

PAC General Meeting minutes

Herbert Spencer Parent Advisory Council

Date | time May 1, 2019, 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Amber Orchard

In Attendance

Amber Orchard | Katrin Jessome | Allison Mounsey | Kailey Toth | Marti Longstaff | Natalie Suffron | Karyn Audet | Crystal TerHaar | Lena Jerabek | Amandeep Duhra | Robyn Kurtz

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Approval of March 6th 2019 Minutes: Natalie Suffron, Karyn Audet

Approval of May 1st 2019 Agenda: Kailey Toth, Marti Longstaff

Presentation and Questions | School Trustee Gurveen Dhaliwal

Information on budget, long range facilities plan, live streaming of school board meetings, out of school care, special education review, gifted education review, May day, Forum "Thought exchange, ProD day scheduling. For questions or concerns you can contact Gurveen at gdhaliwal@sd40.bc.ca.

Correspondence | Katrin Jessome

- New West Soccer Club about participation at Carnival.
 - School Nutrition Program to inquire if parents received the school survey.
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Principals Report | Suzanne Cameron

- **School Supplies**
The school district is trying to bring supplies down. Sat down in grade groups to determine what's needed; trying to keep it simple and bring cost down. It is not mandatory to purchase the school supplies kit through Creative Packs, parents are welcome to purchase the supplies themselves.
- **May Day Dancing**
This is the first year that participation in May dance was optional for the Grade 3 and 4 students – and the first year that no kids had to be disciplined during May dance practices. In previous years a lot of instructional time was dedicated to May dances. After school practices were coordinated by the district to allow students to attend practices at any of the schools. Grade 2-5 students will be watching the May dance performances in Queens Park.
- **Outdoor Classroom**
The outdoor classroom is a big success with teachers and students alike. Mme Cameron spent an hour with Ms. Stebner's Kindergarten class on the playground to introduce them to it.

Chair's Report | Amber Orchard

- **Playground Phase 3**

The outdoor classroom set up has been completed. The PAC is reviewing possible enhancements such as planters with indigenous plants.

- **Drop Off Zone**

The PAC has designed lawn signs for the drop off area outside the school. Parents parking in the drop off zone are making it difficult and unsafe for other parents to drop off their children. Parent volunteers will remind other parents of the parking restrictions as needed. Information about the drop off zone may be included in the Kindergarten information next year.

- **School Expenditures Approval**

Postponed to the next meeting.

- **Executive Nominations**

Elections will be held at the PAC meeting on June 5th 2019.

Treasurer's Report | Marti Longstaff

- We exceeded our expectations for income in 2019/20 and will discuss how the money can be spent. The proposed budget for 2019/20 will be similar to this year's budget. Movie nights have turned from expenditures to profit; we're reviewing low income items such as the card project, and items with rising expenditures such as the Grade 5 graduation trip to Cultus Lake Waterslides. Some items e.g. the VSO bus will be corrected to match the actual expenditures in 2018/19. Hot lunch profits won't be affected by the school nutrition program. Discussion if Freezie Fridays may be used for charitable opportunity such as helping out other schools.

CPF report | Allison Mounsey

- The main fundraiser for CPF is the annual Queens Park Garage Sale. A storage unit has been donated to CPF, collection of donations is starting this Friday.
- 96 students had a very successful trip to Quebec.

DPAC report | Alexandra Kosta

- Alexandra is absent, no report.

Committee Reports

- **Events**

The Carnival organization is in the final stages. There will be games and 3 food trucks. Sale of wristbands will start two weeks before the carnival. Wristband will be \$12 through Munch a Lunch and \$15 at the door.

The Staff Appreciation Potluck Lunch is scheduled for June 14th 2019

- **Fundraising**

The card project has been completed. Income hasn't been confirmed yet but it appears that it was not as successful this year as in previous years.

Freezie Friday went well, we sold out quickly and are sorry that some children did not get any Freezies. We will ensure that there will be enough Freezies at the upcoming Freezie Fridays.

The Purdy's Fundraiser before Easter did well, we will put it out earlier next year and may also have a Purdy's fundraiser before Christmas.

We are reviewing a possible meat fundraiser.

Flip give account made \$200.

- **Members/Communication**

The yearbook has been submitted for printing.

New Business | Amber Orchard

- None.

Questions and Comments

- Sports Day: Will take place on June 21st 2019 and themed around Indigenous Day.
- The Grade 5 graduation trip to Cultus Lake Waterslides is scheduled for June 13th 2019.

Next Meeting

June 05, 2019, 7:00 pm, Herbert Spencer School library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.