

Simon Fraser PAC Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2016

Review Minutes and Agenda:

Val corrected a couple of minor errors. Once those were cleared, motion to approve minutes from September 21, 2016 meeting; Chris first; Kelli seconded; all in favor motion carried.

Call for new business:

Kelli – she suggested child care during the parent/teacher conferences (come up with some ideas for the school age children to be watched for those 15 minute time slots) and there was a concern that times offered did not work well for working parents. Dawn explained the Ministry sets aside the 2p.m. start. It is up to teachers to put out the times. If you can't make one of those; Teachers can make alternate arrangements for you. She noted that some Teachers were seeing parents up to 6 p.m. and some up to 7 p.m. It was noted that job share arrangements also make it challenging to meet with both Teachers. Spring will be the next session and it was suggested that as a PAC we review childcare options before then.

Melodie - project chef - application for project chef. Program where chefs come into the school. They are cooking with kids for the whole week. Grade 4/5s have qualified. PAC is being asked to support some of the cost. February is when the program starts. It might be something that could come in periodically. Val will collect a bit more information from the Parent that suggested it and possibly circulate or will have ready for review at the next PAC meeting. For project chef info:

www.projectchef.ca

Brent - basketballs. Brent was inspired from Toni's talk last PAC meeting. How could we solve this problem - being short on equipment? Logo basketballs! The school purchased 192. 50 going to school free of charge. 142 balls will be sold and will cover the costs at \$20 per ball. He will be pushing this fundraiser in November. Dawn and Teachers will collect the cash. These are coming from overseas, so delivery will be in the new year.

Traffic Light at 16th and Manitoba – Val noted that some parents from our community had kindly taken this on and it is with the City. Christine Nicholls and Maia Tsurumi are the parents. Thank you ladies! Christine had a discussion with the City (Timothy) on October 17, 2016 and below are the highlights:

- the city will do a study at this location to see if lights are deemed necessary, he believes that this intersection is already in the top 10 for light installation, after the study I'm sure it will be in the top 10
- at this point the city is no longer installing the old school flashing lights and there won't be any installed until the new year, a trial is being done on a new system - flashing beacons similar to ambulance lights but yellow.

- if the trial is approved the top 10 intersections will have the flashing beacons installed but this won't happen until mid 2017 or at some point next year he couldn't give me a specific time frame as the trial needs to be approved first.

Jenn Stewart – DPAC Update:

Jenn Stewart - DPAC Representative – discussed the school board firing. The Board and a superintendent and secretary were let go as well. Fired Steve Cardwell. Diane Turner - from Delta – is taking over at this time. Minister has given her the scope to revisit all decisions by the school board. She can do whatever she wants. Dawn didn't have any additional information.

Jenn noted there had been a DPAC citywide meeting for PAC executive. PAC 101. There was an advocacy piece as well.

Informal Brainstorming:

Val outlined the notes from the informal brainstorming at the last meeting. The goal was to collect information on: What interests, concerns, and suggestions do you have as a member of this school community? How would you like to get involved?

The suggestions again were:

- Food safe certification course
- Music club; parents loan guitars/recorders/ukuleles
- Music club or lessons
- More arts programs within the school (not extracurricular only)
- Bullying education that goes beyond Pink Shirt Day
- Lunch tables for kids
- Handwashing facilities for portables
- More after school sports for younger grades
- Every child to eat lunch at a proper table
- Light at 16th and Manitoba
- Discussion around lunch times so children do not need to eat lunch with coats on
- Lunch room tables; number of tables for all students
- 2 to 3 after school sports programs
- Food quality choices at school events and hot lunch menus
- Number of movies watched in classes over a year at parties and celebrations; seen as filling in time
- Ensuring there are enough textbooks for all students to have for the learning needed. Last year, several classes needed to share/photocopy materials.
- Therapy room upgrade; hot lunch/vegetables out of therapy room.
- Lunches in classrooms.

President's Report:

Dawn spoke to a few items raised during the brainstorming:

Regarding lunch tables; there are now two additional ones (donated); everyone will be in the gym; but not all at a table yet. Dawn has been looking for additional lunch tables. There had been suggestions re: building a shed to store (as storage is an issue) which is a great idea, but there a variety of unions involved so it's not that straight forward. Dawn will start with facilities group first and where to store them so all the children are safe. Tomorrow will be the first try for everyone in the lunch room. All the children will be in the gym as supervision is not ideal for the intermediates. Not great supervision having the kids separated.

Dawn also commented on the children not having to eat with their coats on. Some do. There is that urgency for some. They all know they are not going out til the bell goes. If there are concerns around this; call Dawn.

Gillian – asked is it possible to eat their lunch in their class; what are the logistics to make this happen? Is there a way? Dawn noted that supervision of the class and cleanliness of the tables are issues. Dawn can do more research. A parent noted that she was a Teacher at another school and the all the children ate in their classes. The kids are responsible for cleaning up on their own. Dawn noted the lunch tables are washed down daily, so they are at least properly washed daily. If eating lunch at desks, this may not happen, and then kids back working at desks after lunch that may not be clean. Portable hand washing stations and hand pump stations were discussed. Union issues may prohibit. Dawn noted we don't have the option of a sink in the portables. The hand sanitizer only does so much. Parents are wondering about hand washing. There is always a line up to wash hands. Dawn said there was a plan in place to put out hand sanitizers. Dawn will go to the teachers and discuss, take to the district, and Dawn will bring back more information.

Dawn – talked about our school numbers and noted they were capped. There is no more space. Sherri explained we are we are the most overcapacity school in the district; over 152% capacity.

Dawn addressed the concern that kids felt like if they weren't quiet at lunch their table may not be picked to go outdoors first. Dawn understood and will make the choice more random, as opposed to rewarding quiet.

Other President's news:

Dawn thanked all the parents that attended the assembly. Two classes performed, so it would be the parents associated with these classes. Pictures day is today. Goal setting is coming up. Thursday is BC shakedown. Some parents expressed interest in knowing

what this looks like for the kids. Val said she could do a demo as some point to the PAC as she runs the shakedown at her office. It's Thursday at 10:20. Friday is a pro d. Remembrance day assembly the 9th and the 10th (pro d) and 11th (holiday) the school is closed.

Fundraising Discussion and Treasurer's Report:

Fundraising:

Lisa - went over the raising the bar funds; she handed out an excel sheet for reference. This was an outline of what appeared to be approved for allocation and sample suggestions to open the discussion on how to allocate remaining funds.

Greatest needs - further discussion tabled to next meeting - With Saleema Noon (sexual education) confirmed (\$1,417), an interest in some sort of other guest or performer for \$1,200 (music performance was suggested) and no direct feedback on the \$500 for intermediate library books, we have \$3,309 left under this category to figure out. Improvements to the existing nurses and therapy rooms does sound like a need, but maybe we need to see how much that may be until after Gillian tours the rooms with Dawn later this month.

Phys Ed Fund - further discussion tabled to next meeting - since the high mat went into gaming and there wasn't an appetite to do Hip Hop two years in a row, we have the full bucket of \$3,542 to allocate.

Brent motioned to approve SFE Community Fund (Classroom supplies, stock resource room with sensory learning aids, community garden), Book Fund (Primary Reading sets for all 14 divisions) and Tech fund (1 desktop for a class that doesn't have one; one iPad as they are always needed for all). All in favor. No one declined. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sherri will pass out reconciled accounts at the next meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Hot lunch - Sarah MacKenzie is the Hot Lunch Coordinator and will be ready to go in two weeks with Pizza day.

Adult social – Karen Nicolay – the prep is going great and they are so ready for it. 90 plus tickets sold. Amazing raffle prizes and silent auction.

Adjournment:

Brent motioned to close the meeting; Karen and Chris seconded.