

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Sir James Douglas Elementary School
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March 27, 2006 Meeting – MINUTES

Parents & Staff in Attendance: Astrid Vischer, Sue Watkins, Ita Leiva, Trish Quon, Carolyn Morgan-Chan, Becky Winkelmann, MaryAnn McCreight-Balshaw, Sylvia Jackson, Pam Biela, Adrian Keough

1. **Welcome & Introductions**

- Astrid welcomed everyone to the PAC meeting

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

- Addition: fundraising (Becky & Ita)
- Motion to accept by Carolyn; seconded by Becky

3. **Review of February Minutes**

- Minutes accepted with no changes; motion by Sue; seconded by Becky

4. **Chairperson's Report**

- Supervision Aides at Main and Annex – concerned about the large amount of lost & found items; should they be donated or save them for clothing drive? Advise in newsletter to come and pick up otherwise items will be donated; announce during class to students and have a walk-about by each class to see if they recognize any items
- Traffic Signs – seem to be working well at the Main School; at the Annex, volunteers are needed
- School newsletters via email – some have been sent out via email; parents who are interested on receiving the newsletter via email should contact Leslie in the office
- Letter read from Shirley Bond re: develop the Parents Education Network; meeting March 25th with DPAC to discuss; comments or concerns to your DPAC rep

5. **Treasurer's Report**

- Catherine unable to attend; Astrid will present
- Gaming application in by June
- Fundraising at Main School – Pizza Day on April 5th; forms have to be back by March 31st 9:00am (Joyce, Ruth, Ita)
- WISH list based on fundraising at the end of year – not much fundraising done this year
- Science Camp from UBC, "Gearing Up For Science" – 2-3 hour sessions - \$50 per session; might be some money still be available through the funds set aside for field trips; can charge \$2.00 per student
- Grade 7 Camp Jubilee trip – fundraising?
- Mother's Day Flower Baskets – Ruth Martens
- \$1,000 YTD raised through Hot Lunch at the Annex and \$120 raised from the last bake sale
- Cookie Dough Fundraiser – buckets of dough or frozen pucks; for both the Main & Annex
- Chocolate Almonds going home this Thursday/Friday at the Annex; Main school delivery date TBD

6. **Members @ Large**

- Parent Education presentation next PAC meeting; topic "Supporting your Child's Learning" on April 24th at 7:00pm in the library; All parents welcome – refreshments & child-minding provided
- Earthquake Preparedness presentation – sometime in October

8. **Principal's Report**

- Barbara Claridge away sick today.

9. **Vice Principal's Report (Main)**
- Books – must be delivered by March 31st
 - 29 computers arrived and will be hooked up online in every classroom
 - Will be looking into getting printers\
 - “Ready, Set, Learn” – Wednesday from 9:00am to 11:30am in the library at the Main School for parents of 3-4 year olds in preparation for the next school year
 - Grade 7 Camp Jubilee will be April 26-28; parents night held March 23rd
 - Social Responsibility – continues to be a good year
 - Carousel Theatre performed for K-5's on March 21st
10. **Vice Principal's Report (Annex)**
- Kindergarten registration finished – 64 registered, 44 spots accepted (draw) and the rest wait-listed until the end of September
 - All classrooms internet connected; cables bought and next to buy computers for each class
 - Books arrived
 - New 5 week after-school program for grade 2's & 3's on Tuesdays from 3-5pm at the Boys & Girls Club; through the David Thompson Community Link Team
 - Bizou the Clown performed last week – 40 minute performance included social responsibility topics
 - “Getting Ready for Kindergarten” program – 1 day session in May in conjunction with the Teddy Bear Tea
 - Denise's (Supervision Aide) last day is this Friday
11. **Other Business**
- Concern raised that at times there is no supervision aide during lunch time at the Annex; Adrian is aware and this is usually related to when some kids are not finished eating yet and have not gone outside
 - Meeting adjourned

Agenda items can be emailed to Astrid Visscher at: avisscher@shaw.ca

Meeting Schedule April 24 May 15 June 19

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