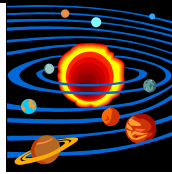


PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
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Parents and Staff in Attendance: Trish Quon, Carolyn Morgan-Chan, Joyce Spencer, Kam Grewal, Jacquie York, Michele Jarrett, Becky Winkelmann, Sue Watkins, Ita Leiva, Connie Carver, Donna Emeno, Adrian Keough, Sylvia Jackson, Dawn Preston Brown, Barbara Dominik, Susan Dreger, May Szeto Luk, Sheri Parke, Cora Lee, Peter Yee, Shelley Woodman, Rose Weber, Theresa Sturby, Mary Ann McCreight-Balshaw.

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

2. **Review of Agenda**

- Addition—Big One at Two Becky (accepted)/Trish (seconded)

3. **Review of April Minutes** Dawn (accepted)/Jacquie (seconded)

4. **Business Arising from Minutes**—none

5. **Chairperson's Report**

- **Fruit Program**—need participation of teachers and parents. Trish Quon has agreed to run the program. Donna will speak to staff. We need to sign up in September. This program is to supplement the curriculum, not to replace students' snacks. It is free to participate, and also the PAC receives \$750, a fridge and bins. Fruits and veggies come washed, and are local produce. The program lasts about 15 weeks.
- **VSB Facilities Open House**—These took place around various high schools. The purpose was to address issues of:
 - Declining enrollment
 - What to do with facilities that are empty
 - Seismic upgrading

Henry Ahking will be back at Douglas in June to discuss the options of the school—rebuild or replace. September 11, 2007 is the date for facilities decisions in Vancouver.

- **Monetary Gift to Boys and Girls Club**—as Douglas school uses the gym at the boys and girls club, the PAC will give the club an honorarium of approximately \$300.
- **Nominations for PAC Executive**—need to be in by next PAC meeting on Wednesday, June 20th 7:00 p.m. (note change of date due to conflict at Annex). Contact PAC to forward names of parents who would like to be part of 2007/2008 PAC.
- **Family Dance**—June 1st at 6:30 p.m. Douglas Main School. This will feature a local youth Marimba band—Kutapira. Only \$5.00/adult, children free.
- **Big One at Two**—very informative, to see a parent summary of the drill, please see the PAC website. Please make sure all your emergency contact information is up to date. Drop, Cover and Hold table in the event of an earthquake, will be clarified to staff.

6. **Sports Day Update**—Joyce is organizing the volunteers at the main school. Annex is ready.

7. Principal's Report

- School Planning Council—reviewed school data. 2 goals will remain at the main school: Literacy and Social Responsibility (safety at recess and lunch which will be partially addressed through the Virtues project).

Question: Are there programs for girls on bullying? Donna said that Grade 4 and up, this issue is covered in personal planning.

- School Calendar for 2007/08 school year will be available on May 25th.
- Early Dismissal Times changing—there will be fewer switches next school year, as it disrupts the schedule i.e. staying in school until 3:00 on Wednesdays, and leaving at 2:10 p.m. on Fridays.
- School will be down enrolling teachers but no teacher has been surplused. This means that classes will be larger next year, intermediates up to 30 students.
- Vandalism at main school—Donna is thinking that maybe school should contact neighbours facing the school, and ask them to be on the lookout, as vandalism is a major expense. It was suggested that possibly the kids can go out with an adult, and discuss this issue as a part of Social Responsibility.

8. Vice Principals' Reports

Main School—Connie

- Grade 3 articulation/transition meeting took place on May 14th, it was well attended and received.
- Earthquake Drill—went smoothly, students were calm and efficient when leaving the building. Each teacher has a bright pink backpack with nametags and basics in it.
All classes are buddied with another class; one teacher remains with the class outside while the other teacher does a different emergency job i.e. shelter building, first aid, etc.
- Celebration of the Fine Arts—on June 1st at 9:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. all parents are welcome.

Annex—Adrian Keough

- One teacher surplused, but on maternity leave.
- School Planning Council met and annex will continue with their 2 goals of:
 - Problem solving in peaceful ways.
 - Numeracy.

9. Other Business

- Big Brothers will be June 11 - 14 at both schools. Pick up is Friday June 15th.
- FSA testing—parent voiced her concerns/disappointment on conflicting information from teachers, school and school board. Connie believes that next year there will be clear guidelines, as the issue needs to be worked out between the BCTF, Provincial Government, and School Board. Major concern from parent was that students who were exempted from the FSA tests (either by parent or other issues), were allowed extra time to complete classroom work, or some did an interesting science project. The students who wrote the test missed out on the science or were given homework. Donna will look into this concern.
- Track and Field Elimination—parent was concerned about student anxiety over being eliminated from track team. Connie will look into this.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Final PAC meeting for this year on Wednesday, June 20. The PAC executive will be elected for the 2007/08 school year.