

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Sir James Douglas Elementary School
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May 15, 2006 Meeting – MINUTES

Parents & Staff in Attendance: Joyce Spencer, Kam Grewal, Pam Biela, Barbara Claridge, Adrian Keough, Rose Weber, Becky Winkelmann, Carolyn Morgan-Chan, Trish Quon, Sue Watkins, Ruth Martens

1. **Welcome** – Astrid and Ita send their regrets, Sue will be chairing the meeting.

2. **Review of April Minutes**

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

3. **Review of March Minutes**

- Minutes should be amended to include:

Astrid suggested that we strike a committee to survey the school population and have the committee chair report back in June any recommendations that they may have come up with regarding how we deal with fundraised dollars. The PAC members at the meeting said they did not want me to go forward with this, and that things should be left as they are.

Motion to accept with addition by Carolyn, seconded by Sue.

4. **Business arising from Minutes**

- The cortazal study by Dr. Oberlander will continue into May and June. We will try to have an update of his findings next fall.

5. **Chairperson's Report**

- We'll be reviewing the wish lists from the schools and reporting on the proposed expenditures at the June meeting.
- The gaming funds application will be going to the province by June 30th.
- We are looking for nominations for the PAC executive for next year. Sue has agreed to stand as chair and Ita has agreed to stand as fundraising chair. We still need nominations for secretary, treasurer and member at large positions. Nomination forms will be available on the website or at the school offices. Nominations must be in by June 15th. The forms can be faxed to the school or sent by email to Astrid.

6. **Fundraising Report**

- Raffle raised \$5800
- Flower baskets raised \$880
- Chocolates sales raised \$900
- Cookie dough sales raised \$1002
- A clothing drive is scheduled at the annex from June 5th-8th. Bring bags to the annex gym. Big Brothers will be picking up the bags on June 9th, 9am. Help will be needed at that time.

7. **Principal's Report**

- Dance Day at Van tech went well
- Kids enjoyed 2 weeks of rollerblading
- Band concert was May 3rd. Ms. Litz suggested a standard band outfit such as a white shirt and black pants. We might invest in something vests or polo shirts. However, a deposit may be necessary to ensure the outfit is returned. We may want to have a Member at Large to act as a band liason.
- There will be another band concert June 20th in the evening.
- The Quebec students will be here May 24-31. Lots of activities are planned including tandem bike rides around Stanley Park, visits to Grouse Mountain and Storyeum.
- There will be a "Welcome to Kindergarten" event at both the Main and Annex. All members of the family are welcome to attend.
- The Track & Field meet will be held June 1st at Swanguard Stadium.
- Volunteer tea will be held on June 14th.
- There was a discussion regarding lunch time activities from October to April. It is possible that David Thompson students can volunteer to lead activities.
- Seismic Upgrade will be starting July 2007
- Barbara Claridge will be retiring this year and will not return next year. We won't know who her replacement will be until June. We will request to meet the new principal in June.

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

- June 20th Grad ceremony at 1:00. There will be cake & juice as well as speakers and a presentation of diplomas.
- Boat cruise for all graduating grade 7s is scheduled for June 26th
- "Cadence", an award winning vocal group was very well received by all students.
- Functional Skills Assessment (FSA), standardized testing for grades 4 and 7 is almost complete.
- Pam Biela will be leaving her position as VP, due to health reasons. She will do Area counseling, but doesn't know which area yet.

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

- Grade 3 grad will be on June 21st.
- Earthquake drill went smoothly
- Chantal Trudeau and Sallie Boschung will be presenting their literacy project at the Literacy Fair on May30th.
- There will be little change to the staff at the annex for next year. The final staffing will be finalized soon.

11. **Other Business**

- Sports day for both schools is on May 19th. There will be a pizza lunch and bake sales.
- Volunteers are needed
- The annex we be doing "Jump Rope for Heart" activities.

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

Meeting Schedule

June 19 (AGM)

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