

Simon Fraser Minutes

Simon Fraser PAC Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2018

Executive Members in Attendance: Michelle, Melissa, Tamara, Alice, Lindy, Emily, and Sarah

1. Review Minutes and Agenda

Solicited feedback on the minutes from the October 16th meeting. No comments or changes were made. Motion put forward to approve the minutes from the October 16th minutes. Motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report Lindy

Lindy explained the two accounts Operating and Gaming and explained Gaming is for extracurricular activities only (busses, school equipment etc.)

- Operating Account Balance - \$19,192.28
- \$5,000 from Zwicks was deposited to the school through Cathy (will go to new laptops)
- Gaming Account - \$4,502.24

Social Fundraising Total - \$19,400

Pumpkin Patch Fundraising Totals - \$942

Hot lunch - We continue to make a profit on pizza, sushi lunches and Calhoun's is break even.

3. Teachers Report (Ms. Martinkova + Ms Bistriceanu)

Both teachers are so grateful for the technology needs that are being met at the school. Ms Martinkova is thrilled with the tech tubs (charging and storage for iPads) and the iPads for the Primary students. iPads are being used for reading programs and educational programs during centres.

Ms Bistriceanu explained that the laptops have been used for research in the intermediate classrooms and have also given children another tool to communicate (if their written output isn't as strong) which has given them great confidence in their work.

4. New Business - Melissa and Michelle

Adding to Agenda

Mel reminded all if interested in adding items to the agenda to please email the PAC before the meetings

Pop up Tents + Logo Tents

The school has acquired a 10x10 pop up tent with the school logo, kindly donated by John Jessup. It was discussed that the logoed tent would be kept at the school and primarily used at school based functions, (gardening, spring fling etc.) Purchase of 2 10x10 tents were discussed and a motion was made to pay for 2 new pop up 10x10 tents (approximately \$300), motion carried. It was agreed that these tents would not be logoed and that we could use our banner instead, if needed.

Ball Fundraiser

Kelli and Brent arranged a ball fundraiser to sell the remaining Simon Fraser soccer and basketballs. 1 ball and a smoothie is being sold for \$20 and the hope is to raise \$880 for new gym equipment. (Potato sacks, footballs etc.) any of the old equipment will be given to the classrooms to be used. Update after the PAC meeting : target of \$880 hit - thank you to Kelli and Brent

Social Money

Mel thanked all who donated, volunteered and made the Parent Social so successful! Also, a big thank you to the Zwick's for their generous donation of \$5000 towards tech. Mel suggested that we use a portion of the money donated towards the teachers 20018/2019 wish list.

- Motion was made to pay \$500 for the addition of 10 intermediate laptops (cost is \$5,500 - \$5000 paid by the Zwick family)
- Motion was made to pay \$4875 for more Ipads for primary classes; motion carried
- Motion was made to pay \$1750 for Yoga (fee would then be \$5 per student, instead of \$10) - motion carried

School Active Travel Plan

Survey was sent out to all parents to encourage parents to participate in the School Active Travel Plan survey. Our school is participating in the City of Vancouver's School Active Travel Plan which promotes safe walking, cycling and rolling to school. A representative from the City of Vancouver walked with Lindy and Cathy and some areas of concern were pointed out.

15th and Columbia - curved street without a crosswalk

16th and Manitoba - low visibility - discussion of moving parking back

16th and Ontario - make more bike friendly

Ski Update

Michelle has kept days for Ski Program on hold. Cathy to discuss with teachers and there will be an update at the next meeting.

5. DPAC

Peter our DPAC representative gave us an overview on DPAC and what his role entails. Peter explained that DPAC is a voice for the SFE Pac at a district level. All are welcome to attend the DPAC meetings, meeting was held on Thursday, November 22nd. Any further meetings will be updated on their website: vancouverdpac.org Meetings take place at Education Centre on Broadway and Fir St.

Other updates include:

- discussing redrawing catchment, they are collecting info for now, but the issue will be addressed at the January meeting
- Eric Hamber rebuild: discussion on the size of the new school, (potentially smaller) information on this can be seen on the Eric Hamber PAC site hamberpac.ca; Lindy to also send out an update on this to our PAC email list
- VSB - Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Resources for Parents + Caregivers: more information can be found at vsb.bc.ca

6. Principals Update

On behalf of the school, I would like to say thank you very much for the extensive fundraising that PAC has done this term. We sent an email yesterday outlining technology use and expectations in our school. The Intermediate students have been making good use of the laptops- setting up their OneDrive accounts and learning about safe Internet usage. Following the fundraiser and donations we will be purchasing the next ten laptops, which will bring the school to a total of 29 in the laptop cart. Our Primary classes will each be getting an additional iPad for use in their classroom.

Thank you also for the funding of Saleema Noon- her parent information session was very well attended and I have heard from several families about the interesting dinner conversations that were had last week. Saleema brings a level of expertise and knowledge that we are unable to provide and which is valuable to ensuring that your children grow up to be healthy and to make well- informed choices about their personal and sexual health.

I would like to say thank you to the parent coaches, supporters and drivers of our volleyball teams as well as the school staff who sponsored them.

School grounds update

I have shared at the last two meetings our concerns about the state of the school grounds some mornings with litter, broken glass, drug paraphernalia, dirty clothing and bedding regularly being cleaned up by our Engineer before school starts. In addition to requesting additional patrols by school grounds security and VPD, another option that I am pursuing is the use of a Mosquito anti- loitering device which is in use at other schools in Vancouver.

The device emits a harmless, highly annoying sound which can be set to impact people of any age. There are strict rules about the installation that include how and where it is installed e.g. it must also be located at least 150 feet from the edge of the property or closest neighbor and the hours that it can be operated are from 10:00pm- 6:00am. Following a site visit, it is proposed

that the device be fitted to the north- east corner of the portable closest to the school. From this placement it will be further than 150 feet from any residence surrounding the school (see map attached.)

The process for having a device installed is to have a public consultation period which involves our neighbours, parents, staff and community partners on- site such as Our House. The consultation period will run from this Friday 23rd November, 2018 to Friday 14th December, 2018. Feedback and questions about the device will be welcomed.

Emergency Preparedness

Please return the yellow forms that were sent home last week. The purpose of these forms is to ensure that children are reunited with their families as quickly and as safely as possible in the event of a whole school evacuation. Only one form per family needs to be completed.

Water bottle filling station- update

I have received a quote for the installation of a water bottle filling station- \$4,852. If we have it installed, it will be in the hallway next to the girls' bathroom- the most used water fountain in the school. I believe that a water bottle filling station would get a lot of use so I will be looking at how we can fund it once we get our school budget assigned for this year.

We are looking forward to:

- Early December 2018- being able to accept online payments for school fees, field trips, performances etc. We will be letting parents know how to register to access this service closer to this date.
- Ongoing field trips including skating and in- class scientist visits
- Coding workshops for Divisions 1-4 in December
- Singing in the gym in the last week of school.

7. Fundraising - Sarah and Emily

Parent Social

Sarah thanked everyone for attending, volunteering and supporting the Parents Social. Heritage Hall is tentatively booked for the same night the following year. Heritage Hall is an ideal venue as it is a larger capacity than The Anza Club. The hope is to start the planning process earlier this year.

Hot Lunch

One more Hot Lunch on the 30th and 1 in December on the 14th.

8. SNEAL Update - Tamara

Support Workers Meeting

Tamara met with Cathy and the Support workers, and the Support workers were very grateful to have a representative from the PAC at the meeting. They indicated it would be appreciated to have a bus available for their annual field trip to Playland. Tamara is looking into the cost and

will present at the next PAC meeting. They also would like to see some improvements to the Physio room. Tamara has requested a wishlist and discuss the requests at the next PAC meeting.

Simon Fraser Instagram

A Simon Fraser Instagram account has been activated. It is private, so you must be approved by the administrator, which could take a couple of days. The account is simonfraserelementary there will not be pictures of students on the instagram account.

Meeting Adjourned