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P.A.C. Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 21, 2019

Attendees: Denise C., Susan S., Heather K., Hanna F., Lynda K., Connie H., Jessica W., Laura K., Stephanie T., Teddy L., Tanya L., Reeshma D., Miriam F., Diana B., Tara S.

Meeting was called to order at: 7:03 pm

Guest Presenter – Laurie Bedford from Burnaby Parks & Recreation to talk about after school programming

- Looking at getting parent input on programs that might have an enrollment that would suffice running the program; they have had to cancel many programs due to low or no enrollment; minimum 8 participants
- Spring programs being offered – Nature Club, Marvelous Muffins, and Lego Mania
- Other ideas from the parents include: Ceramics, Drama, Drawing and Arts, Science, All Sports, Public Speaking, Chess Club

Review of January 2019 Minutes:

- **Motion:** To accept January 2019 minutes.
- 1st Stephanie and Miriam 2nd, **motion carried to accept the minutes**

Reports and Updates:

- Principal's Report – Heather and Hanna
 - o See below
- Chair Report – Susan
 - o Thank you to all parents and students who helped with Odyssey Games Night. 89 people registered for the event and we raised a ~\$1,280. Thanks to Mrs. Lloyd for being our guest emcee for the evening.
 - o AGM is in May. Please consider an executive position or leading an event/activity for next school year. We have some parents who have been lead on the same activity/event for a number of years and next year will be

their last year at the school. We need new parents to shadow or co-lead to keep existing PAC activities/events going for future years.

- Treasurer – Heather
 - o Account Balances
 - Vancity General \$20,991.54
 - Vancity Gaming \$5,354.23
 - School Held Pac Funds \$8,319.30
 - o Revenue as at January 31st
 - Gaming Grant \$6,072
 - Parent Donations \$5,650
 - Lunch and Treat Days \$3,928.70
 - Other Revenue / Fundraising \$4,001.76
 - TOTAL: \$19,652.46
 - o Expenses as at January 31st
 - Teacher Consumables \$2,250
 - Pancake Breakfast \$190.91
 - School Wide Skate \$896.18
 - Safety Patrol Lunch / hot choc \$123.05
 - Emergency Prepare \$67.2
 - Christmas Hampers \$145.55
 - Misc. School Expense \$26.87
 - TOTAL: \$3,699.76
- DPAC
 - o Next meeting, Monday, April 15th at 7:00 PM
 - o January presentation on re-designed curriculum & programs of choice for secondary students and some special programs for elementary schools (e.g. Digipen, late French immersion, MACC). Powerpoint available at www.burnabydpac.com

- Grants
 - o No news from Music Counts
 - o No news from Telus
 - o Jerseys have arrived from the Fresh Slice Grant
 - o Vancouver Foundation – Neighbourhood House: could be used for Back to School BBQ
- Fundraising
 - o Purdy’s at Easter was a ‘no go’ in the past but may be looked at as a possibility this year
 - o Grade 7 Fundraising Opportunity – Sporting Event Tickets
 - Funds can go towards the 1/3 of the cost that grade 7s are required to pay. Susan touching base with Roger.
- School Consultation Committee
 - o Nothing to report at this time

New/Other Business:

- Hot Lunch program – allergies, suggestions, additional lead
 - o Crunchy Little Lentils passed around to the parents for sampling
 - o Some things that are being sold do not adhere to the specific guidelines of BC Healthy Schools – discussion about options
 - o Heather K. will look into the guidelines more specifically and have a meeting with Hot Lunch Parent leads which will be brought to a PAC meeting in the 3rd term
 - o Hot Lunch will not be able to accommodate custom orders moving forward
 - o Looking for additional volunteers – Jessica has offered to help out
 - o No trading chips during Hot Lunch Days or purchasing for your friends
- Review remaining school Wish List items
 - o September First Week Activity (e.g. Ultimate Frisbee) (\$2100)
 - priority
 - o Dishes for school events (\$1000)
 - Upcoming school events where these could be used so this is also a priority
 - Miriam and Teddy will look at purchasing dishes for the school after talking to Mrs. Kimmie about what is needed

Motion: To purchase dishes for \$1000
1st Miriam and Stephanie 2nd; **motion carried to purchase dishes for the school**
 - o Projector for the gym

- Mr. Smith will investigate options at other schools as it is also including a sound system
 - o New addition:
 - Discussion around a snow blower for clearing sidewalks (40% of Burnaby schools have one)
 - o Range from \$300 - \$2000; but to get one of good quality it would cost approx. \$1200 - \$1500
- Parent Education session
 - o **Internet Security** presented by Denise and Teddy
 - o **April 18th** at 6:30 pm
- April Events
 - o Book Fair
 - DinoMite is the title this year
 - April 16 - 18th
 - Volunteers are needed (link on the Montecito website, <http://signup.com/go/pJ3njP>)
 - o Pitch - In Day
 - Thursday, April 25th in the afternoon
 - o iGirl & iGuy Workshops
 - under the Saleema Noon umbrella
 - going in the next newsletter
 - empowerment workshop for both boys and girls
 - Monday, April 29th running from 10 - 3 pm
 - Fundraiser for the school
- Multi-Cultural Day
 - o Have had the first meeting and have secured a performance (Dumpsta Dragons)
 - o Please feel free to suggest game ideas or craft ideas to highlight your cultural heritage
- Mental Health
 - o Discussion around posting plaques at the sinks, with positive messages, in the washrooms
 - o Mental health literacy district initiative - educating staff around mental health (15 minute sessions at staff meetings on a variety of topics); have identified anxiety as a topic that they'd like to learn more about
 - o Resources available: Dove.com - Dove Self Esteem Project; Teenmentalhealth.org
- Green Team
 - o Discussion around purchasing a Recycling Bin System (approx. \$1000) on rollers that can be moved and placed accordingly
 - o Division 6 has decided to be the "Green Team"

Next meeting date: Thursday, April 18th, 2019

Adjournment at 8:51 pm

- **Motion:** To adjourn
- 1st Stephanie and Miriam 2nd; **motion carried to adjourn**



PAC Meeting: Principal's Update – February 21, 2019

Information and things we're proud of since the last PAC meeting...

- Literacy Week – variety of reading, writing and oral language activities both at school and home; Hall #4 Firefighters visited Div. 9-11. Division 11 repaid their visit with an act of kindness! They made and delivered cookies to the hall.
- New International student orientation - we welcomed three new International students at the end of January and now have 15 International students as part of our community.
- Axe Capoeira Workshops and engaging performance involving all children. Feedback from staff, students and many parents is that they loved it! It was a great introduction to a different style of dance and the infusion of culture and history was an added bonus.
- Grade 6/7 ski and snowboard lessons have started. Mrs. Manners has done an exceptional job coordinating this year. Mr. Smith and Mr. Houghland are also supervising on alternate weeks as well as 5 parent volunteers per week! We have 49 skiers and 14 non-skiers in Grade 6/7 this year so a 78% participation rate.
- Family Games Night was a lot of fun! We were lucky to have Ms. Lloyd join us as emcee and the parent leads and adult/student volunteers did a fabulous job organizing the event! The shoe creations are currently on display in the main hallway!
- The basketball seasons have concluded as of today. We are very thankful to the coaches, Mr. Singer and Mr. Houghland, for their huge time commitment and for helping our students enjoy the game and develop their skills. We are proud of the students' improvement, teamwork and sportsmanship!
- Vancity staff have continued to teach Financial Literacy in numerous classes. We are thankful for their partnership!
- Some classes have enjoyed in-school fieldtrips in Science and Art
- Div. 11 visited the Swedish Canadian Rest Home to spread love in February! They came back with fancy homemade hats!
- We had red and pink day on Feb. 14th and collected house team points for participation.
- We received a generous donation from the Burnaby Firefighters for some snack and breakfast items which will help some children who don't have snacks or come to school hungry in the morning.
- Grade 7s have been working on speeches for the school district's public speaking challenge. Congrats to all the participants brave enough to speak in front of the school population last week! A special congrats to Raina and Miya for earning the honour to represent Montecito at the District Zone Finals next week!

Things we're Looking Forward to before the next PAC meeting...

- Hot lunch every Wednesday and popcorn day on Friday, March 8th
- Feb. 25th - Ski lessons for Grade 6/7 students
- Feb. 25th - COLA at 2:00, all parents welcome
- Feb. 26th - Div. 3,4,5 & 6 to Science World all day
- Feb. 27th – Have a Heart Club to Metrotown and Choir to Swedish Canadian Rest Home
- Feb. 28th - 12:30 – 3:00 Public Speaking Zone Finals
- March 1st - 1:30 School Team Visit (sharing of our school goals)
- March 4th - Ski lessons for grade 6/7
- March 5th - Div. 7 & 8 have art lessons from the Burnaby Art Gallery at Montecito
- March 6th - French Sugar Taffy workshops for Div. 1,2,5
- March 7th - French Sugar Taffy workshops for Div. 3,4
- March 7th - Mobile Dairy Classroom here for all divisions
- March 8th - Grade 7s to Burnaby North in AM
- March 8th - Micro:bit (Coding) Workshops for Div. 4 & 5
- March 11th - Ski lessons for grade 6/7
- March 12th or 14th – Primary Days of Music (specifics TBD)
- March 13th – Intermediate Choir to Felburn Care Centre
- March 13th – Digital Citizenship sessions for Div. 1-7
- March 14th – Golf program for Div. 1-5 at Montecito
- March 15th – Crazy Hair Day
- March 16th – March 31st – Spring Break
- April 1st – School reopens

Notes:

- Kindness Initiative:
 - During second term, we are focusing on kindness initiatives as a whole school; Mrs. Kimmie had the pleasure of reading a story in classes and brainstorming various ways children can show kindness to others. As a SEL committee, we have collated the ideas and are in the process of creating a bulletin board outside the office to represent the various ways we can show kindness to others through our actions and words. The headings will be adorned with photographs of children showing kindness!
 - Have a Heart Club is joining 6 other Burnaby schools at Metrotown on Pink Shirt Day for a 'Pay It Forward' campaign. They have also planned some upcoming school spirit days! We are thrilled with their leadership!
- Recycling:
 - Div. 6 students are becoming the Montecito Green Team. They are going to develop an action plan to help teach students, staff and even parents about ways we can improve our recycling. Stay tuned for their ideas!
- Term 2 reporting:
 - Report Cards will go home on Wednesday, April 3rd
 - Student-led conferences are Wednesday, April 17th between 2:15 and 6:30
 - Mostly positive feedback received from 24 parents on the reporting Div. 4-6 are doing using the proficiency scale

- Staffing Update:
 - Ms. Terri Mackenzie is our new Office Support Clerk until the end of June
 - Ms. Elly Pour (EA) will be off on a teaching practicum for the next three weeks. Ms. Wendy Chiu will be here to cover.
 - Mrs. Melissa Wood will be going off on maternity leave in mid April; Her LSS position will be posted after Spring Break.
 - Ms. Faeyza Mufti is joining us at another One to One Literacy volunteer. She is reading once a week for 30 minutes with four primary students!