

PAC Agenda / Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2022

Attendees: Tracy Betel, David Schaub, Bradley Gagne, Amber Mah, Andrea Daniels, Azin Sadr, Bouthena Mock, Catie Read, Christine Dobbelsteyn, Clea Young, David Freeman, Hayley French, Katy Howden, Kerry Alexander, Krista Scaligine, Laurel Miles, Martina Tallis, Miaka Nufer, Micah Lang, Michelle Cranston, Nicole Hennessy, Nina Dobbin, Roxanne Brooks, Yael Stav, Ms. Jade Lee, Mr. Watt, Ms. Donovan

Regrets: Conni Vogelfaenger, Liz Price Patel

- 1. Call to order - 6:37PM**
- 2. Territory Recognition**
- 3. Introductions -**
- 4. Agenda (to be approved) -** motioned by Bradley Gagne, seconded by Roxanne Brooks. Passed unanimously.
- 5. Minutes (to be approved) -** motioned by Michelle, seconded by Krista. Passed unanimously.
- 6. Guest Speaker - “Tech Committee”:** Jade Lee, teacher librarian and Mr. Watt, Div 3, Grade 5 / 6 teacher
 - iPad cart - used by one class at a time. Also sometimes the resource teacher will borrow an individual iPad to work with a student.
 - District took all the outdated technology, with the plan to replace them. Older devices are a security risk and cause the WiFi to run more slowly.
 - Not all devices were replaced. There are now only 15 working 8th generation iPads on the cart, plus approximately 5 iPad 7th generation minis.
 - Asking for Parent support to replace the iPads. 100% funds from PAC.
 - Would like to purchase a bundle of 10 iPads for now, and 10 later in the year to replace the dying minis
 - 30 iPads would be a “full” class set.
 - Cost = \$4,140 before taxes (\$400 per 9th generation, 64GB iPad, plus \$14 per iPad cover). This is for the 10-bundle set.
 - Ms. Donovan will provide pricing for individual laptops.
 - Good time to buy an iPad set, as we have a new teacher librarian who is very knowledgeable with Apple iPads. So we can take advantage of her expertise.
 - Roxanne will put this forward to the False Creek Neighbourhood Association. (~\$1100 is usually available to the school)
- Motion:** *Target PAC donations for school iPads & draft ask to the Neighbourhood Association for their allocated FCES funds to go towards iPad purchases.*
Motioned by Michelle, seconded by Bradley. Passed unanimously.
- 7. Principal Report -** see attached
 - Request to provide isolation guidelines for students who are experiencing COVID symptoms, in the next communication/newsletter.
- 8. COVID-19 Update -** David, to put a note in the newsletter about donating reusable 3-ply masks.
- 9. Seismic Upgrade Update -** no update
- 10. Discussion about bringing in** <https://www.saleemanoon.com>

- a. **Teacher reaction** - 9 classes who were in favour in bringing a sexual health educator, 2 who were ok/neutral, and 2 teachers who were not in favour
- b. **Cost** - Would require 2 days to host sessions for all 11 classes. Cost is \$575 per day for the class sessions. Parent-only session is \$350. Recommend doing the parent session first, so that parents understand the language, etc. being used in the class sessions. Total cost ~\$1500.
- c. **Dates** - may not be any dates available for this year. There are options for providing the sessions online.

Motion: PAC to bring in Saleema Noon for all classes that are willing to participate.
Motioned by Krista, Seconded by Bradley. Passed unanimously.

11. Committee Reports

- a. **Treasurer Report** - none for today
- b. **Inclusivity**
 - Newly formed committee
 - Wanted to thank Ms. Donovan and Ms. Lee for their support of the committee, including Ms. Lee's display in the library on inclusivity.
 - Reminder of Black Excellence Day this Friday
 - Also in discussions with Ms. Lee about getting more library books about other holidays beyond Christmas and Hanukkah (e.g., Diwali).
- c. **Website & Communications** - no updates
- d. **DPAC** - DPAC is collecting parents Covid questions. A Covid Q&A session with VSB was held yesterday. There may be more of these types of meetings in the near future.
- e. **Social** - unlikely to be able to plan a Skate Night this January, due to Covid protocols.

12. Old Business

- a. **Canopy Raising** - David will organize this when the weather warms up.
- b. **PAC Lunch** - first lunch date planned for January 19th. Need 2 parent volunteers for each week, as there are 2 different class lunch times, currently.

13. New Business

- a. **Validate Executive created for inclusivity committee**

Motion: PAC validates the executive decision to unanimously create an Inclusivity committee.

Motioned by Hayley, Seconded by Roxanne. Passed unanimously.

14. **Meeting Adjourned** - Motioned by Bradley. Seconded by Michelle. Passed unanimously. **8:23PM**

Maria Donovan's Principal's Report for Tuesday, January 11, 2022

- Welcome back everyone! I hope that you all had a good winter break! We are happy to have all the kids back at school!
- Staff were very busy the first week back in January reviewing health and safety protocols and preparing for a potential functional closure, should one become necessary in the future.
- As a result, some school activities have been cancelled until further notice, including Knitting Club, Climate Action Club, the Grade 7 Friday lunch out and Library Monitors. These activities will be reconsidered in a couple of weeks. Additionally, volunteer activities have been limited to existing arrangements until further notice.
- Part of the first week preparations involved the setting up of the Microsoft Teams Classrooms, so that all students have access to online learning, in the case of a functional closure. All families are asked to practice getting on their child's Microsoft Teams Classroom, in case a closure should happen.
- False Creek families raised 500 pounds of food donations! Food Banks Canada values food donation at \$2.62/lb. So, you provided **\$1,310** in non-perishable items in support of your community. Additionally, we raised \$832.80 in online and cash donations!! The Greater Food Bank works hard to provide healthy food to those in need. Thank you to everyone at False Creek Elementary, once again, for supporting this valuable community service!
- On Friday, January 14, we are recognizing Black Excellence Day at False Creek Elementary. **We will be wearing black shirts on Friday** in support of anti-racism and in recognition of the ongoing struggle for civil rights fought by black and racialized Canadians. January 15 is the birthday of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. Therefore, Vancouver schools will be recognizing this day on the Friday before.

Thank you, PAC for purchasing 30 boxes of "Colours of the World" crayons for all False Creek Elementary teachers to have in their classrooms, in recognition of Black Excellence Day!!

- Our Lost and Found is once again overflowing with your children's clothing items!!! Items that were lost from Sept-Dec are now being displayed on tables in front of the gym. **We will be putting the lost items outside on tables in the morning and after school for this week only (January 12-14).** Unclaimed items will be donated to charity. Please come by and have a look...before it's too late!!
- Please send students to school with reusable masks. We are going through a lot of disposable masks, which end up in the landfill. Two ways to prevent loss of your child's masks are to label them with their names and attach a string/band to them (so they hang off their necks and don't fall out of their pockets).

Upcoming:

- January 17th is a Professional Day. There is no school for students on this day. ▪
Report Cards go home on Friday, January 28, 2022