

***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.***

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*Date:* February 13, 2019

*Location:* Roberts Library

*Time:* 6:30 - 8:30 pm

*Attendance:* 13 parents, 1 staff

1. Welcome

2. Grade 7 grad committee

- 47/55 spots paid for camp
- survey sent - 30/72 responded
- with the help of bursaries from parent contributions, all students will be able to attend camp
- committee discussed other celebration options: boat cruise and dance
- grad committee to research and report back next week
- need to start planning earlier next year
- discussed possibility of a legacy project in future years - this is linked to curriculum and aligns with school values

3. Water filling stations

- City of Vancouver assured school admin that we have the cleanest water sources in Lower Mainland - it is checked 32 times in 24 hours - it's neutralized, with some chlorine
- all stations at VSB are water filling, not filtration stations - filters are not needed but also, if not installed properly may result in contamination
- PAC has requested a water filling station - reason: ease of access, fountains are older, there is a fear of germs - with 600 children it will be more sanitary
- Allison followed up with VSB and asked to be considered for a new water filling station - the district reports being inundated with requests - some asking for their 2nd and 3rd stations
- VSB wants to consider equity - decided that everyone must follow their timeframe - fairness considered
- Roberts was last on the list with installation anticipated in 2021 - Allison wrote letter to David Nelson, Deputy Superintendent - Roberts request was reconsidered - we can have one installed (paid by PAC) - this may come before June
- Allison outlined the process - team arrives at Roberts, looks at sites, provides estimates - will suggest first floor of A Building close to office, close to washroom, and can be monitored
- PAC will vote for approval once actual costs provided (March?)
- question about stickers above taps - are they needed? - Vancouver Coastal Health recommended flushing water once a day in the morning
- Allison confirmed that this is the responsibility of building engineers and is done daily
- **ACTION: Allison will advise when district provides budget**

4. Art mural

- Allison and Matt Sinclair, art teacher at KG, will meet shortly
- pursuing partnership and utilizing local talent: e.g. senior students at KG and staff who are artists
- **ACTION: Allison will form committee - goal is to bring ideas to March PAC**

#### 5. KG redevelopment

- Leanne provided brief update - detailed minutes are posted on Roberts website
- \$10 million has been provided to City of Vancouver to develop design and engage citizens - will take approx 3-4 years to complete that process
- City working with VSB to redevelop site with new community centre, high school for ~1000 students, library, rink, etc.

#### 6. Financial

- Greg provided update of disbursements and fundraising
- deposited \$4200+ from fundraising efforts
- disbursed ~\$21,600
- we're making an impact - great efforts by parents - Thank You!

#### 7. Fundraising

- Holly has developed sustainable formula for holiday season and is working on one for spring
- March is sales for Purdy's
- April, bedding plants and baskets
- May 1st - silent auction will be on-line - have lots of donations
- June 1st - final bids at Fun Fest
- churros next week Friday, one more movie night this year
- Holly asked that each parent at PAC meeting talk to 10 other parents to get the word out that **We Need Volunteers!**
- PAC welcomes ideas to get more volunteers out
- discussed that some PACs request families donate \$200 or volunteer 20 hours...

#### 8. Principal's report

- it was a successful CSL (community student learning) on Feb. 13 - huge shout-out to Ms. Devereaux
- performance was a learning process for students and demonstrated the process for parents

#### 9. Safe Drop Off

- discussed examples of signs at other schools: sign on wheels
- had VPD out 3 weeks ago - Constable will come out again - VPD has school traffic unit - biggest concern is November when light changes - she will stop drivers to explain their mistake
- **ACTION: Ian and Sandy will meet about signs needed re: no idling, better traffic flow, no use of parking lot**

#### 10. Parent Advisory Network (PAN)

- advisory group that is advocating to update BC's school design policy
- info on Facebook or <http://www.panvancouver.ca/>

#### 11. Participatory Budget

- Chris explained that public consultation nearing its end
- may still be able to provide ideas on-line:  
<https://www.talkvancouver.com/S.aspx?s=538&r=Vj5gv9OD74I29K1sE3No8o&so=true&fromdetc=1>
- each project needs volunteers, eg: 10 projects

## 12. Chair's report

- talked to Allison about funding cycle
- resource teachers requesting "red kit" for literacy = \$8000 - asked resource teachers to provide rationale - eg: "ask sheet" - may be able to get a corporate sponsor, eg: Vancity grant, for specific requests like this
- Ian explained that on average 5% of kids need help/support in schools, at Roberts it's >7% - consider attending this DPAC event for information on supporting students with diverse needs:  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/supporting-caregivers-of-students-with-diverse-learning-needs-tickets-52972221340>
- discussed that teachers have never really thought about what more is needed because it hasn't been an option to get this extra assistance, they are so used to getting limited funds - PAC can help with changing mindset
- Andrea found a popcorn machine donor: \$1700 for new machine = creme de la creme! Thank You!
- haven't funded STEAM yet which was identified as a priority in survey
- **ACTION: Andrea will talk to staff committee about what they want next year**
- would like to see a buffer for next year - ie, have funds left over to start new school year
- goal: staff to have wish list in April/May
- budget will be better defined after Fun Fest
- need schedule to plan - working with school admin on this
- made \$1000 from Fun Fest last year, expect more this year

## 13. Volunteer recruitment

- Ian - for next year: need new classroom reps - need new PAC exec
- **ACTION: all parents asked to check in with other parents about their interest in volunteering**
- Andrea explained that it is easier when more people helping - systems getting in place so likely less work next year on systems
- good to get new people on, new ideas, increased energy
- will focus on recruitment for next year - eg: 5 hours per family recommended

## 14. Q&A

- Parent - daughter in grade 3 noticed man hanging around playground - supervisor asked man to leave but he came back, child has seen him in the neighbourhood - suggest patrol around school - communicate to police - block watch? - what is school's responsibility?
- Allison - school grounds are considered private between 8:40 and 3:20 - all visitors, including parents, are expected to sign in - need to know who is on site, eg: earthquake
- supervision aids, support workers, Doug and Allison, and some teachers are on school grounds during recess and lunch

- if children see anyone coming onto school playground ask them to tell an adult ASAP - if there is any urgency, they will call 911
- student liaison officer with VPD community office - also liaises with KG - knows people in the neighbourhood and can provide context
- police respond very quickly when called - good protocol, school is priority #1
- there was a situation where a man was identified, 911 was called, person was visited at their home - very proactive
- discussed how students are at different levels of maturity - at age 10 students start to walk home on their own - talk to students regularly about stranger danger
- eg: Dec. issues in district - reviewed with kids, how to get help, how to ensure safety - Allison encourages parents to talk about this with your family - need to have conversations again and again, acknowledging different stages of development
- check out Roberts' core competencies - wellness
- **ACTION: Allison will put as standing item at staff meeting**
- Andrea suggested this as a topic for parent education? What do you need to talk about with your kids? What is age appropriate?

15. Adjournment

**Next meeting: March 13, 2019**