

We acknowledge that we are on the shared traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples and the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations... and for this we are thankful.

Date: June 12, 2019

Location: Roberts Library

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Attendance: 19 parents and 3 teachers

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Celebration of volunteers!
- Tea and snacks prepared by teachers and school admin
- Thank you gifts (lavender plant and handmade card) provided to each PAC exec

2. Lunch Lab

- Salad bar was served to students today
- Parent volunteer, TJ, prepared the lunch being mindful that we want better food for our children
- Discussed that there is interest in a lunch program
- ACTION: PAC exec and admin meeting about pizza Fridays next year - parent volunteer, Anna, will help lead
- Meeting attendees polled: who is interested? - most of the meeting
- Alison - all divisions have had opportunity for lunch lab - teaching how to set up, prepare, serve = work experience
- Encouraged parents to follow Instagram - @EdibleEd
- Volunteers needed - if interested and have some expertise in food, connect with Alison
- Example of how it could work: Lasqueti Island - parents helped cook
- Next year - likely a pay model - working on reasonable cost

3. Funfest and Financial

- Growth - last year = \$1000 profit VS this year = \$5500+ profit!!!
- Overall - \$8700 raised more than last year
- Lots of learning from last year
- Thank you to fundraising parent volunteer, Holly, for bringing us together in the process = better community
- For sustainability, need volunteers to take over initiatives, eg: movie night, silent auction
- Identified need to develop transparent ways to allocate - need record
- Greg reviewed spreadsheet that he developed
- Budget --> \$12,000 from Gaming
- Must allocate - can't carry more than 20%
- Teacher allotment cannot be used for Curriculum based activities
- Total requested from teachers: \$13,400
- Balance remaining: \$4000
- Parent suggestion: need drivers for volleyball - can we allocate for rental van?

- yes, under sports enrichment
- suggest Modo membership
- need to consider liability
- Anything required before first September meeting must be voted on today
- Previously, waited until Sept. to vote on allocations/disbursements
- Gaming account has remained stable year to year
- Request: transfer to teachers in Sept. - \$3000
 - Q - why not give all \$ to teachers?
 - Need contingency for back to school BBQ, etc. - better to be conservative
- Ian clarified - primary requests were for arts supplies, pencils, calculators - it was surprising - teachers use their own money for basic supplies
- Idea: stockroom development fund - basic equipment room for teachers to access materials such as calculators, microscopes, clipboards - create a "sharing economy"
- Q - funds for music room?
 - Allison and admin team have worked on all requests from teachers, including for music room - want to ensure that funding allocations are linked to school goals
- Important - want initiatives to be sustainable - thinking of future students
- Idea: \$30-50 per child school fees... optional and consider parents' different abilities to give
 - may disrupt direct appeal but that is ok as covering from the fees
 - Allison clarified - 3 accounts: 1. direct appeal = school needs, 2. Gaming, 3. PAC general fundraising
 - would cover basic goals
 - direct appeal goal = \$ not covered by fees
 - Q - direct appeal feels forced - goes into school account
 - gives school more control - more sustainable
 - Allison clarified - teachers wait a long time for \$ - frustrating - with this model, \$ goes into school to support goals by Sept.
 - 70% of wish list is for operational needs - not covered by VSB
 - estimate around \$100 for full year of school fees
 - Q - what happens when you have 2-3 children? Will be very expensive - A: increased fee optional
 - Q - school activities on top of that - A: \$6000 of Gaming goes to classroom
 - Q - how much goes towards Edible Eats? A: \$500 this year - \$1000 next year
 - grant used last year - start up - for infrastructure
 - parent talked about benefit of edible eats program - would donate to that
 - trying to ensure legacy of systems
- Q - grade 7 students need to fundraise for their own grad! - eg: car wash - A: yes, working towards that
- Please email to lordrobertspac with any ideas - questions
- MOTION: approve general budget as presented - Adrian - Chris and Zerena - all in favour - PASSED - includes \$3000 to teachers in September

4. Volunteer Structure

- Andrea - want to shine the light on less visible work...
 - Ryan has spent countless hours building website

- Chris, Leanne, and Alison C. have been connecting and participating in community initiatives
- Sandy getting those fabulous signs!
- Greg and Andrea working with admin/staff team on budget and request process
- Goal: keep PAC exec, but smaller - more cmtes, more leaders - eg: Funfest committee
- Request: please take the lead on one area that you are passionate about
- With more money = professional management needed

5. Principal's Update

- School goals - will be uploaded to Roberts' website
- Will send PDF in weekly email - notice of school fees
- Traditionally \$25 per student - but increase needed to cover costs
- Student fees will increase to \$35
 - agenda - \$7
 - performance and activity fee - \$10
 - work books - \$10
 - field studies
- Pay on-line - with credit card and Interac
- Bursaries are available if needed
- Parents can pay at the office but preference is on-line

6. Bike to School Week

- Email Sandy with ideas! And to help

7. Nelson Park Stakeholder Meeting

- Alison Charabin attended Nelson Park community meeting - Annex PAC also attended
- When the new Hydro substation is built, Nelson Park will be out of commission for 5 years
- Propose underground driveway going into subway station - lane way off of Bute
- New school construction can begin in 2028
- Goal: 2023-2028 - building Hydro substation
- Trees will be removed
- Allison encourages parents to attend upcoming meetings!!
- King George - question asked - are teachers stakeholders? - VSB said to contact them
- KG public meeting at the same time - 3 major events happening at the same time - project managers need to better coordinate
- Suggest community update committee for next year?
 - Need to consider how best to deliver community information?
 - Need better communication to parents and community impacted
- VSB identified need to build schools with so many new people in West End/Coal Harbour
- Goal for next year - PAC point of view - represent PAC point of view in participatory and community meetings
- COV rep - pipes under the KG field - concern with Bidwell St.

8. Local Business Presentation - Vaughn, UFK Denman

- Attended the Funfest and had a great time - donated items for Silent Auction

- Wants to volunteer/help with PAC?
- Described business, community contributions, and Pro D day classes
- ACTION: connect with PAC exec and admin to discuss ways to work together

Next meeting: September 2019