

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Sir James Douglas Elementary School
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April 18, 2005 Meeting – MINUTES

Parents & Staff in Attendance: Astrid Visscher, Catherine O'Brien-Bell, Ita Leiva, Dayle Giesbrecht, Darren Shong, Laura Eusanio, Sue Watkins, Milla Hooper, Carolyn Morgan-Chan, Trish Quon, Swee Chow, Emma Breurkens, Pam Biela, Lenore Jackson, Teri Corcoran, Barbara Claridge, Marie-Helene Humphries

1. **Welcome & Introductions**

- Simon Szeto was unable to attend tonight; Astrid and Catherine will chair the meeting in his place.

2. **Review of Tonight's Agenda**

- Accepted with no changes

3. **Review of February Minutes**

- Latches on washrooms – Pam Biela to follow up with Mr. Gill at the Main school; at the Annex there are latches
- Raffle split should read 35%-35%-30% not 70%-30%

4. **Update from Teri Corcoran (Community Schools Team)**

- With SVNH to increase gaming funds resulting in new Homework Club at Douglas for up to 20 participants
- Robotics Club at David Thompson – Lego League is the elementary component; Women In Science have offered to fund part of this. Possible but requires parent support as this would be a Grades 5-7 after school event. Anybody interested to call Teri at Dave Thompson Secondary.
- All Candidates Meeting on April 29th at the Boys & Girls Club from 7-9pm. Focus will be on children & youth issues. Encourage families to attend.
- Actions School Program (Mrs. Jackson) – Classroom bins of equipment that rotate from classroom to classroom. Goal is to have 150 minutes of physical activity per week. An addition to the PE program that is used as a teacher's tool to incorporate during the day. Funded through the Ministry of Health.
- Healthy Choices Forum at Tupper – different organizations attended; ideas for healthy snacks, healthy schools, healthy communities
- PAC to look into what grant applications might be available related to the classroom bins

5. **Chairperson's Report**

- Hot Lunch Program – minimum participation 250 students for Douglas; investment to upgrade kitchen needed; Questions raised: where will the children eat? Storage? Gym? How many people want it? Garbage? Extras? Disruption due to renovations? Survey to be sent out with sample menu –if response is positive, we will pursue further.
- Ministry of Education - \$20 per student given to PACS. Douglas received \$14k but should be \$16k as the Annex was not included – Ministry has already been contacted about this. A draft letter to the Ministry was read that was prepared by Simon outlining some general opinions about the money received. Discussion had about the contents. Astrid took some notes and will pass on to Simon. Money received is in the general PAC fund for distribution.
- Teacher's WISH List discussed and other suggestions made from the floor include awnings over the portables so the children do not get wet while waiting to get into class, fieldtrips, presentations, dividing monies by grade level and letting those teachers decide how to spend the money.
- PAC Budget – will be voted on in the June meeting; Simon to follow up with a presentation in the next meeting – to be put on the agenda.
- Scholarships – Academic scholarships already in place but what about PE scholarships? Astrid to follow up with feedback.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

- VSB – April 21st at 7pm the Trustees will receive delegations re: 2005 budget proposals
- PAC Fundraising Accounts Breakdown as follows:

Hot Dog	4,216.20
Snack Shack	1,166.27
Bake Sale	81.80
Entertainment Books	1,049.48
Family Photos	630.00
Goggle	207.99
Purdy's	1,263.40
Carnival	25.00
Big Brothers	864.00
Total	\$ 9,504.14

7. **Members @ Large Report**

- Fundraising –
 - Carnival a go ahead – working hard
 - Mother's Day Baskets – Ruth has forms out
 - Big Brothers go ahead May 3-5
 - Raffle – Michelle Alexander to do one for PAC fundraising – Dayle to follow up
 - Bottle Drive – Tracy Shudo – Dayle to follow up re: date & details
- Safety
 - Cannot take pictures
 - Crosswalk not at this time but will change signage to no stopping at anytime
 - Parking enforcement – lots of tickets issued
 - Will not change traffic flow (no one way)
 - Push education
 - Suggestion: a safe passenger drop off/pick up zone

8. **Principal's Report**

- Grade 7 trips to Quebec – arrival May 5-12 for the exchange
- Articulation for kids going into Grade 8
- Teddy Bear Tea May 4th for new kindergarten
- Grade 7 Basketball successful zone finals & than to Churchill
- Grade 7 Cortazal (sp) Level Study – Doctor will be presenting information at the June meeting to present to parents
- Band Concert – June 7th
- Learning Through the Arts artists are here

9. **Vice Principal's Report (Main)**

- Working with Grade 7's to make them aware of internet safety/chat rooms/threats
- Presentations about physical changes on Wednesday – boys/girls separated

10. **Vice Principal's Report (Annex)**

- Sneaker day on April 8th successful
- Jump rope for Heart Event all day event raised \$4,211.13
- Rainy Day Parade on April 29th – best rainy day gear
- Learning through the Arts part #3 – a cartoonist and a clay artist
- Program for French Immersion schools – author comes in and talks to the students – very successful re: level of the children's language skills and questions
- Benches – we have six of them

11. **Other Business** – None

- PAC Meetings Schedule: May 16 Jun 20
- Agenda items can be emailed to Simon at: simon_szeto@hotmail.com
- Meeting adjourned