

**PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Sir James Douglas Elementary School**  
**7550 Victoria Drive, Vancouver BC V5P 3Z7**  
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**January 16, 2006 Meeting – MINUTES**

**Parents & Staff in Attendance:** Sue Watkins, Catherine O'Brien-Bell, Ita Leiva, Trish Quon, Carolyn Morgan-Chan, Ruth Martens, Becky Winkelmann, Kam Grewal, Devinder Grewal, Damon Smith, Emma Breurkens, Vivian Haber, Jaspal Chohan, Barbara Claridge, Pam Biela, Adrian Keough

1.     **Welcome & Introductions**

- Sue welcomed everyone to the PAC meeting and introductions were made; Astrid was unable to make tonight's meeting

2.     **Review of Tonight's Agenda**

- Addition: Damon re: parking patrol @ Annex; Sue re: Emergency Preparedness
- Motion to accept by Ita; seconded by Carolyn

3.     **Review of November Minutes**

- Minutes accepted with no changes; motion by Ita; seconded by Becky
- Business arising from the November minutes:
  - Speakers – Sue will update as to the variety of speakers available
  - Text books – balance arrived today; teachers guides not yet
  - Safety Patrol – not enough student volunteers from the grade 6/7's; suggestion made to send out notices in June to the Grade 5/6's in preparation for September

4.     **Chairperson's Report**

- Fundraising at a slow pace as there is no dedicated committee
- Letters to staff re: WISH list
- Volunteers needed to put together the "Kid Futures" brochure kit
- French Immersion of PAC Chairs sent a letter re: the election and are encouraging parents to ask their candidate about their views on the French Immersion Program
- Presentation on sex education will be held at David Thompson Secondary School on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm for parents of teens
- Fundraising options – milk fundraiser through BC Dairy Foundation – not feasible at the Annex; Shop Fundraiser re: purchasing gift certificates to a variety of stores year-round – Becky volunteered for the Annex and Emma for the Main school

5.     **Treasurer's Report**

- No activity to report
- Purdy's Chocolates – Annex didn't make it
- Big Brothers – fairly good; another one to be held at the end of the year
- Pizza Day at the Main School – went well but not enough volunteers; problems with the delivery to classes
- Poinsettias - \$200 made
- Fundraising at the Annex – hot lunch every other week and bake sales still doing well

6.     **Parent Parking Patrol (Annex)**

- Signs unveiled that say No Stopping No Parking
- 6 new safety vests compliments of VPD and another rain suit
- North side – speed bumps installed; meeting to discuss redesigning of entrance to Annex to open up space and alleviate the bottleneck of traffic
- 5 minutes stopping only in the No Parking zone
- Too much cut-thru traffic from Knight to Argyle via 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue

7. **Members @ Large**
- Possible speaker topics:
    - Emergency Preparedness/How to Prepare your Household – done through City Hall and VPH; 2 hour sessions – should be a separate meeting from the regular PAC meetings – library could be a good location
    - Anti bullying, raising Confident Boys & Girls, Born to Buy – free speakers through the BCTF; these are geared for parents
    - A list of all the topic choices are posted on the website – please provide feedback
8. **Principal's Report**
- Welcome to Adrian Keough, the new Vice Principal at the Annex
  - Parking Patrol at the Main school – some improvement but still most chaotic at Brigadoon entrance; the Student Support Workers have shifted hours to be able to cover parking patrol
  - 3 student teachers are at the school
  - Lenore Jackson has been awarded the Career Achievement Award
  - Family Movie Night – good turn out; most popular with younger kids; will open this up in the future for both the Main & Annex
  - For 3-4 year olds “Ready-Set-Learn” on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the public library; March 29<sup>th</sup> school event to welcome new students
  - French Immersion and K's recruiting getting ready
  - Event sponsored by YWCA that focuses on Grade 7 girls; “Welcome to My World” transition to high school; space for 25 girls
  - Received money from provincial government – money saved during job action that was part of the agreement to give back to the schools; Main school received \$55,000 with constraints – will use for text book shortages but items have to be received by March 31<sup>st</sup> or the money goes back to the government; also received .8 staff member to assist children as need arises – will be posted tomorrow but is a contract position; \$10,000 to the library
  - Staff changes – Mr. Tereposky on leave of absence and is replaced by Ms. Ciwko
  - Expansion of French Immersion program – trustee change; ideas welcome to Alan Wong (the liaison)
9. **Vice Principal's Report (Main)**
- Social responsibility good – very few incidents; students offer to help
  - Leadership Conference at the Roundhouse for 4 grade 7's and 2 grade 6's will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup>; Ms. Watson will be taking the group
  - Churchill Secondary – deadline for applications is March 1<sup>st</sup>; staff already distributed to Grade 7's
  - David Thompson Secondary – deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>; Jan 24<sup>th</sup> speaker will be here to meet with the grade 7's; parents night on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the DT auditorium
  - Mini School – acceptance will be known by mid March
10. **Vice Principal's Report (Annex)**
- \$17,000 received from government; will spend some of this on internet access for all classes
  - Corinne Larue-Madill on maternity leave – replacement to be decided
  - Literacy grant \$1,000 received
  - Web site updated with new pictures
  - Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Winter Concert
  - Acknowledged Marie-Helene, Barbara, and Pam for all their help
11. **Other Business**
- Camp Jubilee scheduled for last week of April for the Grade 7's at the Main school; parent information night to be announced
  - Quebec trip scheduled for Feb 8 – 15; parent evening January 31<sup>st</sup>; grant from the YMCA covers the transportation costs; students from Quebec to Vancouver scheduled to come from May 24 – 31
  - Meeting adjourned

**Agenda items can be emailed to Astrid Visscher at: [avisscher@shaw.ca](mailto:avisscher@shaw.ca)**

Meeting Schedule	February 20	March 20	April 24
	May 15	June 19	

*\* Some dates subject to change – please continue to check your monthly school calendar*