

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: December 11, 2019

Location: Roberts Library

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Exec attending: Ian, Holly, Michelle, Ryan, Juciane - *Absent:* Andrea

Parents: Elizabeth

- Welcome and Introductions - Chair, Ian
 - Winter Market:
 - Very successful without too much advertising and the all in one day pick up of orders of Purdy's and Pointsettias/Wreaths meant less work for Holly and less of a draw from the volunteer pool
 - People who arrived at the Primary Concert through the front door didn't know the Market was happening in the undercover area - signs next year;
 - More thought for merchandise for sale next year keeping in mind what people were most interested in purchasing
 - Popcorn and hot chocolate were very popular and despite not having any hot chocolate for the first wave of concert goers and not many bake sale items, the total made for all three was \$1,300!
 - Photographer and booth was fantastic - more advertising next year; was a very good price for value (\$20 for a \$300 photo); people had a fantastic time with props; great idea to have front and centre at Welcome Back BBQ or even for 1st day of school
 - Not very many volunteers for this event and thanks to those who jumped in and/or stayed longer than the shift they signed up for
 - Funky Pizza:
 - Still need more regular volunteers each time or food will show up too late to kids classes - need one adult per student volunteer group
 - 12 volunteers at least per lunch but 20 would be optimal and most helpful time for most volunteers is between 12:30pm-1:10pm to Building B - multipurpose room
 - Older students have voiced that 1 piece of pizza is not enough and a 2 slice option would be considered
 - Discussion of having a parent volunteer sign up rotation in classrooms;
 - Direct Appeal:

- As at December 4, 2019: with 45 people donating \$6,640; this is the same as last year at this time but with an earlier October start; showing that an earlier start does not necessarily mean more donations;
 - There are two other donors willing to match - at \$1,000 and \$5,000
 - Will close the direct appeal December 31, 2019 but school forwarded verbal drive ends last day before winter break;
 - Community Involvement - Pointsetta/Purdy's
 - The elderly West End community have communicated a wish that the kids are more involved with selling giving them a chance to connect personally with the chance to donate;
 - Discussion of getting kids more involved - teamed up; prizes
 - Pointsetta street team is really needed next year; only 3 PAC Exec members hit the streets and brought in a lot of community sales
 - Purdy's - 1 family with 2 kids went door to door in their building and sold \$500
 - Volunteers
 - Low parent volunteer numbers considering how many kids are at the school;
 - Discussion of how to build the volunteer source noting that this is the first year with online sign up and last year was the first year communicating necessary info to parents
 - Popcorn Maker
 - Holly has someone working on fixing the smaller popcorn maker; the same gentleman who fixed the bubble machine - yay!
- Acclimation of Elizabeth Dulberger
 - A parent at Roberts invited to attend the last PAC Exec meeting and nominated and elected as PAC Vice-Chair by acclimation
- DPAC - Leanne
 - General information
 - DPAC represents 122 schools in VSB (elementary & high schools)
 - DPAC general meetings seem to mostly educational - the last one was on climate change
 - All PACs are asked to vote for DPAC executives
 - Vik Khanna has been nominated by Eric Hamer PAC; his goals include making a meaningful contribution; meeting with all PACs going through seismic program; advocating for more involvement from the City of Vancouver in keeping infrastructure up with pace with growth of city and advocating for changes to "bad policies"
 - Summit
 - annual event starting next year with purpose to identify, discuss & find solutions and advocacy; fundraising is a major topic as other PACs are

having similar issues & will be interesting to hear from other districts as to how they navigate it.

- 1 chair and 1 DPAC rep invited

➤ Traffic Petition (Lucy)

- Issue is the traffic on Commox and safety of pedestrians and cyclists at pick up and drop off times
- Proposal is the extension of the bike path to Cardero
- Commox is already a part of AAA (all ages and abilities) network
- Lucy is open to discussion and providing education in her research and findings with respect to this topic and how the proposal will impact and assist our community
- PAC Exec are asking for more information before taking a position (eg. details of previous City planning that led to the addition of crosswalks instead of an extension of bike path through this area so Lucy will assist in having a speaker attend both EXEC PAC meeting and PAC meeting to provide more information
- Sean advises that the school cannot formally take a position on the petition because it involves the City; recommended that Lucy approach the District, Micah Lang - City of Vancouver city planner for sustainability, do contact VSB trustees
- Discussion of how City wants to know that PAC/Admin/Parents do not object
- Barb Parrott is our liaison and VSB school trustee

➤ “We Choose” Participatory Budgeting Pilot - West End

- Generally participatory budgeting is a process used in cities around the world to involve citizens in government spending decisions that impact or benefit them
- The West End has been chosen to pilot this process regarding distribution of additional revenue collected through West End permit parking fees
- Funds will be directed back into West End Community and community will decide where funds will be invested
- There will be voting at Roberts and anyone from the community 12 years old or older can make an electronic vote
- Roberts has a vested interest in the vote as one of the items on the ballot is a memorial gift to Roberts for \$10,000 and \$10,000 for King George in memorial of two West End parents - Christine Fretwell and Kathryn Gibbons;
- There will be a one week voting window at the end of January/early February
- Empowering kids to go through voting process and involving parents and community members for a common cause

➤ Principal's Report/Q&A

- Intermediate Winter Concert tomorrow
 - Amrit has been trying to find Hanukkah and Kwanza decorations to be included - parent, Elizabeth, has some to offer!

- Sensory Room
 - Top floor of big building - a loft is being created as a safe space
 - Being painted now and looking for items to help kids calm down or energize - whichever is needed
 - Modelled after Learning Bodies/Learning Minds - how to approach and assist
 - Also considering a sensory hallway as a part of the project - walls and floors decorated; Amrit was part of this project at Elsie Roy
 - Discussion of possibility of using excess Gaming Funds - need up to \$2,000 with current plan

MOTION: Allocate \$2,000 towards sensory room out of Gaming Funds

- Discussion to offer all \$4,000 excess funds;
- bean bag chairs? what items are actually needed?
- Not enough plan to spend the whole \$4,000 yet including the inclusion of the hallway
- If vote to use whole \$4,000 and not required then will need to vote again to reverse it
- Haven't yet purchased the program but not appropriate under Gaming Funds

MOTION - 2nd - Elizabeth

No opposed - all in favour

- Vivagrand Developments donation
 - \$10,000 donated to Roberts and it will be used for outside equipment to support student engagement
 - Bins will be provided to each class with sports equipment for students use at recess and lunch
- Technology inventory
 - An inventory is being done of school technology/equipment
 - Inventory of computers, laptops and ipads is done
 - Working on inventory of the projectors and screens
 - Once inventory is complete a plan will be made to have a complete set for each class - at minimum each class should have an AppleTV screen and projector
 - Roberts has quite a few smart boards and will make sure that they are working and sustainable for everyone
- Field Trips
 - Admin will check with staff about needs and advise if assistance is needed as there are no all-student field trips at Roberts - too many students
 - Ms. Bowen's field trip opportunity was discussed; Amrit will speak directly with Ms. Bowen as the cost of a full day school bus could cost more than is available; discussion allocating \$300 towards or half the cost of bus rental; discussion of fairness across the classes; how grade 7 parents pay a significant portion of field

trips and other parents in another class paid a large amount towards a trip - both without PAC assistance;

MOTION: Allocate half the amount of the total cost of transportation costs to Ms. Bowen - NO

NEW MOTION: When quote is received from Admin the PAC Exec will make the decision of how much funds to allocate keeping in mind the positions of meeting attendees on fairness across classes

MOTION - 2nd - Holly

No opposed - all in favour

- There will be ongoing investigations in how to have PAC assistance for field trips allocated in a fair and reasonable way

➤ Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next meeting: January 13, 2020