

PAC General Meeting minutes

Herbert Spencer Parent Advisory Council

Date | time May 12, 2021 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Natalie Suffron

In Attendance – Meeting held via Zoom

Natalie Suffron | Catherine Allard | Kailey Toth | Marti Longstaff | Jen Rhyne | Diana Martins-Garbutt | Tina Wang | Parveen Kullar | Suzanne Cameron (excused at 7:12) | Carly Eirikson (excused at 7:12) | Amber Orchard | Allison Mounsey | Courtney Daws | Charmaine Holder Damonse | Tony Gilligan | Amy Brunelle | Madhu Gill

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Approval of Agenda: Amber Orchard & Marti Longstaff

Approval of April 7, 2021 Minutes: Catherine Allard & Diana Martins Garbutt

Principals Report | Suzanne Cameron

- Thank you to all parents for being so awesome with pick up and drop off. Parents staying off the school grounds until 2:50 is being much more respected.
 - We appreciate people not parking in the teacher's garage.
 - The school is doing Welcome to Kindergarten on the May 21 Pro D Day so that families could come into the school physically. Currently 86 families have registered.
 - Next year the school will go from 22 to 23 divisions. A portable is being brought in to accommodate the new division. The portable will back on to the hockey boxes. The smallest hockey box will be gone.
 - Grade 5 - PAC will fund a magician and lunch and the school will have a water fight. The students will bring their water guns a week early and they will be disinfected by the school. There will be some sort of graduation ceremony for students only, by division.
 - Mme. Cameron will be moving to Qayqayt and Mme. Eirikson will be staying. The principal from Qayqayt, Karen Catherwood, will be coming to Herbert Spencer.
 - It was asked if the new portable will be similar to the existing ones. Yes, they are sourcing one that is in line with the ones we have.
 - It was asked if staffing will stay the same next year? Mme. Cameron is in the midst of staffing now. Many of the smaller part time roles will be adjusting and many teachers are coming back full time. There will be 4 English kindergarten classes.
 - It was asked if the extra custodian and cleaning services will be able to be maintained next year? Mme. Cameron responded that yes, they are putting that into the budget for next year, but it is unknown at this time when and how much. We will likely have to share the new custodian with another school.
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Correspondence | Kailey Toth

Fundraising advertisement from Me N Ed's pizza.

Chair's Report | Natalie Suffron

- **Grade 5 Lunch**

PAC will arrange for a magician, Shawn Farquhar to perform virtually on Friday, June 25, for a one-hour show, and PAC will provide a special lunch. Menus will be provided and students will be able to choose.

- **Interest in Executive for 2021/2022 Year**

If anyone is interested in a role on the executive or as a member at large please email Natalie at herbertspencerpacchair@gmail.com.

Vice Chair's Report | Leah Yallop

- No report

Treasurer's Report | Tina Wang

- **Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 School Year**

Tina presented a detailed breakdown of the proposed budget for the coming school year.

CPF Report | Allison Mounsey

- CPF is not yet sure if they can host the welcome back swim, pending COVID 19 guidelines.
- CPF dropped off a CPF sticker package and pamphlets to schools today for the Welcome to Kindergarten packs.

DPAC Report | Marti Longstaff

- The New Westminster police community liaison program has been cancelled.
- The district budgets have decreased because of the loss of international students.
- The federal funds from the federal government will not be in place next year.
- The district has an increasing enrollment next year.
- The Minister of Education, Jennifer Whiteside, will be attending the next DPAC meeting. The district has collected questions in advance to be asked during the meeting.

Committee Reports

- **Events – Amber Orchard**

The events committee had a very challenging year in difficult circumstances and put on some amazing events. There will be no further events this year and they look forward to putting some events together for next year.

- **Fundraising**

The Mother's day fundraiser went well. We made just over \$1,200.

A new session of Fun Lunch will be coming up. The McDonalds Fun Lunch was a hit with the kids and the uptake was about twice as much, but it was difficult to organize and will be changed next time to streamline it.

- **Members/Communication – Martinique Longstaff**

The delivery date for yearbooks is unknown. Marti will figure out how to distribute the books when they arrive with Mme. Cameron.

Parent education was very good, although attendance was low. If anyone has ideas for parent education please let Marti know.

New Business

- There was no new business.

Questions

- There were no questions.

Next Meeting

June 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.