

# PAC General Meeting - Minutes

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**February 22, 2017**

## ATTENDEES

Annabel Pringle, Chelsea Duhs, Bonnie Santas, Lisa Black, Charlotte Burns, Cindy Nairne, Julia Kutlubay, Saiba Lalji, Tara Zielinski, Stephen Noon, Farzaneh Bamani, Maryam Bano Ramazan, Stephanie LeComte, Tania Pan, Sareh Donaher, Michelle Ross, Betty Nagy, Jane Lord, Victoria Mendes, Patrick Gavin, Christina Venturin, Betty Sajjad

## CALL TO ORDER (Annabel P)

Meeting called to order at 9:00am. Approved 1st by Lisa B, 2nd by Bonnie S. Annabel welcomed all in attendance.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Annabel P)

Approved 1st by Lisa B, 2nd by Bonnie S.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES JANUARY 18th GENERAL PAC MEETING (Annabel P)

Approved 1st by Saiba L, 2nd by Charlotte B.

## FOODIE KIDS (Michelle Tang)

- Annabel P welcomed Michelle Tang from Foodie Kids to the PAC Meeting
- Foodie Kids is now in 80 schools from Langley to West Vancouver
- Their distribution centre is located in North Vancouver
- Every item (apart from the chicken strips) is made from scratch including the dressings (all items are school safe with no nuts)
- Michelle kindly brought in a large selection of the items that are available for order for PJ Fun Lunch for everyone to sample. This included banana bread, carrot cake, cookies, pasta, quesadilla, salsa, salads, sweet and sour pork, beans and rice, chicken strips, salmon, chicken fried rice, etc.
- Everyone agreed that the food had excellent flavour and was beautifully presented and was healthy. Everyone also agreed that this was food that we would feed our children at home
- Michelle reiterated that she only uses good quality ingredients and doesn't cut costs. They make their items by hand

- To promote Fun Lunch to the school community there is the potential to hold a Tasting Day - perhaps a welcome back to school event next year, as Fun Lunch is a major fundraiser for the PAC
- Other ideas included - recycling the plastic cutlery or as some other schools have done children bring in their own utensils from home
- Annabel P thanked Michelle for coming to today's meeting and for all the wonderful food that she brought in for all to sample

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Tara Z)**

### **TRAFFIC SAFETY**

- There is ongoing discussions surrounding traffic safety in our community
- Tara thanked all who attended the parent meeting
- Increased police presence at pickup and drop off although they are not issuing tickets due to congestion
- There are also random patrols during the day
- Regarding the flagged crossings - Victoria M's children are preparing a video to show students how to use the flags. The education process will commence early March and will include the Police Department
- West Vancouver District is compiling a centralised list for traffic issues at each school in the district and will be discussed at the district Principals' Meeting
- Bike safety - will be run for grades 4 and 5 every 2 years and this year's safety program will include the Project 529 Bike Program

### **INTERMEDIATE PERFORMANCE**

- This will be a musical performance
- Date: June TBD

### **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

- At yesterday's meeting 5 students presented to the Board in French and English on the topic of French/Canadian culture. The students are to be highly commended on their presentations

### **NORTH SHORE LOOKOUT SHELTER**

- PJ students are supporting the North Shore Lookout Shelter and are seeking donations. A collection box has been placed in each classroom and a list of wanted items was mentioned in the E-Bulletin. This donation drive is ongoing for the month of February
- Items range from necessities to nice to have items

## **FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT (FSA)**

- Significant changes are coming next year to the FSA which is partially due to the evolving classroom compositions in schools
- This year PJ score was 9.7 up from 8.6 last year

## **SUPREME COURT RULING & FUNDING**

- The ruling and subsequent funding has meant that PJ will receive a 0.6 Classroom Based Full Time Employee. Scott Kitteridge has been hired. He has a strong tech background and will be working with different classrooms (Tue/Wed/Thu)
- All but 1 posting in the West Vancouver District has been filled
- There is the potential for teacher changes next school year due to the number of job openings across the province
- At PJ there is the potential for teachers changing roles/grades

## **CODING**

- Kerry Wilson is a specialised teacher for the District and has visited every classroom to introduce coding/robotics (depending on the grade) in line with the curriculum

## **REPORT CARDS**

- Mme Zelinski is seeking feedback on report cards / communicating / parent teacher conference
- The student led conference has always been a favourite event for the students who are so proud to show their work to their parents
- Teacher communication - Mme Zelinski encourages all parents to reach out to their teachers and foster open communication
- Additional feedback is being sought through the E-Bulletin

## **FUNDRAISING (Annabel P)**

- Annabel thanked all the event organisers and volunteers for the Voyageur Crêpe Event and Valentine's Disco Dance. Both events were very successful.

## **FUND THE NEED**

- This campaign is being run in lieu of holding a fundraising gala this year. An e-mail is being sent to the school community and will also be communicated via the E-Bulletin. It will be up to each family to decide what they are able to contribute. If \$80 was donated for every student then this would equal the money usually raised by the annual gala.
- There will be no tax receipts available for FTN

## **PJ COMMUNITY PARK OPENING**

- Event is scheduled for June 2nd
- The park opening event will run for most of the day and will include the official opening and will be followed by a Family BBQ / Fundraising Event in the afternoon including the annual art auction
- There is the potential to run other fundraising raffles at the event depending on the success of the Fund The Need Campaign

## **TREASURER'S REPORT (Lisa B)**

Lisa presented the PAC Budget versus Actual report as of February 21st.

- The Valentine's Disco Dance raised \$555
- Fun Lunch revenue is reporting \$7,283
- Total fundraising income YTD is \$14,000
- Lisa advised that the finances are in good shape however the year hinges on Fund The Need Campaign in lieu of the Gala

## **UPCOMING EVENTS - PJ COMMUNITY PARK OPENING (Annabel P)**

- Meeting for class parents scheduled for 3 March
- The event will go ahead rain or shine and will need parent participation
- A park committee member is researching service of alcohol
- Potential to hold the art auction online
- Potential names: Art in the Park / Garden Gala
- Family BBQ 3pm - 6/7pm
- Potential flash-mob by the students (similar to Mme Trudeau's farewell)
- Naming ceremony is scheduled for early afternoon which will include dignitaries
- Students will collectively plant 300-500 bulbs
- The Sentinel Band is scheduled to perform
- Any volunteers to e-mail Victoria if you would like to attend future meetings:  
[victoria@mendes.ca](mailto:victoria@mendes.ca)

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Annabel P)**

- Stephen mentioned a business, Life 472, that sells 72 hour emergency preparedness kits. He will investigate further as this could be a fundraising opportunity for PAC
- Valentine's Disco Dance feedback - everyone agreed that this was a successful event that was enjoyed by all who attended. For future: less pizza and more water, the music was too loud,

better supervision of children who need fresh air, better distribution of glow sticks, chairs to sit on, decorations, include a dress code/theme, potential parent volunteer to be the DJ

- Future promotion of bike/walk to school: to be discussed further
- Mountain Day: a past event to be discussed further

## **ADJOURNMENT (Annabel P)**

Meeting Closed at 11:30am.

Approved 1st by Lisa B, 2nd by Cindy N.