

**PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
SIR JAMES DOUGLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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**Parents and Staff in Attendance:** Trish Quon, Carolyn Morgan-Chan, Joyce Spencer, Kam Grewal, Becky Winkelmann, Sue Watkins, Connie Carver, Donna Emeno, Sylvain LaRochelle, Sylvia Jackson, Dawn Preston Brown, Sheri Parke, Theresa Sturby, Mary Ann McCreight-Balshaw, Elsa Rice, Pam Parmar, Cindy Sepp, Ellen O'Brian.

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Review of Agenda**—added commuter challenge.      Dawn(accepted)/Becky(seconded)
3. **Review of April Minutes**      Cindy(accepted)/Theresa(seconded)
4. **Business arising from minutes**—none
5. **Chairperson's Report**
  - Thanks to all the volunteers at both schools that made Sports Day a huge success.
  - **June 10 is the Commuter Challenge only at the Main School.**
    - All kids that participate will have their name entered into a draw for prizes—each division will have prizes.
    - Sue will look into locking bicycles.
    - Goal is 75% participation—kids can walk, carpool, cycle, public transit (all or part way to school).
  - **June 12 Cycle course for grade 4s** funding by the BC Lung Association.
  - **DPAC Food Guidelines**—we seem to be on track with what is recommended.
    - Annex offers fruit for hot lunch, suggested that a note be put on Main schools hot lunch form for students to bring a piece of fruit.
    - Serving size is the key—find info on PAC website regarding healthy bake sales, etc.
    - Options for various hot lunches discussed, but we'll stick to present format as it follows guidelines.
  - **Fruit and Veggie Program**—Donna got a call that said we were accepted, Sue will follow-up.
  - **Nominations for next years PAC**
    - Next PAC we will re-elect/elect executive.
    - If you are interested, please fill out a nomination form, available in school offices.
    - Each person from PAC executive gave a brief synopsis of her role.

6. **Update on Code of Conduct**—Connie Carver

- Necessity for each VSB school.
- Staff, student, parent input—had many discussions and drafted a Code of Conduct.
- In September, Code of Conduct brochures will be sent out—this will be reinforced by posters, in assemblies, etc, so that all students will be clear on the expectations.
- Suggestion by Dawn, that when various posters come to school that can be linked to our Code of Conduct, then the poster be put under a specific sign of either Show you Care/Be Safe/Be Fair i.e. a poster saying "Stand up for what you believe is right" could be placed under a heading of Be Fair.

7. **Smart Board Presentation**—Sylvain LaRochelle

- Uses the computer, Smart Board, and projector together as a teaching tool.
- The screen is touch sensitive so the students and teachers can manipulate objects on the board.
- Smart Technologies provides free updates regularly
- Within the board, 1000s of teaching tools/resources can be accessed.
- Sylvain will work with teachers in the fall about the capabilities of the technology.
- Again the question is how will all students in both schools (each school will have 2 boards) have access to the Smart Board technology.

8. **Principal's Report**—Donna Emeno

- School Planning Council discussed:
  - Literacy continuing to be a focus at school with ESL/Refugee students being concentrated on.
  - Social Responsibility will also continue to be a school goal.
  - Reading/Writing 80 % of non ESL students meeting; 45% meeting for ESL.
  - Preliminary school organization:

▪ **French Immersion:**

- 2 x 6/7
- 1 x 5
- 1 x 4/5
- 1 x 4

▪ **English**

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| * 2 x 7   | * 2 x 4   | * 1 x 1/2 |
| * 1 x 6/7 | * 2 x 3   | * 2 x 1   |
| * 2 x 6   | * 1 x 2/3 | * 1 x K/1 |
| * 2 x 5   | * 1 x 2   | * 2 x KF  |

- There are 3 retirements—2 resource teachers and 1 SSW.
- There are concerns that some students may have substitute teachers in the fall, especially in French Immersion as there are maternity leaves, but this won't be known until August.
- Welcome to Kindergarten on May 28<sup>th</sup>—provided with Welcome to Kindergarten bags.
- In September, English students likely won't be in class until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week, French Immersion by the first Wednesday.

9. **Vice Principals' Reports**

• **Connie—Main School**

- Pennies for Grandmothers' has raised approximately \$1500.
- Intermediate musical—June 19

• **Sylvain—Annex**

- Thanks to all parent help on sports day.
- Big One at 2 went well.
- **Please check school hours as many students are still coming late, and this disrupts the class.**
- Banned trading cards due to numerous issues involving them.
- **School Goals**—Technology and building community through the curriculum with entire community.
- Welcome to kindergarten on June 4.
- School organization still being worked on.

**Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**

**Final PAC meeting for this year at Main School June 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00p.m. Child minding is available. Please come out to support your PAC and re-elect/elect a new executive.**