

Simon Fraser PAC Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2017

1.0 Review Minutes and Agenda

Solicited feedback from the November 28th Minutes. No comments made. Motion to approve Meeting Minutes; motion carried.

2.0 Treasurer's Report

Rachel reviewed current account balances: 1) Operations - \$17,493.95 2) Gaming Fund - \$5,472.39

3.0 Principal's Report

- Winter Concert tomorrow (Dec. 13th), one morning show and one afternoon.
- Basketball starting in the new year for Grades 5, 6 and 7.
- 1st Nations presentation on Dec 20th.
- Report Cards coming out week of Dec 18th.
- Coordinator has been hired to source activities for the students.
- School has decided to try "playing outside first and eating second" – this may make the children feel less rushed, but will not solve the capacity issues in the gymnasium.
- Lunch committee hasn't met yet. Suggestion to combine the Lunch sub-committee with the sub-committee that is dealing with the staffing challenges. Follow-up required.
- Portable is ready – class will move from the library with Ms. Ito early the week of Dec 18th
- School is looking for a replacement for Ms. Rai – posting is up.
- Some teachers have started to log attendance on their lap top computers.
- Reminder! Please be on time for school – helps the rest of the day run more smoothly.
- Reminder! If your child isn't going to be in school, please call the office.

4.0 ALL School Activities and Programs

Ms Bistriceanu, Mari Matsuo and Lisa from The Classroom Gardener came to the meeting to present the Gardener program formally to the attendees. The final cost of the program was cited as \$13k - \$8k will come through grants and the remaining \$5k has been requested from PAC. After a series of questions and answers about the program and a healthy discussion on the pros and cons, the attendees voted on the \$5k allocation from PAC's operational funds. Motion was put forward and carried – approximately 25 for, 4 against and 1 abstained.

With the meeting running over time, there wasn't sufficient time to hear the details about the Vancouver Performing Stars (VPS) program being presented by Chloe Eckert. Chloe, however, was able to give a high level overview of VPS and people reacted very positively. Next steps are for the teachers to meet with Katy from VPS to further understand the program and agree on it by way of a vote and then bring it back to PAC for a vote on funding it.

Last item in meeting was a vote on the annual contribution that PAC makes to Grad, which is \$350. A motion was put forward and the motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting January 30th, 2018.