

QUEEN ELIZABETH GENERAL PAC MEETING

Thursday, May 24th – 9:15am

Staff Room

AGENDA

(co-Chairs Carmen Cho / Kristin McAllister)

1. General PAC Meeting called to order at 9:15
2. Welcome and acknowledgement we live, work and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples- Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam nations. Introductions.
3. Acceptance of Agenda and any amendments – Kirsty Myles moved, seconded Duncan MacKay.
4. Acceptance of the PAC Meeting minutes from April 11th 2019 – Motion made by Jennifer Klenz seconded by Rebecca Parry.
5. Principal's Report (Ms Susie Car)
 - a. Newsletter – has the important information for events schedules at the school and it is asked that parents read it when released.
 - b. Enrollment update – 2 Kindergarten classes are currently planned and 14 divisions currently planned.
 - c. Staffing not confirmed yet, may have a posting for a position
 - d. There is a class placement form in the office which enables parents to discuss a child's strength and environments. If there are any conversions which need to occur about specific people please book an appointment to discuss, rather than including such information on the form.
 - e. School calendar will be released soon
 - f. Earthquake – "BIG ONE 2" and Reunification Drills – Thursday May 2, 2019 at 2 pm
 - i. Reunification trial went reasonably well - feedback is welcome
 - ii. Ms. Car would like to buy enough safety vests for all staff to wear should such an event actually occur.
 - g. Safer Schools Together, student presentations on Social Media, Digital Citizenship and the ERASE Report IT tool was very well done.
 - h. Welcome to Kindergarten is on June 7 – 11 to 12 pm
 - i. Carmen and Claire and Beth to attend.
 - i. Sports Day is June 14. School is in session the full day on sports day. Sports well generally occur in the morning.
 - j. The staff have many thanks for the Staff Appreciation Lunch
 - k. The staff is hosting the Thank You tea on June 18th.
6. Budget Update (Rebecca Parry)
 - a. Added a reconcile to the bank account to aid readability.
 - b. Hot Lunch revenue is largely in – there are some refunds to give
 - c. Spending is down, barring teacher funding and technology spend.

- d. \$750 gift cards to be bought as end of year / thank you
- e. Approval by Attendees of the PAC meeting of Teacher Funding of \$50/day for discretionary spending again in 2019-2020.

7. Volunteer Update (Domina/Carmen)

- Secretary position needed for 2019/2020. – Domina has taken the position.
- Replacement for Duncan Mackay (Sports Coordinator) – still looking

8. Fundraising/Events

- Update on Hot Lunch – Julia
 - New sushi vendor – kids seem happy with the food.
 - Many thanks to Julia and Harper for solving this problem and so seamlessly.
 - Sports day hot lunch set up
 - Last week of school – no hot lunch.
- Plant Sale – May 3rd – made \$682!
- Staff Appreciation Lunch – May 15th
 - Thank you to all contributors. Lots of great food. Teachers were very excited and appreciative.
- Games Night – June 7th
 - 10 volunteers for set up, 4/5 helping with takedown.
 - Grade 7 volunteers are very excited to help
 - Great prizes have been obtained – gift cards, rock climbing, Dairy Queen.
 - Please register through Eventbrite so we have numbers for catering
 - For far 100 RSVP yes and it is anticipated that there will be additional attendees.
 - Bring money for food truck (Wings), drinks and 2 of the games
- Garden Program
 - All boxes spoken for, 3-4 boxes actually planted and taken on by teachers
 - Teachers may just need some help getting the boxes started.
 - The boxes that need repair will be done as part of Bayview Elementary moving in.
 - Need a better process to do this – circulate a schedule. Offer parent volunteers to help.

9. Other Topics

- a. Funding and Resources at the School, Generally
 - i. Concerns were raised about hiring private companies to teach programs during school time. This has been a practice that has been going on for years across all schools in the district. Certain expertise is no longer in all schools with the teachers – gym, music, etc. This was something that was approved by the PAC prior to going ahead. Casino/gaming funds can be used to school wide programming – especially with regards to physical education and arts education.
 - ii. School Tax – does not go to the VSB budget. It is a provincial tax on home assets – it goes to general revenue.
 - iii. Generally – most if not all of the authority rests with the provincial government and the authority/permissions granted under collective agreement with the teacher's union. If you do have concerns they should be submitted in writing to

the correct level. Concerns with regards to specific teachers should first be discussed with the teacher, then the principal and then the district principal.

- iv. The teacher's union contract negotiations are occurring over the summer. Not currently expecting a strike.

10. Next Meeting – In the 2019/2020 school year.

11. Motion to adjourn by Claire McClean, seconded by Rebecca Parry – adjourned 10:10 am.

Attendees:

Carmen Cho
Claire McClean
Susie Car
Rebecca Parry
Ellen Du
Kyle Parker
Domina Jahzara
Jennifer Crook

Duncan MacKay
Jennifer Kroeker
Elaine Lau
Beth Hirsch
Julia Whyte
Kristy Myles
Jennifer Klenz
Kristin McAllister