

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
SIR JAMES DOUGLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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November 24, 2008—Meeting Minutes

Parents and Staff in Attendance: Becky Winkelmann, Trish Quon, Joyce Spencer, Theresa Sturby, Dal Sandhu, Elsa Rice, Sheri Parke, Maryann McCreight-Balshaw, Carolyn Morgan-Chan, Eleanor Wong, Anne Trites, Manjit Dhillon, Dawn Preston Brown, John H., Shelley Woodman, Sylvain LaRochelle, Donna Emeno, Connie Carver, Kam Grewal, Sue Watkins, Sylvia Jackson.

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Review of Agenda Becky (accepted)/Dawn (seconded)

3. Review of September Minutes Dawn (accepted)/Sheri (seconded)

4. Business Arising from Minutes None

5. Chairperson's Report

- ❑ Douglas PAC website is up to date, links to all information including **Budget**.
- ❑ Look at PAC website for 2008/09 Budget information.

6. Treasurer's Report

- ❑ Photo Night \$780
- ❑ Bake Sales/Hot lunches \$2100
- ❑ Entertainment Books \$814.50
- ❑ Desserts \$1126 ****We need volunteers to hand out desserts on Dec. 2nd at 1:00 p.m. Main School; 1:30 p.m. Annex, and Dec. 3rd at both schools at about 8:30 a.m.**
- ❑ Annex Bake Sale Oct. \$69.75, Nov. \$104 ****These bake sales are supported by the PAC, and they take place after students have eaten their lunch. The items for sale, to the best of our ability, are healthier alternatives, and of appropriate portion size.**
- ❑ Movie Night—we will be selling Kernals popcorn at \$2/bag. There will be a variety of flavours. Parents are reminded to bring their own mugs if they wish to purchase coffee.
- ❑ Cook Book—it should be out around Dec. 2nd, with all proceeds going to the PAC--\$10.

7. Executive Reports—none.

8. Principal's Report

- ❑ Haven't heard anything about seismic upgrade since last meeting.
- ❑ Teachers are completing their report cards—**Conferences will be Dec. 10/11.**
- ❑ Gymnastics will start next week.
- ❑ Aqua school was very successful for the class that participated.
- ❑ Ready/Set/Learn will be at the school on Dec. 16 for community 3 and 4 year olds.

4. Vice-Principals' Reports

Annex

- Mo, the engineer, has gone now, no replacement yet.
- Thank you again to all volunteers.
- Cross Country season was very successful. Over 80 participants, thanks to PAC for jerseys. Continuing to run on Wednesday afternoons, weather permitting. Students will try for 200 laps of the school.
- There have been Code Red and Yellow practices, see newsletter for further information/instructions if parent is in school.
- **Greening Committee** at school wants to plant a garden with perhaps David Thompson, and the community so that garden can be cared for in the summer months.
- Annex just got accepted into the **Fruit and Veggie Program**, it will start after January.

Main School

- Great Remembrance Day assembly.
- Nov. 3rd Innovative String Trio played for students, and provided lots of musical info.
- Nov. 18th the Fire Safety House was at the school.
- Nov. 14th—the Counsel General of Guyana and the president of Guyana's Cultural Assoc. were at the school. There is the possibility of twinning our school with one in Guyana. They were at Douglas because Sir James Douglas was from Guyana.
- Dec. 18th is the **Winter Concert with performances at 11:00 and 1:15.**
- **The Code of Conduct** is now complete, and will be launched in January.

5. Other Business

- **Washroom Concerns**—on going concerns about washroom conditions and lack of locks on doors. Donna has no funding for locks at this time, but will look into issue. Many students will not use washrooms, as they are concerned about privacy.
- **P.E. Activity Schedule**—students are supposed to get 30 minutes per day, and parents are wondering how Douglas is accomplishing that.
 - **Act Now BC**—every class has a bin of equipment that they can use in the classroom.
 - 2 x 40 min. of p.e. classes every week.
 - 1 km run
 - Annex has "exercise of the week" where classes learn a new exercise.
- **Recycling at the Main School**—Grade 6 class does it, a company comes to pick up the recycling, and the proceeds go to the PAC. **Note****the person who comes in to collect cans donates the monies he receives to the Cancer Society; there was some concern that an "outsider" was in the school. Also, noted that he should only go through the garbage bins, not the recycling bins.
- **Parking**—Damon is stepping down as lead parking patrol person; PAC has spent \$200 in signs which unfortunately don't seem to be helping with the parking situation; Joyce will go to ICBC to see if they have handouts on safe driving.
- **Canadian Parents for French Representative**—if anyone is interested in taking on this very important role, please contact the PAC for information.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.—NO DECEMBER MEETING, NEXT MEETING ON JANUARY 26TH 2009