

Simon Fraser Minutes

Simon Fraser PAC Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2018

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

1. Review Minutes and Agenda

Solicited feedback on the minutes from the June and September 18 meetings. No comments or changes were made.

Motion put forward to approve the minutes from the June and September 18th meetings. Motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report

Lindy reported that the Operations account currently has a balance of \$7,345 but with several pending payments. After payments owing and expected expenses are cleared, our balance will be \$1,589. The PAC gaming grant was pre-approved although the paperwork hasn't been submitted. The grant amount was \$7,656, up from \$6,180 last year. The gaming account currently sits at \$8,329.76.

3. New Business

Halloween Dance Update - A call out for volunteers was made.

Motion put forward to approve a budget of up to \$350 (out of the general account) for Halloween dance supplies. Motion carried.

Halloween Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser - Dimitri Phillos introduced himself and presented the pumpkin patch idea to the PAC. He explained that he is a realtor with Dexter Associates Realty and that he would gift the PAC \$500 for any business deals he made with any families within the school catchment following the pumpkin patch fundraiser.

Buses for the Teachers - There was discussion about the amount needed for funding buses. Kelli suggested that we include Mr. Hunter in the calculation since both the cross country and track and field teams require transportation to district events. The teacher reps, Ms. Reuben and Ms. Matsuo, explained that there were some limitations with using the bus funds last year (not being able to share the

money with other teachers or use it for trips on public transit) and that the teachers were wondering if such restrictions were in place again this year. Cathy advised that the motion to approve the funding could be worded so that a total amount could be approved with the understanding that the teachers themselves could have some flexibility with sharing funds, etc.

Motion put forward to approve a cost of \$4600 (out of the gaming account) to pay for buses for the teachers. Motion carried.

Popup 10x10 Tent with Logo

Michelle presented the idea of the PAC funding a tent to be used for school events and the outdoor garden. The need for a tent had been discussed at a previous executive meeting with Cathy. The cost had been estimated at \$150 for the tent and up to \$150 for a vinyl school logo. Kelli suggested the idea of spending \$300 on two tents instead of one since the tents themselves house a limited number of students and then hanging an existing school banner on the tents. Tamara then stated that she would donate the cost of one tent with a logo with the understanding that the PAC would then fund a matching tent with logo. A couple of parents then volunteered that they could help with the logo itself at a reduced cost.

Motion put forward to spend \$300 on a popup tent (out of the gaming account) with logo. Motion carried.

4. Teachers' Report (Ms. Matsuo and Ms. Reuben)

Ms. Reuben indicated that she would contact Lindy with more specific details about the teachers' wishlists and related costs. Broadly, the teachers are looking for funding for a yoga program, school performances, classroom improvements, and technology. The intermediate grades are working towards a class set of laptops. There are currently 15 on order. The primary grades would like 10 more ipads. Ms. Reuben also reminded everyone of the upcoming civic election on Saturday, October 20th.

Teachers wish-list for 2018/19

- Laptops for \$5,500 (intermediate classes to share)
- iPads for \$4,872 (for primary classes)
- Performances \$900 (will provide specifics at a later date)
- Yoga Program \$1,750

5. Principal's Report

Yoga (Generation Education)

Cathy presented the yoga program that the teachers have requested. A program has been tentatively booked for January 7 - 18, 2019 and would include all the grades for a cost of \$3500. The instructors are from Generation Education and have a program that meet the core competencies of the BC curriculum. A teacher pro-d day has been booked for November 9 and there is a possibility of after school classes to be scheduled as well.

Cathy requested that the PAC fund half of the total cost, \$1750. Discussion followed about the lack of available funds in the operations account given the pending payments and expenses to come out of that account. The executive had discussed the possibility of covering the cost out of the gaming account but thought it wouldn't be eligible since the yoga program was to be taught as part of the PE curriculum and with the intention of having Mr. Hunter learning the program so he could then carry on teaching it himself.

Cathy explained that a deposit of \$500 is due by October 26th with the remaining payment due shortly after the completion of the program. She said that the school could pay the deposit with the understanding that the PAC would consider the funding motion at the next meeting, after the pumpkin patch fundraiser and the parent social. If the PAC doesn't fund a portion of the yoga program then parents will be asked to pay approximately \$10-\$15 per child.

School Active Travel Plan

Cathy presented the current initiative to get feedback and input from the community about how students and families get to and from school. A notice was sent home in the students' agendas. A community walkabout will take place in a couple of weeks and a PAC rep will be asked to go. Cathy is encouraging the community to be involved since feedback can lead to changes meant to make walking to and from school safer and easier.

Technology

Cathy has used the funds from last year's tech fundraiser to order 9 tech tubs to store and charge the ipads for the primary classes and 15 laptops, a projector and a cart to house everything for the intermediates.

The intermediate teachers hope to get 10 more laptops at a total cost of \$5500 in the future.

Yoony asked a couple of questions about the use of technology in classes and the safety of the apps being used. Ms. Matsuo answered that in her class she uses the ipad mainly to help students read. Cathy explained that the new ipads are all being loaded with apps that have been approved through the VSB.

Though the discussion on technology could have been longer, it was cut short in the interest of time. Kelli suggested that questions about the use of technology in the school could be a whole separate discussion outside of a regular PAC meeting.

meant to deter loitering. Installing this device requires a site visit and assessment by the district as well as public consultation. Cathy is in the beginning stages of the process and will keep the school community updated on any progress.

Kelli raised the issue of back field being used as a dog park and the resulting mess. She asked Cathy if it's enough of an issue that parents should request the city or district's help in changing the allowance of dogs in the park. Cathy stated that there still is dog feces found regularly on the back field and that if as community members we're concerned, we should contact the city.

Fall Social and Fundraising

Chris and Chloe reminded parents to buy their tickets and put a call out for volunteers and donations for the auction.

Chris explained that the proceeds from the 50/50 and raffle at the parent social would be deposited into the gaming account.

DPAC

Melissa noted that though Peter Couch stepped in as interim DPAC representative when our previous rep moved away, he had not been formally voted in and so still needed to be.

Motion made to elect Peter Couch as DPAC rep. Motion carried.

Peter indicated that he would provide a DPAC update at the next meeting.

Hot Lunch

Jessica said that upcoming hot lunch dates were November 16th, 30th and December 14th though they weren't yet active on munchalunch. She also said that new service providers were being explored for the future dates. She reminded everyone that they can volunteer on munchalunch.

Meeting Adjourned