - 50 nights bookmark, 100 nights pencil, 150 nights 250 nights lapel pin
 - 60% get to 200 nights – good high
- SEL presentation – approximately 30 parents in attendance
- Aboriginal Artists (2) Weaver and Artist – tied cultural and historical appreciation with new curriculum through whole school
- Monday April 25, PRO-D, SEL – focus on new curriculum integration
- Tuesday April 26, District Day – Burnaby North and Byrne Creek for teachers to discuss new curriculum and subject areas of change
- Friday May 13, Flex Day – for teachers to participate in further discussion
- April 28 – class and team photos
- May 16-30 Hip Hop demo (previously booked for April)
- Gymnastics 2 week apparatus set up – had to be cancelled due to Hip Hop change; therefore condensed unit, 2 weeks with mat activities

Burnaby Parks and Rec Report:

- Louise Rusch presented on Fall programming planning
- Handout provided for possible after-school programming
- Flyers:
 - Affordable family fun
 - Bonsor Arts Guide (spring)
 - Kids activity guide (summer) with free special events, swim schedules, B-Active pass for Grade 4/5 for free participation, playground schedule with staff and wading pool openings, BPL pop-up library sites, civic squares and Monday movie nights; registration started at beginning of March
 - Safety with wild life, eco-sculpture program
- Programs during the year at Chaffey were successful; no cancellations; use of added assistants so less waitlists
- September:
 - Robokids – Mondays
 - Young Rembrandts – by Shadbolt Centre artist
 - Mad Science
 - Byte Camp

Sports Programs (well attended): badminton, all sport, family yoga, girls floor hockey
Cooking: holiday treats, knitting/crochet
Shadbolt: drama for older kids, drawing/painting, creative writing
Gardening? Claudio said this would be school based; application in process

Calendar:

May 5: 2nd Art Starts – Daniel Senantes, magician; info catalogue and guide given to teachers (1st session in April – cultural storyteller Ann Glover)

May 11 – Band Festival

May 15 – Gauss Math test (Fibonacci & other test done); teachers choose students for this

May 12 – Staff Lunch organized by PAC

May 26 – Volunteer Tea – appreciation in afternoon 1-3/2-4pm in gym

May 30 – Kindergarten evening changed to DAYtime 11am.

-PAC parent will speak to new parents and handout about PAC will be prepared

AGM in May

-Very busy month for school, calendar packed; positive comments about electronic bulletin boards and awareness; will add student work to display; notices on parking regulations scrolling; reminder for handicap spots for parents with disabilities/ request for lower screen position but not due to safety concern

-Staff appreciation day

-coordinator needed

-budget – PAC request for donations

-Sports Day lunch – Ellen will pre-order pizza and have concession. Ms. Gurniak staff coordinator

Treasurer Report:

-Handout

-Hot Lunch program good; profit approximately \$3000

-Bottle recycling concern – cheques not picked up by Cheryl (depot @ Kingsway & Imperial); Claudio will ask Laura to phone and arrange pickup; Cheryl waiting for cheque large amount

-Received \$1046 Gaming grant; perhaps due to change in school population

-Photo Night – turnout low (10 families) but increased \$15 to \$18; timing not good?

-Snack sales fine

-Movie Night – one plus one to come

-Laminator bought

-Budget for laptop but not yet purchased

-Projector ordered

-Multicultural: bottled water & recycling: why not use tap water and large tap water caraffes (reusable) and ice, recycle cup. Recommend to purchase large water caraffes to store in staffroom; too expensive to have filtered water units as used in high schools; use jugs (not enough storage)

-Jean, Sophie and Eugene to source price for caraffes (2) (eg Canadian Tire 5 gallon \$50-60) and email to Jetty

PAC Events:

- Handout
- Did not do family dance night in April
- For May
 - ?Movie night; pre-release more popular
 - ?Family dance afternoon/night – popular with young kids; could even have after school
 - ?BBQ – commercial companies, firefighters do events
- decided upon movie night
- possibility of BBQ in June; if so:
 - coordinator to research and budget proposal
 - Rick; must be professional with liability insurance
 - date (tentative) Thurs or Fri June 10/17 after sports day
 - maybe could open to greater community

Chair Report:

- Idea to provide monetary awards for Grade 7s who are leaving for academic/volunteering etc
- Claudio: difficult for teachers to select students; he will ask teachers' thoughts
- Whitecaps Fundraiser: Chang B-level team – discount on game tickets
 - PAC needs to organize ticket sales, get minimum packs of 100
 - \$6 youth soccer team rate [\$5/ticket] (retail \$20, group rate\$11)
 - Play at Thunderbird stadium @ UBC; consider renting a bus?
 - Need to find out game schedule and email info
 - Kids there Sunday May 29 2pm, June 19 2pm, Dad's day out July 24, Sept 18
 - Face painting, mini soccer, food
- Claudio: Staples fundraising – school based packages for school supplies; parents order & pickup. Contact person provided & Grace will report back

PAC Positions:

- Lots of parents leaving, all positions open; the more involvement, the easier it is
- Elections next meeting; current execs open to questions about task and time commitment
- Way of operating/new ideas possible

Ellen:

- Special Lunch going well; Oct-Feb \$1000
- February profit margin increased; pizza, hotdog, sushi most popular; Thursday and Friday for whole month of May; last one June 3 (Pizza)

Jean:

- Snack sale team – work well; weekly discussion of items and involvement of special needs kids; considering balance of nutrition; reminder of food safety and random ??; milk should not be in cup, but boxes. Someone with food safe certificate needs to be on site. Must consider this for next year's hot lunch, snack sales and milk & juice

Rick:

- Metrotown residents association & alliance against displacement in Maywood areas – affordable housing being lost due to new development;
- Invitation to Open House May 4 @ 6:30pm, Burnaby Neighbourhood House to inform and educate about process and recommendations
- Currently shortage of affordable housing without plans to replace
- No current consultation with city planning.