

PAC Agenda / Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2022

Attendees: Kerry Alexander, Roxanne Brooks, Christine Dobbelsteyn, Ingrid Figueroa, Catherine French, Bradley Gagne, Anna-Luise Gomm, Nicole Hennessy, Krista Scaligine, David Schaub, Yael Stav, Conni Vogelfaenger, Gemma and Eduard

Regrets: Dorothy Watkins, Matt Clarke

1. **Call to order - 7:21 pm**
2. **Territory Recognition**
3. **Introductions**
4. **Agenda (to be approved)** - Motioned Bradley Gagne, Seconded Krista Scaligine, Passed unanimously
5. **Minutes (to be approved)** - Motioned Krista Scaligine, Seconded Bradley Gagne, Passed unanimously
6. **Principal Report (Dorothy Watkins)**

Safety Drills	Continuing with Earthquake and Shelter in Place drills.
Student Affordability Fund	In consultation with staff and keeping within the guidelines set out by the government, we have made a plan for False Creek. There are funds targeted for families in need (food security, glasses, etc.) and the rest is to bring down the cost of school activities in general- camp, school leaving ceremony, cultural experiences and field trips, for example. Families have reached out to me but I will post reminders as the school year progresses. All funds must be spent by June 2023. It is, unfortunately, a one-time fund.
Performances	Both of our performances that have been booked were canceled due to performer illness. Squamish Stories will now be held on October 18 th . How Raven Stole the Sun will be on December 7 th .
Clubs	We have finalized our Club Schedule- known changes will be put into the WAG but sometimes, due to staff absences, a club must be canceled. Monday – Chess, Knitting (all ages) Wednesday- Art, Knitting (gr 4-7 only) Thursday – Ultimate Skills (gr 3-7), Knitting (all ages) Sometimes an extra Art Club is announced if we have staff to cover it.
Leadership Opportunities	As November winds down, we will be switching the Kindergarten Leaders over to grade 6 students. If grade 7s wish to continue, they can but some were interested in having more free time during lunch.
Staffing	Mr. Bruechert is taking a personal leave in the new year in order to finish his PhD. We wish him the best and he will return in September 2023.

Illness at school	There has been a significant uptick in sickness. Staff and students have had an increase in illness. Even though it may not be COVID, we expect ill people, both students and staff, to stay at home for the well being of all.
Sports	We are onto Volleyball now. Basketball will be next.
Remembrance Day	Students did an amazing job! It has been 2.5 years since the full assembly. I was so proud of the students as participants and as audience members.
My tenure	I am continuing until December 16 th – the last day before Winter Vacation. I'll share the news about the new Principal as soon as I know.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Social/Arts and Culture (David)
 - i. We are seeking volunteers to take lead the social committee and/or volunteer for these activities (please sign up via Slack)
 - ii. Are there any volunteers to run a holiday bazaar?
 - Conni reach out to Ms. Mitchell and Krista will reach out to Miaka to understand how this was run previously. Kerry volunteers to help too.
 - We will need to investigate dates - first or second week of December
- b. Communication/Website (David)
 - i. Communications and the website are up and running. There have been some communications with Between the Bridges.
- c. Yearbook (David)
 - i. Email was sent out to try to inform parents about the photo consent implications. Miaka is attempting to reach out to parents to get consent for yearbook / classroom pictures.
- d. Inclusivity & Diversity (Kerry)
 - i. Planning to schedule an IDC meeting next week
 - January - Black Excellence Day and Anti-Racism activities
- e. Treasurer
 - i. Grant from gaming commission has come in
 - ii. Revenue from hot lunch program has started coming in
 - iii. We have bought equipment for recess activities
 - iv. We are waiting for feedback from Principal/office to confirm spending

8. Old Business

- a. PAC lunch
 - i. PAC lunch has been going well
 - ii. There has been some interest in 2 days per week, however extra volunteers would be required

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- iii. Alternatively, we could bring in an additional vendor, however we're not sure if other vendors would have the munch-a-lunch labels
 - iv. David Schaub will run a survey to understand the interest from parents in a second day and volunteer availability. Krista will first reach out to the BitterSweet Kitchen to confirm capacity to provide an extra day.
- b. Coffee Friday
- i. Planning for Friday, November 18
- c. Parent workshop - Saleema Noon Nov 29
- i. When: Nov 29, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Join Zoom Meeting (no registration needed)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82116292272?pwd=V0Z1bWFHWZ4Z2lyZ2E1UFBTb2o2UT09>
Meeting ID: 821 1629 2272
Passcode: 461597
For more information about Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators go to www.saleemanoon.com.
- d. DPAC music program
- i. David talked to Matt Clarke - he is in support of signing up for the DPAC music program
 - ii. DPAC music program information: <http://vancouverdpac.org/music> and <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UCy8wdePd13E0nrRteXwbHSA8Ewm1b-6/view>
 - iii. Krista has reached out to UBC Music to see if there are any musicians available to volunteer
 - iv. There would be a cost per child, which we can fundraise for (~\$120 / child /10 sessions)
 - v. We will also need to reach out to see if there's a teacher champion to support the program
 - vi. **Motion:** The PAC will try to sign up for the DPAC music program. Motioned Bradley Gagne, Seconded Krista Scaligine, Passed unanimously

9. New Business

- a. Christmas caroling (David Schaub)
- i. Beth from Convivial Cafe and Bakery - they have some funds to put up tents and provide hot chocolate and snacks. We could stop at Leg in Boot Square and sing a few carols and/or end the caroling there to enjoy the snacks (Roxanne). Alternatively, we can carol in the co-op.
 - ii. The Neighbourhood association has some budget for the event (Yael Stav)

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- iii. We would require some parent volunteers and materials. There are caroling books in the PAC room.
 - iv. David will look into coordinating the event. Roxanne will share her contacts with David. Kerry volunteers as the co-op contact.
- b. DPAC feedback
- i. Opinion on reinstating school liaison officers (as per Mayor Sim)
 - DPAC is requesting feedback from the PACs to provide input on this reinstatement.
 - The role of the school liaison is intended to be the point person for the school so students are familiar with the school liaison officer
 - There was discussion on negative and positive feedback from some parents
 - ii. PAC led mask mandate - pro or con?
 - Some members of DPAC are advocating for a PAC led mask mandate

At this time, DPAC has not provided motions to respond to. Once these are available, we will present DPAC motions on these topics in the announcement of the next PAC meeting and invite all parents to discuss the motions. Christine will also post in Slack if/when a motion is presented.

- c. Board game request
 - i. There was a request to have board game options for students to play in a school club. Anyone that has board games to donate can drop off at the office.
- d. Set next meeting date
 - i. Note: holiday events can be planned via Slack
 - ii. Next meeting: Monday, January 9 at 7:15pm

10. Meeting adjourned - 8:32pm Motioned Conni Vogelfaenger, Seconded Christine Dobbelsteyn