

David Livingstone - PAC Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2015 7:00pm

Motion to approve minutes from January meeting

- Motion to approve – Stephanie, seconded by Vanessa. Approved.

Co-Chair report - Cara and Andrew

- Advocacy update – PAN forum on Feb 24, 7-8:30 pm at Bayview. PAN's mission is information sharing and encouraging discussion and advocacy around public education. Panvancouver.ca for more info.
- VSB Long Range Facilities Plan online survey available after Mar 5.
- PAN meeting with VSB staff David Nelson the designer of Long Range Facilities Plan. Send questions and concerns to Cara, she will attend on behalf of Livingstone.
- Walk-a-thon – Dates announced.
 - o Goal of \$10 K towards library/learning commons upgrades, arts and other priorities as they emerge. Other
 - o Will include incentives for primary and intermediate
 - Ex: for every \$50 raised students entered into draw for prize with \$150 value, pizza party for class with most pledges
 - o Cara and Darren will get more info from other schools that have run successful drives such as Nelson.
 - o Discussion around extent of event to be held on day of drive.
Consensus was to provide snacks rather than a full lunch. Fundraising committee to plan other fun events as part of day as well.
- Motion to approve a budget of \$2600 for event expenses with the expectation that costs be as low as possible, low waste, borrow from community partners / school families where possible.

- Motion to approve by Maggie, seconded by Jodi. Approved.

Principal's Report – Darren

- Darren provided an overview of Library / Learning Commons concept.
 - Space for staff to collaborate on project based learning, working with teacher/librarian on group/class projects, technology not always part of learning but can help struggling learners.
 - Other possibilities include use as “Makerspace”
 - Furniture that moves is helpful to make space flexible.
 - Elsie Roy has good examples
- Andrew asked how group felt about idea
 - Discussion included: can we incorporate lighting and painting improvements, a suggestion to approach parents to do design, consider spending more to get best value rather than buying one part at a time.
- Andrew and Cara to have more detailed discussion with Ms. Geri and bring back more info to group.
- Kindergarten letter go out tomorrow.

Special Presentation – Aliyah (Makeesha’s daughter)

- First salmon egg hatched. Class has been tracking temp and stages. Plan to raise them until they are fries and then release them at Jericho/Spanish banks.

Treasurer's Report – Helena

- Report was reviewed and approved by all.

New Business / Committee Reports

- Martial Arts: Maggie has been in touch with the owner of Sun Hang Do martial arts studio on Fraser who has offered to teach martial arts to all students for little or no cost. Maggie's attend classes there and she has found it to be a wonderful studio that promotes mindfulness and fun. Maggie and Darren to look into possible dates and costs and report back.
- Fun Lunch: Spring session starts April 5. Still needing more volunteers. Older students to help out this spring. Sticking with existing vendors who have experience with lunch programs for the spring, with some expanded menu options. Vanessa open to new vendors, but please vet them before suggesting.
- Tea towel fundraiser: Ms. Cassie suggested but would need someone to take it on. There was general interest, but nobody volunteered to take it on.
- Foyer mural/beautification project: Juliet presented on behalf of Judy. General concept would be to create a mural that celebrates the diversity of the school and acknowledges the first nations territory where the school is situated. Would involve students and a first nations blessing ceremony was discussed. Adding furniture and plants to hallway also discussed. The idea was very well received, with one person objecting as they felt the school was already welcoming and did not need a mural to achieve this. Juliet will let Judy know to look into further and provide more details at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40pm

No meeting in March, next meeting April 21, 2016.