

Capitol Hill Elementary PAC
Minutes of the Meeting – Wed. December 14th, 2016
Meeting #4

Time: 6:34 – 7:55pm

Location: Capitol Hill School – 350 Holdom Avenue, Burnaby – Library

Attendees:

Mrs. Armstrong - Head Teacher; Ariel Pavic-Chair; Calvin Taplay- Vice Chair / DPAC

Tania Ballantyne - Treasurer; Valentina Farley – Secretary

Niamh Pollack, Crystal Roberston, Barb Steden, Anne Marie Uy, Adam Ballantyne, Jaya Johal

Calvin Taplay started the meeting as Ariel Pavic was running late

Principal's Report 6:35pm

- As Wally Kanno was away sick Casey Armstrong read the Principal's report
- Wally thanks the PAC for their continued support for the school. It's very appreciated
- All preparations for the Pancake Breakfast have been made and the school is very excited about this much anticipated event
- The Jingle Bell walk and Clothing drives have made for busy weeks but have produced a lot of donations. The kids did a great job.
- Question was raised re: the ski trip. Casey informed the PAC it is not a club event but an optional field trip instead. There are 160 children signed up. She was not sure of the bursary amount used if any

Treasurer's Report 6:45pm

- Tania Ballantyne presented the Treasurer's report saying she has received another \$484 for the Health and Safety fee bringing the total to \$1,251 of which only \$540 has been spent for the Lice Check leaving a healthy H&S fund. \$147 for the Kiosk as been spent out of the Earthquake money
- We still have \$2,272 in gaming grant
- Up to date we've received \$2,100 in direct donations that go directly to the school
- If no more fundraising is done for the school year PAC will have enough money to fulfill either it's Sound system commitment or another Smart Board
- MacDonald's fundraiser for Literacy raised \$2,000 for books – discussion ensued with where exactly the money would be going. Casey informed PAC that most likely be Levelled Readers. Suggestion of buying subscriptions was raised by Niamh Pollak to have entire catalogue available online. Casey advised school currently has 1 subscription and has purchase another to bring the passwords to 72. Subscriptions only last one year and need renewal so it's preferred to buy hardcopy books instead
- Seat Auction brought in \$680 with highest bid \$250 and bake sale brought in another \$300.
- Ariel Pavic informed PAC that Alik Khan has gotten his company to build a garden project at our school. They need a few more details which will be conveyed to them re: cost
- **MOTION brought forward by Ariel and seconded by Valentina: To re-allocate funds previously put aside for tree planting to the garden project instead** **RESULT – Unanimously passed**

Chair Report 7:05pm

- Pancake breakfast is ready to go. Volunteers have been organized, shopping has been done and 2 volunteers coming to help set up on Thursday afternoon. Grade 6/7 dance Friday afternoon so need to clean up quickly after event. Reminder to bring own plates, cutlery etc. Next year maybe offer protein such as turkey sausage?
- Bylaw and constitution changes to be made:
 - Need to remove SPC from the bylaw and possibly form a new committee to form a liaison between school and PAC. Would need 2-3 parents to volunteer. Brought up that there would be no contradiction with Ministry to form one.
 - Capping Members at Large at 3 so as not to have too many executives
 - Changing wording to include more electronic communication/website instead of mostly print oriented as is right now

- Multicultural dinner needs volunteers to organize and execute event. If no one steps forward the event will be cancelled. Will be brought up again in January and February meeting. Possible change from April to May. Brought up to possibly combine Cake off with MC Dinner?
- Primary engagement letter/survey that was brought up in last meeting – needs someone to organize and send out. Goal to find out communication preferences of parents in Primary grades.
- No Fundraising committee formed yet – if nothing is formed there will be no more fundraisers for the rest of school year. After following thru on either Sound System or Smart Board contribution it will leave next year's PAC with approx.. \$1,800 to \$2,000 as a start off cushion.
- Crystal to contact Glen for information on Pizza Fundraiser he brought up previously
- Movie Night/Beer Garden Committee formed by: Ariel, Jaya, Crystal, Niahm, Tania, Calvin and Barb. They will see about organizing an event that could combine a movie night for the children and a beer/wine garden for the parents. Need to look into licensing needs for both liquor and movies to be shown. Maybe have high school volunteers to watch over children

Health/Safety Committee Report 7:35pm

- Lice check completed in 1 ½ days. Very happy with facilitator who did it. Only had a few infestations reported.
- Cost of another check is \$540 which can be done either in January or after spring break. In budget for what was allocated in October to do another one.
- **Motion brought up by Ariel and seconded by Barb: To book same facilitator to come back after Spring Break for a second school wide Lice Check RESULT: Unanimously passed**

DPA Report 7:45pm

- Calvin Taplay attended the Burnaby DPAC meeting on November 21, 2016. During this meeting the following presentation was delivered by Brandon Curr, District Principal of Aboriginal Education: Key Presentation Points
- **Setting the Table: Why are we moving in this direction?**
- Conversation around recognizing Aboriginal perspective has been happening for some time, beginning with government acts/declarations in the 1980s and most recently, with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (2015), Aboriginal Worldviews and Perspectives (2015), and the Office of the Auditor General Report (2015).
- Current conditions indicate that action is needed:
- 774 Aboriginal students in Burnaby=3% of student population (provincial 11%)
- Six-year completion rates 58% Aboriginal vs. 88% for non-Aboriginal
- Aboriginal is the fastest growing population in Canada – 5X faster than any other demographic.
- 3/10 of all Aboriginal people are under 14 years of age, 50% of Aboriginal people under 28 years
- Change of mindset to collective ownership is needed to effect change.

Important Websites to Keep Informed on School Related Topics:

- **Capitol Hill PAC Website:**

For inquiries regarding PAC meeting, events or volunteering, please send us a message at: caphillpac@gmail.com. We are also on Face book: follow us at Capitol Hill PAC Burnaby

- **Capitol Hill Elementary Website:** <http://capitolhill.sd41.bc.ca/>
- **School District website -** www.sd41.bc.ca/
- **Ministry of Education website -** www.gov.bc.ca/bced/
- **BCTF website -** bctf.ca
- **BCCPAC website -** info@bccpac.bc.ca

The next PAC meeting is to be held on Wednesday, January 11th, 2017