

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
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November 20, 2006—Meeting Minutes

Parents and Staff in Attendance: MaryAnn McCreight-Balshaw, Becky Winkelmann, Trish Quon, Joyce Spencer, Siu Louie, Rob Yuen, Judy Fong, Ita Leiva, Kam Grewal, Victor Le, Sue Watkins, Ruth Martens, Emma Bruerkens, Qian Li, Li Ping Chen, Angela How, Carolyn Morgan-Chan, Connie Carver, Donna Emeno, Adrian Keough, Rose Weber, Clara Hesson, Sylvia Jackson.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review of Agenda

- No additions; Motion to accept—Ita/Rob N.

3. Review of October 16, 2006 Minutes

- Motion to accept—Becky/Ita

4. Business Arising from Minutes

- Campbell's Soup Labels—Emma has separated, and they are in boxes. Carolyn will get info to Emma as to what to do with them.
- Card for Pam—Thank you to Trish and Sue for making the card.
- Emergency Preparedness—info session Thursday Nov. 30 at Sunset Community Centre 7:00 p.m.

5. Chairperson's Report

- Thank-you to *Fundraising committee* for all efforts in past month.
- **DPAC**—Seismic upgrade—Chairperson very frustrated as feeling government is stalling on seismic upgrading in district. The **VSB** is trying to get information to provincial government, but little/no response.
- **DPAC**—*Parent Advocacy Program* is available to all parents for issues on how parents can advocate for their child within the school system. The contact number is on the DPAC web site.
- *Community School Teams*—Sue attended a meeting, these programs are to help children at risk (families who are on income assistance, or families who have had involvement with government agencies in the past). "*Kindness Rocks*"—all kids are invited, and will take place at David Thompson on their professional day; all local schools are invited; this is a community school teams program.
- *Cross-Country Meet*—we have a banner and canopies.

- Parent Info. Night—The BCTF (BC Teacher's Federation) provides many topics, PAC will try to book topics on:
 - I. Raising Confident boys (and girls).
 - II. Captive mind—Captive market?
 - III. Antibullying

6. Treasurer's Report

- Annex Bakesale--\$222
- Family Photo Night--\$570
- Hot Lunch (Main School)--\$800 to \$1000 (depending on payout)
(Annex)--\$423 (3 hot lunches)
- Shop Cards--\$250

7. Fundraising Report

- Pizza Day (Main School)—preprint labels as to know whose basket is whose; Dairyland delivered too early; need more volunteers on the day—perhaps parents from different divisions each time can help; grade 6's and 7's take turns helping on hot lunch day; thanks to Leslie in the office and teachers who assisted.
- Movie Night—Nov. 30 6:30 to 8:15 p.m.; 4 tickets per family; Mr. Miciak doing A.V.; Ita has sent forms to G. 7 teachers as 2 volunteers from each division needed; Donna will get volunteer; bring a donation for the food bank.
- Bake Sale—G. 7s will hold bake sale Nov. 23; all items are \$1.00.
- Big Brothers—December 4 - 7; Drop Off—Main School-stage; Annex-gym.
- Poinsettias—November 30 deadline, December 8 pick-up.
- Shop Funds—need more volunteers as very time consuming.
- Cookie Dough—maybe at a later date.

8. Principal's Report

- English/French Trips—Donna met with all G. 7 teachers—felt there was no animosity between English/French; teachers felt confident that English G. 7s had a positive experience; Ottawa trips need to come forward from the teachers (and they haven't done so); this year's camping trip is May 4, 2007.
- Seismic Spring 2006—escalating cost of construction and lack of funds is reality; Douglas is 1 of 16 schools on list and our feasibility study is just in progress, therefore, if it were to start it would not be until 2008; our replacement/upgrade cost vs. new building was looked at, but it is on hold as well; **write letters to MLA**—Sue will post a letter on the web site to forward to MLA; perhaps if seismic upgrading not happening, then we as a PAC need to look into getting emergency equipment just in case.
- Cyber-bullying—Constable Paul Taylor cancelled all presentations.
- FSA Results—G. 4—up in **writing**—96% meeting; **numeracy**—95% meeting; down **comprehension**—73% meeting; G. 7—up in **writing** and **numeracy**; **comprehension**—74% meeting. As a result, school has purchased books, and Adrian Geer presented *Reading Power* to staff on professional day.
- Emergency Planning—when school, for example, has no water or no power, the idea of *class parents* for each division is being pursued; parents would have confidential numbers of students, and would phone parents in case of emergency.
- Safe Arrival Program—Sylvia will look into what is happening at Kingsford Smith School.

9. Vice-Principals' Reports

Main School

- *Supervision guidelines*—contact Connie with input/ideas/concerns.
 - Before School—no formal supervision before 8:30 a.m.; students are able to come into the school and go to rainy day areas; line-up outside classroom; no roaming the hallways; children in portables can stay in the basement.
 - Recess/Lunch—if a nice day, then all students outside; **lunch at a friends**—need note from parent or parent comes to class and pick up students.
- Point of Information—parents need to sign children out of office even if the teacher is informed.
 - Rainy Day—in basement, activity room or outside with proper rain gear.
 - After school—supervision until 3:30 p.m., will do a sweep at 3:30, and will bring any students in to office.

Ita—concern at *Brigadoon Door*—**need Parent Parking Patrol**—if anyone can co-ordinate volunteers, please contact the PAC.

Annex

- *Chantel Trudeau*—going to West Vancouver as V.P.; there will be an assembly; candidates for position may choose to start next September.
- *Emergency Preparedness* for staff on last professional day, this included First Aid training.
- *Winter Concert*—Hoppy Concert, Wednesday December 20 in afternoon; evening concert will be in the Spring.
- *Mme Daniele*—her job is finished January 31, 2007; hopefully, she will be able to stay.

10. Other Business

- *December 18th meeting* at 7:00 p.m. will be more of a social event (bring goodies to share).
- Perhaps PAC meeting will be held occasionally at Annex, as every 2nd Monday staff are there later.
- School Photographer—keep as photographer for next year.
- Soap Issue in Main school washrooms—tabled until next meeting.