

1 PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Sir James Douglas Elementary School
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April 24, 2006 Meeting – MINUTES

Parents & Staff in Attendance: Over 20 people attended tonight's presentation, "Supporting Your Child's Learning"

1. **Chairperson**

- Shortened PAC meeting tonight because of the presentation
- All regular and scheduled business to be reviewed at the next meeting
- Suggestion to have brief discussion tonight on fundraising, Sports Day, Principal & Vice Principals Reports
- Motion to accept: Sue; seconded by Trish

2. **Fundraising**

- Main School – Pizza Day a huge success with over 525 pizzas sold
- Annex – 3 hot lunch days scheduled in May
- Chocolate Almonds done
- Notices for Mother's Day Flower Baskets, Raffle Tickets, & Cookie Dough have been sent out
- Suggestion made that not all the fundraising should go out at once in the future

3. **Sports Day**

- Volunteers needed at the Main School for the following:
 - Before Sports Day to help count the money for the Pizzas
 - During Sports Day to help sell coffee & baked goods in the morning as well as distribute & sell Pizza during the lunch breaks
- PAC will again purchase the Freezies this year (but will be juice bars instead)
- Schedule of Events to be posted
- Forms for the Pizza as well as for Volunteers will be going home soon

4. **Principal's Report**

- "Ready, Set, Learn" event had a poor turnout – only 7 people attended; this was aimed at parents of 3-4 year olds; suggestion made that it would be better geared for daycares & preschools
- "Welcome to Kindergarten" – parents, children, and other care-givers will receive a bag full of crayons, scissors, etc. with stations where they can learn and receive tips about preparing children for Kindergarten; will be held May 31st at the Annex and June 7th at the Main school
- Code Red Drill (intruder in the school) – held today; district wide drill May 4th
- UBC professor will be doing a noise study (decrease noise from upstairs classroom to downstairs by putting tennis balls on the feet of the chairs & desks)
- Seismic upgrade options: 1) completely take down building (\$15MM cost), 2) structural renovation, or 3) renovate entire school; update this Thursday; planning for September 2006 start with 18 months for completion
- Dance Afternoon – this Friday at Van Tech Secondary School; parents welcome to attend
- Rollerblading next week
- Dr. Oberlander (re: saliva study) will come back this year to review his findings

5. **VP Report (Main)**

- Grade 7's at Camp Jubilee this week; kids very excited
- Seismic upgrade training this Friday morning
- Next week there will be an intermediate performance; parents invited

VP Report (Annex)

- Spring programs – “Gearing Up For Science” – all classes will have 2 workshops each; and a local drumming group
- May 15th grade 4 orientation at the Main school for parents; prior to the PAC meeting

- Meeting adjourned

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

Meeting Schedule May 15 June 19

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