



**Minutes of Panorama Heights Elementary School PAC Meeting**

**February 25, 2012**

**Co-Chairs:** Denise Affleck, Amtul Siddiqui

**Co-Secretary:** Lani Caron

**Attendees:**

Bonnie Chung	Sabrina Scardillo
Stephanie Chung	Alicia Tarry
Susan Gottfredsen	Georgette van de Bovenkamp
Malia Heale	Hansen Yi
Rachael McErlean	Emil Zimmermann
Rosie Patterson	Emoke Zimmermann

**Meeting called to order at 7:19 pm.**

**Intros and Housekeeping**

**Welcome to Chuck our new permanent caretaker – very involved and helpful, even with children, and doing a great job of maintenance which means everyone is happy!**

1. Round table introductions.
2. Date of next meeting is 7:15 pm, Monday, April 15, 2013.
3. Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed. **Motion** to approve minutes of the PAC meeting held January 28, 2013. Moved by Malia. Seconded by Emil. All in favour.  
**Motion passed.**

**Chair Report**

1. Nothing to report.

## **School Report from the Principal and Vice Principal (Mr. Speakman and Mr. Hunter)**

1. Kindergarten French Immersion registration went well, and we have a full complement of 44 registrants. Only 21 English Kindergarteners. Things may change, but there is a funding crunch and we may need to drop a teacher or part of a teacher.
2. Thank you PAC for financing the visiting planetarium – saved lots in buses and everyone got to see it!
3. Banting French Program team leader came to talk to Grade 5s regarding late entry French immersion.
4. **Hoops for Hopes** going on in the gym Monday and Wednesday – proceeds go to Crossroads Hospice.
5. Wednesday is **pink shirt day**. Wear anything pink or a sign that says “this is pink” – awareness initiative.
6. **Report cards** coming out in less than three weeks.
7. Teachers busy preparing for the **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat** spring show which will be held in just a few weeks time.
8. PAC has funded some new **sport equipment** in bright colours. Each class will have their own labelled and colour-coded set of soccer balls, basketballs, waffle balls and storage sacks. Coding will help us return them to the correct class if they are lost on the school grounds.
9. Materials available for internet safety for Grade 3-5s.
10. Counsellor Elizabeth Carlson and Mr. Speakman attended a session on **caring, connected schools** funded by the Province of BC. Excellent, powerful and energizing experience. Jesse Miller presentation coming March 5– session for parents and children in grade 4 and 5 on March 6.

### **New Business**

1. **By-law review:** Denise is volunteering to do a review of the by-laws; Malia volunteering. Sabrina noted that the financial section is outdated.

### **Old Business:**

1. **PAC Website:** Thank you Emil for doing all this work. Sabrina and Denise suggested creating a website administrator on the PAC in future. Emil notes that almost 400 people have been looking at the site, including the Ministry of Education. Emil proposes that we do a parent poll regarding content at some point. Sabrina seeking a web developer to assist with PayPal reporting as there is one cell that is not reporting properly – possibly a parent has the capacity – note to go out through a separate message through Georgette.
2. **Walk to school initiative “Beat the Streets”:** worldwide initiative open to Olympic cities, counting the distance that students walk to school – starts in September/October. Cost is \$15,000 annually – may need to get corporate sponsors. Rosie to look into this further.
3. **Traffic Rally:** went very well; will make more cards and do it again, ideally the day before a Walking School Bus day. Mayor attended and put pictures on website. We have two “cardboard kids” courtesy of Terasen Fortis, to signal drivers about the school zone– contest planned for naming the “girls” after spring break.

4. **Hot Lunch:** now on Paypal – extremely helpful to manage the program and reduces food waste. People are adjusting to it but some people are commenting about not using it, approximately 10 people each time, some due to no credit card, although Paypal can work directly with bank accounts too. Possibly people do not understand the planning and administration involved in the lunch program, or do not understand PayPal. Emil will run an info session on using PayPal and the security features. Next hot lunch is planned for this Friday, and another Subway one coming up in March. In the future we might include multiple lunch dates in one transaction.
5. **Parent Education:** Jesse Miller booked for March 5 in the evening for parents, and for Grade 4s and 5s on March 6. 25 RSVPs so far. Positive feedback for using the website to RSVP.
6. **Muffins for Moms May 10/ Donuts for Dads June 14:** Hansen will be happy to assist again this year with Muffins, and Christine will help with Donuts. Home Depot was very generous donating fresh flowers in pots, but need to ensure the dates are clear. Last year, Superstore gave an excellent discount, Tim Hortons only 10%. A parent volunteered to make muffins - 600 needed – follow up with Jackie.
7. **Teacher Appreciation Lunch:** date will be May 15. Cannot be same week as Family Fun Fair due to need for volunteers.
8. **Walking School Bus:** next one is March 13. Next year will be Georgette and Bonnie's last year, and would like to bring on new people to replace them – please contact Georgette or PAC chair if interested.

### **Treasurer's Report**

1. Sabrina did an overview of the accounts. One gaming item to adjust – Grade 5 Grad trip to waterslides estimated at \$1,500 but costs increased and now costs \$1,650. **Motion** to increase this line item. Moved by Susan. Seconded by Hansen. All in favour. **Motion passed.**
2. General account is on target. Still processing movie night.
3. Reminder that Muffins/Donuts are to be combined as Parent Appreciation as easier to share items.

### **Committee Reports:**

1. **SPC** does not need to meet for the time being.
2. **DPAC.** No report. News report suggested PACs should speak out to District on cuts.
3. **Fundraising committee** movie night last week – good turnout and fun. New website for licensing so we can get better movies. Would like better sound -- need better connections and a bigger screen – PAC could fund – Mr. Hunter to look into sound. Treat day on Monday and spring Purdy's order closes March 1. Another movie night possibly in April; looking at retro titles like Bedknobs and Broomsticks or E.T. Spring fair on May 30. Looking for volunteers, especially from nearby high schools. Sending letters to small

businesses asking for donations – if anyone knows of business we should contact, please let the fundraising committee know. **Reminder to shop at Suter Brook Cobs** and mention school PAC so we get 5% back – not very well used. In future, it might be helpful to switch to Westwood Cobs? Will try to plan fundraising program ahead of time for next year – welcome back to school movie night end of September. What about a dance and a live band as in past – group taught dances in gym class, then students were able to demonstrate at dance – Mr. Cousineau organized this.

4. **Class Liaison and Communications:** Waiting for an official email regarding PAC website – Emil will follow up. In future, possibly combine this committee with web administration and make it a small committee.
5. **Canadian Parents for French:** Festival du bois this weekend seeking volunteers – excellent event. March 9 in the morning they are hosting a free French movie event (donation box). Eموke doing back-end for CPF tri-cities FaceBook – please check it out and “like” the website! Public-speaking festival for elementary and middle schools in April, but Panorama teachers do not participate – perhaps next year Panorama can host even if some do not participate. Next CPF meeting is Monday.

**Motion** to adjourn meeting. Moved by Susan. Seconded by Malia. **Motion passed.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.**