

# **Kitchener Elementary School PAC - Meeting Minutes**

April 12, 2017

## ***In Attendance***

Tracey Mayede-Lok (Co-Chair), Tommasina Mele (Co-Chair), Janice Chiem (Treasurer), Kristina Murray (Secretary), Victoria Louie, Kristen Valente and Sherri Boljuncic.

## ***Staff***

Deb Taylor (Principal)

### **1. Call to Order**

- Meeting was called to order at 6:39pm.
- March 2017 minutes were accepted: moved by Kristina, seconded by Sherri - passed unanimously.

### **2. Principal's and SPC Report – Deb Taylor**

- See Appendix A.

### **3. Treasurer's Report – Janice Chiem**

#### **March 2017 Activities:**

There were no fundraising activities in March.

#### **Disbursements:**

There were no disbursements from the General or Gaming Accounts during the month.

### **4. DPAC Report – Kristina Murray**

- The Board presented the Budget. It can be viewed on the DPAC website if anyone is interested [www.burnabydpac.com](http://www.burnabydpac.com). They're anticipating a steady rise in full time enrollment through 2018, mostly at elementary level (there had been a downward trend in enrollment until 2015).
- PAC's were reminded that the Gaming Grant online application runs from April 1 – June 3, 2017.
- The DPAC PAC Executive thank you dinner is on Wednesday, June 7th. Invitations will be sent out soon.
- Upcoming event: Burnaby Mountain Secondary is hosting "The Mindful Teen: Promoting Mindfulness and Social Emotional Learning": 7pm, Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Dr. Vo will share practical mindfulness exercises that can be used right away.

## **5. Recaps/Updates – Co-Chairs**

- Sports Day – Tommasina: Friday, May 19. Early dismissal at 12:30pm. Starbucks donates coffee, PAC runs the concession stand - Costco granola bars, muffins, bottled water are sold. Non hot lunch students can buy a piece of pizza and juice box. Tracy will email Vancity to donate popsicles/freezies.
- Teacher’s Luncheon - Tommasina: contacted Burnaby Central to cater the luncheon, but unfortunately they can only cater after 2pm. Tommasina will contact other caterers and/or the Trattoria Restaurant. Alternative is to have parents bring dishes. Dates: Thursday first choice, Wednesday second choice. Approximately 30 staff members.
- Volunteer Tea: date TBD.
- Year-end BBQ/Welcome to Kindergarten - Tracey: Wednesday, June 7 from 3:00-6:00. Chef David will be asked again to help with the BBQ cooking. Let Tracey know if you can volunteer to help out.

## **6. New Business**

- Kristen – possible new hip hop program: The dance program through Vibe One Dance is very good. It’s traditional hip hop with great music and the students learn to dance as a team. The cost is \$10 per student. Deb/PAC will look into booking either this new studio or Emily from Dance Express next year.
- School-wide event – Deb: possibly a Circus will come in to teach juggling, tight rope and other circus acts.

**7. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm by Tommasina Mele.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 6:30pm.

## Appendix A

Principal's PAC Report - April 12, 2017

I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break! Unfortunately the weather was great for the plants, trees and ducks, but not so good for outdoor activities unless your family went somewhere hot or up a mountain to ski.

Cannot believe we are in our final term and already it is almost the middle of the month.

Since last we met the following events have occurred:

- Grade 7 boys and Girls Basketball Team challenged the Teachers to a game. There was about 50/50 support for each team and everyone had fun!
- Intermediate Student-led conferences wrapped up tonight. In each classroom students were sharing lots of their learning and seem very proud of what they have accomplished since September.

Here are a few activities/events that will be coming up:

- Our Intermediate Track Team is already practicing. Mr. Phillips and
- Earth Day is April 21 and we are planning to beautify our community and pick up garbage. I was wondering if PAC could provide either some oranges or fruit freezies for the students when they return. Parents are welcome to join us.
- May 5 is Jump Rope for Heart Day. The kick off assembly was yesterday. Your children probably have already shared this with you. Students will be practicing their skipping and skipping stunts in their PE classes leading up to May 5.
- Our staff are already planning for Sport's Day and House meetings leading up to Sport's Day
- Planning for our Kitchener Talent Show has begun. The Talent Show is on June 16. Mark it on your calendar.
- Election Day is May 9 and our school will again be a Polling Station. It will be held in the large gym.

A few questions/comments:

1. When we order equipment/materials we need to sight an account number. We used to be able to just say paid for by PAC but in order to get the benefit of the tax rebate, orders going through the District must be paid for. Is there a way of giving money to a specific school account which we would account for by giving you the receipts and doing an accounting of money spent and not spent throughout the year.
2. How much money was put away for the buses to go to Langley Event Centre for Acceptance Giant's Game which did not occur? At the last meeting I believe you agreed to us putting that forward to a school-wide event in June.
3. I know Anthony told you last year, but this is just a reminder that there will be no memory book sold this year. This is to do with where files are stored. The current company wants to charge us \$250 to have teams, leadership roles, etc and then

there would be a charge for the pictures. As an alternative, we are looking into taking pictures ourselves and then selling them. I am sure the cost will be much lower. Next year, we are going to have Mountain West take our pictures.

4. Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony is going to be held during the day this year, with all the community (parents, students and staff present) Most elementary schools have their Leaving Ceremony during the day.

5 Finally, to plug a video course that our Counsellor, SarahJoy Hoskins is facilitating: Power to Parent Course. It will run for 8 Friday morning sessions from 9:30 – 12:00 beginning April 21. Call or email SarahJoy if you would like to attend.

Respectfully submitted

Deb Taylor