

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
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October 16, 2006 Meeting—Minutes

Parents and Staff in attendance: Sherry Parke, Nelia Benjamin, Susan Dreger, Catharine O'Brien-Bell, Theresa Sturby, Rose Weber, Trish Quon, Becky Winkelmann, MaryAnn McCreight-Balshaw, Dayle Giesbrecht, Ita Leiva, Joyce Spencer, Ruth Martens, Judy Fong, Siu Louie, Sam Louie, Connie Carver, Donna Emeno, Adrian Keough, Kam Grewal, Sue Watkins, Carolyn Morgan-Chan, Harpal Kainth, Lina Reid, Sue The, Clara Hesson, Sylvia Jackson.

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

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

- Motion to accept—Ita/Dayle

3. **Review of September 18, 2006 Minutes**

- Motion to accept—Becky/Dayle

4. **Business Arising from the minutes**

- Constable Paul Taylor does not provide presentations for parents, but parents are welcome when he gives presentations to students.
- Emergency Preparedness—still no response from city.
- Family Photo Night—Wed. Nov. 1 and Thurs. Nov. 2 4 to 9 p.m.; \$15 per family sitting; perhaps Grade 7s will assist on these nights.
- Fundraising—school has required licenses to show movies.
- Catherine O'Brien-Bell will be liaison for Grade 7 French Immersion trip.

5. **Chairperson's Report**

- Kam and Sue will attend DPAC meeting in near future. We need a DPAC representative.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

- Received \$15,600 from Gaming Funds.

7. **Budget Allocation of 35/35/30**

Sue Watkins explained in detail the 35/35/30 split as this issue is discussed yearly. Following is a summary of what was presented.

- PAC Fundraising:
 - **Sources of Revenue:**
 - a) **Money in the bank.** Some of this money is allocated for specific items such as technology, or English/French trip legacy funds.
 - b) **Gaming Funds**—we receive \$20/child from the government, not to be spent on field trips outside of BC. PAC needs to account for every penny spent.
 - c) **Year-to-Year**—Bake sales, hot lunch, clothing drives, etc.; we don't know how much money we have until the end of the year as this depends on parent/community involvement.
- Allocation of Funds
 - Gaming Funds based on school ratios—this is non-negotiable.
 - Year-to-year split is 35% French trip; 35% English Trip; 30% to schools.
 - 30% is pooled with the gaming funds to satisfy the "wish list".
 - Small amount of money is spent on scholarships, gifts for staff, babysitting etc.

- Combined allocated monies from fundraising/gaming: Main School 51%; French Trip 16%; English Trip 16%; Annex 14%; Scholarships 3%.

- Wish lists

- Both schools provide *wish lists* at the end of the year.
- No money is paid out until the end of the year when PAC knows the \$ amount raised.
- PAC does not fund textbooks, school supplies, etc as this is Ministry's responsibility.
- Priority is given to items that the school community would benefit as a whole.
- Combined money spent in 2005/2006 : Main 46%; Annex 26%; English Trip 13%; French Trip 13%, Scholarships 2%.

- Motion Tabled—To strike a committee for parents of English students so that the Grade 7 field trip will be reviewed. Donna E. will check with teachers to see if a longer trip or change of location is possible for the English speaking side.

8. Principal's Report

- Dr. Pam Biela (counselor) will be off for 6 weeks due to an injury—waiting to see if there will be a replacement.
- New staff at the school due to school re-organization.
- .5 from Resource position was taken away.
- Website still in progress.
- Cst. Paul Taylor—Internet Safety/Cyber bullying will be on **November 22 from 1 – 2 p.m.** Parents are welcome to attend.
- Virtues project—students will be presenting a virtue a week—how to be kind, etc.
- A stranger followed a female student from bus to school from the bus, and came right up to the school. The police were called, and they felt it was a random incident. Students will be reminded again about safety. Parents were informed immediately following the incident.
- No news from school board about seismic upgrading.
- School Fees: still collecting until different directive from school board.
 - Point of Information: School supplies are the responsibility of parents as per the school act.

Parent Comments: It would be helpful for parents if at the beginning of the year the school provided a list of school supplies that students require.

School Community will send a get well card to Pam Biela.

9. Vice-Principals' Reports

Annex

- Adrian is currently at MacKorindale as acting Principal. Chantal Trudeau is acting V.P. at Annex.
- Hip Hop program will begin in the winter, with perhaps a performance at the Main school in the new year.
- Jenny Provenzano is the new supervision aide at the annex.
- Thursday Oct. 26 is the Kindergarten/Grade 1 information night.

Parent Idea: The students could perform social responsibility skit about the parking situation at the schools.

Main School

- Supervision guidelines—make sure students are always safe and accounted for.

10. Other Business

- Parking issue regarding uncooperative/disrespectful parents towards parents on parking patrol at the Annex. Adrian will mention it again in the newsletter in stronger words. The police will be contacted to see if they can drive by and check the situation. Perhaps teach kids how to cross the street properly so they can "teach" parents.
- Trees on south side of Annex have been checked, and there is no safety hazard.