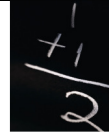


PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
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Parents/Staff in Attendance: Shalini Morgan, Rose Weber, Manjit Rana, Maryann Balshaw, Dal Sandhu, Theresa Sturby, Becky Winkellmann, Trish Quon, Carolyn Morgan-Chan, Michele Jarrett, Rajendra Jinabhai, Jackson Wong, Gabriel Yiu, Lisa MacNeill, Ginny Chu, Sue Katanchik, Lynsey Scales, Dawn Preston Brown, Lynda Hydamaka, Kam Grewal, Susan Dreger, Joyce Spencer, Damon Smith, Sherry Smith, Wilford Ang, Raj Ghosh, Sylvain LaRochelle, John Houck, Donna Emeno, Connie Carver, Manjit Dhillon Ruth Martens Lena Lai, Eleanor Wong, Nicholas Ali, Peter Helbig, Nidhi Saxena, Marilyn Buentipo, Meera Ghosh, Anne Trites, Sue Watkins, Sylvia Jackson.

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** Wonderful representation of parents from both the Main school and Annex.
2. **Review of Agenda:** Trish (accepted)/Carolyn (seconded)
3. **Review of June Minutes:** John (accepted)/Lisa (seconded)
4. **Business Arising from Minutes:** Paid out money that was allotted to schools.
5. **Chairperson's Report:**
 - ❑ **Goals for the Year:**
 - Building a community.
 - Promote better communication.
 - Seismic Safety.
 - Fundraising for numerous programs in the schools.
 - ❑ **Seismic Safety:**
 - We have a Project Agreement with the Ministry so we will move into the design phase. We are on the high priority list. There is an issue with schools that were chosen by the government as "Neighborhoods of Learning". Mike Watkins is still pursuing this issue.
 - Donna—Henry Ahking will be going back to the Ministry with our concerns.
 - ❑ **Fruit and Veggie Program:**
 - Very successful at the Main school. Donna mentioned that both teachers and students love it.
 - Annex will receive an application from Sue.
 - Ruth will apply again in January for the Main school.
 - ❑ **Annex Liaison Person**—Susan Dreger.

6. **Treasurer's Report:**

- ❑ Hot lunch at the main school raised approximately \$542.
- ❑ We have approximately \$50,000 in the bank, some is for the French and English legacy fund, some for technology. The majority of this amount was inherited from previous PACs.

Question from parent: Is there a possibility to increase the amount of hot lunches at the Main School? At this time we would need a huge increase in volunteers to carry this out.

7. **Executive Reports:**

- ❑ **Carolyn (volunteer coordinator):** There are many volunteer opportunities at both schools, we encourage parents to get involved—make a difference at your child's school.
 - **Look on the PAC website for volunteer opportunities.**
 - PAC will look into making an **Events Calendar** of PAC events.
 - Everyone is welcome to volunteer, bring your younger children if you need to.
 - There is a positive change noticed in the school by staff.
 - **If you do volunteer at the school, please check in at the office and get a visitor's tag.** Everyone needs to be accounted for in case of emergency.
- ❑ **Becky (fund raising):** trying to increase events for the community—Movie night, dance.
 - **November**—a fund raiser with Dessert Co. Nov. 3 forms out, Nov. 14 forms due, Nov. 17 help count, Dec. 2 delivery.

8. **Principal's Report**

- ❑ Still short one teacher for grade 4 French Immersion, possibly by Monday Oct. 6th it will be filled.
- ❑ It was a smooth start up.
- ❑ Fruit & Veggie program have been a huge success with both staff and students.
- ❑ 2 fire drills, and an earthquake drill have successfully taken place.
- ❑ Fantastic Technology professional day on September 25th with the Annex. There is now a wait list for the Smart Boards. Many teachers came away with tools they could use in the classroom.
- ❑ Thank you to parents for helping out in every avenue at the school from the staff at Douglas—hot lunch, t-shirts, fruit & veggie, etc.

9. **Vice-Principals' Reports**

- ❑ **Sylvain**—thanks as well to parents for volunteering at the Annex.
 - **Cross Country Team**—is very dynamic, approximately 70 children are participating. Lots of spirit and enthusiasm.
 - **Meet the teacher night**—well attended by 130 parents.
- ❑ **Connie**—Thank you as well to parents
 - **Terry Fox Fundraising**—raised approximately \$1000, you can still donate.
 - **Vancouver Opera**—Barber of Barkerville was enjoyed by staff and students.
 - **Code of Conduct**—almost finalized, then will be published and distributed.
 - **No Child Without**—Douglas in enrolled in this program. All children who have a medical condition will receive a free medic alert bracelet.
 - **Safety Patrol**—there has been some confusion, but schedule is now set up.

10. **Other Business:**

- **T-Shirts MaryAnn—**
 - Gym strip will be printed with option of students and parents purchasing. Waiting for sizing. Annex will likely get as well.
 - **T-shirts \$10.00, Shorts with embroidered logo \$15.00.**

- **Garbage at Main School—**can there be an outside garbage can on Brigadoon side? There are issues with leaving it out at night, but students of different divisions can possibly pick it up in the morning, if tongs and buckets were left at Brigadoon door.

- **Traffic Safety Damon—**
 - Pedestrian Crossing on Brigadoon coming soon.
 - There will be new **Green signs** coming soon which allow parents to park for **3 minutes** while dropping/picking up children. These will be replacing the “No Parking” signs.
 - Constable on Brigadoon will not confront you when committing a traffic offence, but you will pay a penalty once you go to renew your insurance.
 - ICBC signs—**Slow Down School Zone—**will be posted around the school.

- **Memory Books and Recycling** at the Main School have been deferred until the next meeting.

- **Walk to School Day—**October is walk to school month.
 - **October 8th** is official walk to school day. **October 6 – 10 free transit for all students.**

- **Campbell Soup Labels Theresa—**thank you Theresa for taking this on.
 - **Whole label** is needed for us to receive credit—Campbell’s soup labels, V8 juice, and Pepperidge Farm labels are all accepted. Make sure only labels go into the boxes.
 - Becky will look into getting the labels from Holy Family Hospital.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next Meeting is October 27th in the main school library.