

Simon Fraser Minutes

Simon Fraser PAC Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2019

Executive Members in Attendance: Michelle Berg, Melissa Lepp, Lindy Le, Emily Clarke, Chloe Eckert and Alice Ro

1. Review Minutes and Agenda

Solicited feedback on the minutes from the April 23rd meeting. No comments or changes were made.

Minutes approved.

2. Treasurer's Report (Lindy)

Seussical - Lindy informed the PAC of the outstanding expense (\$645) for the videographer who filmed both performances of Seussical. Organizers did try to find a professional videographer willing to donate their skills and time but none was found so the decision was made to use the videographer VPS uses to film their performances. Personal recordings were not permitted during the performances because of licensing restrictions.

The video is currently being edited and once that is finished, DVDs will be made available for purchase through the school. The goal is to make enough in DVD sales to cover the cost of the videographer. The DVDs will sell for roughly \$10 and will include the video and photos. Stay tuned for more details.

Lindy informed the PAC that \$4000 was raised through donations and rose sales at the door on the night of the Seussical performances. These monies will go toward paying for the bus expenses for transporting students for dress rehearsals and the time billed by the VPS instructors, Katy and Rebecca on the performance dates. We are still waiting for both of these invoices.

Buddy Bench - the school's new Buddy Bench is now on the playground and has been well received by the school community. Thank you to Rob and Michelle Berg's family for donating the Buddy Bench through their family's fund the James Berg memorial fund.

Cathy is in the process of ordering an additional Buddy Bench in memory of Nolan, a Simon Fraser student who sadly passed away earlier this year. Cathy requested that the PAC contribute \$500 toward the cost of this Buddy Bench. She told the PAC that a memorial plaque will be attached to the bench.

Motion made to contribute \$500 toward a second Buddy Bench to be purchased in memory of Nolan. Motion carried.

Grade 7 Grad - The PAC received a request from Marilyn to look into the possibility of contributing some money to the grade 7 grad activities. Last year the PAC donated \$300 to the grad class. Cathy informed the PAC that the grade 7s were planning a potluck and a disco with possibly a popcorn machine and photo booth.

Motion made to give \$500 to the grade 7s for their graduation activities. Motion carried.

Staff Appreciation Lunch - The lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th. The PAC generally organizes and pays for this event.

Motion made to budget \$500 for the staff appreciation lunch. Motion carried.

Lindy updated the account balances. The Gaming account currently has \$1981 though we still need to cover the costs of the Seussical costume budget and any leftover expense from the buses. The gaming account balance is expected to be close to zero after these expenses are paid. Lindy will apply for next year's gaming grant soon.

The Operations (Fundraising) account currently has \$12746. The \$4000 from Seussical rose sales and door donations still needs to be deposited. There are still some outstanding smaller expenses that need to be paid out of this account. After these are paid, Lindy expects the balance to be approximately \$15 000.

3. DPAC (Peter)

Peter informed the PAC that at the DPAC general meeting on May 23rd, there will be a presentation for VSB parents and guardians on the Redesigned Curriculum:Curriculum Implementation Framework Part 2. This will be a continuation of the presentation given on November 22.

More details can be found here:

<http://vancouverdpac.org/upcoming-events/2018/9/13/dpac-executive-meeting-hh-t55-c7rkr-5hrac-w4j6x-nwxyj-wwlmr-979tb>

Peter informed the PAC that school closures and catchment review both seem to be off the table for now though he expects that both issues will come up again next year.

Peter also let us know that the \$25 annual school supply fee will likely increase to \$35 next year. Cathy let the PAC know that this increase is basically meant to

cover the cost of inflation since the school supply fee has not changed in many years.

A parent asked Cathy if the money collected at SFE for school supplies stays within the school and Cathy replied that it does.

4. Olympic Village Elementary School (guest speakers, Lisa and Fiorella)

Two parents from the Olympic Village neighbourhood were invited to speak at the meeting as representatives of the recently formed advocacy group, Olympic Village School. Lisa and Fiorella let the PAC know that for the 2019/2020 school year, SFE received 105 in-catchment kindergarten applications for 40 kindergarten spots. 27 of these spots were given to siblings of students currently enrolled at our school, leaving only 13 spots for the remaining in-catchment applicants.

This group has formed to bring attention to the need for an innovative (maybe a temporary modular school pilot project?) and timely solution to the problem of having so many SFE catchment kids not able to attend their catchment school. Lisa and Fiorella passed around a petition to be signed in support of a school being built in the Olympic Village. The petition, and more information on this group, can be found at

<https://sites.google.com/view/olympic-village-school/home>

Peter heard this group speak at the last Long Range Facilities and Planning Meeting and offered to assist them in bringing their concerns to the district level. The hope was to pass a motion of support at our PAC meeting that Peter could then carry on to his next DPAC meeting. However, after some discussion about the motion Peter had drafted prior to the meeting ("SFE PAC requests the VSB update the timeline on developing the Olympic Village Elementary school as outlined in the LRFP and Capital Plan"), it was decided that a more strongly worded motion demanding swifter action would be preferable. Robyn volunteered to work with Peter on drafting a new motion for the next PAC meeting. It was stated that other parents also interested in working on this draft could contact Peter at pcouch@hotmail.com.

5. Principal's Report (Cathy)

Cathy expressed her thanks again for all the work everyone put into Seussical and for the funding motions that were passed.

She informed the PAC that the school was planning an intimate memorial and celebration of life for Nolan with more details to come.

Cathy let everyone know that organizing for next year's classes has begun. SFE has been allocated staffing for 15 divisions, same as this year. The staff will start to place students in their 2019/2020 classes over the next 3-4 weeks. Parent requests related to educational needs of their children need to be submitted by this Friday, May 24.

The earthquake drill went smoothly with approximately 50 students being picked up following the emergency protocol. Cathy has asked for feedback on the drill and sign out procedure from parents to be sent to her via email.

There was a School Active Travel Plan update meeting on May 10. Following feedback from the community and observation from the city, it was announced that the intersection at Columbia and 15th will receive a raised crosswalk to help make that intersection safer for students walking to and from school.

The VPD will be enforcing traffic rules during the first week of June at the corner of Columbia and 16th following observations of dangerous driving at the intersection. A final School Active Travel Plan has been tentatively scheduled for June 14th. Look for confirmation in a future school newsletter and/or PAC email/facebook post.

Cathy informed the PAC that June 24th will be the grade 7 grad. June 6th is the zone meet for track and field.

Sports Day will take place this Friday, May 24th from 9:45ish to 2:00ish. It is also hot lunch that day.

6. Teachers' Report (Deborah O'Malley and Christy Shea)

The teachers spoke about Sports Day and the request for PAC for fruit at recess and freezies at the end of the day. Kelli suggested that we provide oranges and bananas or apples instead of watermelon to avoid mess. She also let us know that we can use the fruit and veg bins for the classes to help with distribution.

A call out was made for volunteers to help with the fruit and freezies. Yoony, Kelli, Chris and Adrienne all said they could help that day. Members of the PAC exec will be there as well to lend a hand.

7. New Business (Melissa and Michelle)

Michelle announced that we would be kicking off a direct fundraiser (Raising the Bar) starting next Monday, May 27. The goal for the fundraiser is to raise \$15k to be put toward a laptop cart, 216 portable chairs (Cathy has stated a great need for these chairs), teachers' classroom needs, and more laptop computers (the need for laptop computers is ongoing). Keep your eyes open for upcoming announcements about Raising the Bar and how you can donate.

A call out for volunteers was made again for the Summer Hoedown (June 21). We are looking for volunteers to make simple carnival style games (ring toss, knock the bottles down, etc.) for the Hoedown so we can avoid paying the party company a lot of \$ for these games. Please email the PAC if you can help out with this part of the Hoedown as well as with set up, tear down, concession, etc.

Important - we need a new hot lunch coordinator for 2019/2020! Jessica will not be doing the PAC hot lunches next year. Please email the PAC if you're interested in taking on this position!

8. Music Program Idea for Next Year (Emily)

Emily informed the PAC that the focus for adding a fine arts element to the school next year will be music. Ginalina will come in to work with the younger grades using the ukulele while we hope to bring in a music specialist (band teacher) to work with students grade 2 and up using a variety of instruments. The band teacher we're in contact with right now is already running extracurricular band programs at other elementary schools in the district. The shape of the program for the band teacher would hopefully include both extra curricular and curricular time though the details are still being worked out.

Emily is currently working on a grant application to help fund the music programs next year though the grant money will not cover all the cost.

How to fund these programs will be an important discussion at the next meeting.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.