



**Minutes of Panorama Heights Elementary School PAC  
Meeting November 16, 2015**

**Chairperson:** Tracey Yuruk

**Attendees:**

Tracey Yuruk	Alex McLaughlin
Mr. Clarke	Jane Lee Kent
Sonia Kim	Alicia Tarry
Jerusha Chong	Alina Vaida
Sheema Mousavi	Fariba Ghasemikian
Sarah Taylor	
Ting Ting Han	
Mel Wong	
Kari Perkins	
Melanie Norris	
Susan Gottfredsen	

**Meeting started at 7.15 pm – with a ‘New Curriculum’ presentation by Guest Speaker Dileep Devineni from BCC-DPAC**

**Presentation by DPAC**

- DPAC members discussed the new school curriculum and Fresh Grade program located on the BC Government’s website. DPAC would like to encourage parents to attend DPAC meetings. DPAC has been asked to attend PAC meeting throughout the school district and introduce DPAC to parents.
- For more information visit:- <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>

**Meeting called to order by Chair, Tracey Yuruk at 7.40 pm**

**Introductions and Housekeeping**

- Timekeeper designated - Sonia Kim;
- Round table introductions – Completed;
- Next meeting set for December 14, 2015 at 7:00pm;
- Minutes from previous meeting: **Motion** to approve minutes of the PAC meeting held October 19, 2015. Moved by Sheema Mousavi Seconded by Sonia Kim. All in favor. **Approved.**

### **School Report – Principle Mr. Clarke**

- The teachers are preparing for the formal report card, which will be sent out on December 4, 2015;
- The gifted testing has been completed for the students in Grade 4. On January, 2016, the next set of gifted testing will begin for Grade 3;
- Panorama's Grade 4 students have been selected for an international assessment. More information will be sent home to parent once available;
- During the staff meeting, teachers discussed the Christmas concert. To stay true to the format at Panorama School, the spring concert and Christmas concert alternates each year. This year, the spring concert was scheduled.
- Mr. Clarke was working on the heating situation in classrooms as the weather has changed;
- The Class reps, will depend on each teacher; The teachers have been advised to comply with the school district's email policy. There's a permission letter that the school used to gather permission from parents to have email contact with the school. Mr. Clarke suggested there could be consultation with teachers at the beginning of the year to gather permission from parents to share their email addresses with other parents;
- Mr. Clarke will make announcements regarding the cold weather and snow will change the drive thru situation; and
- Mr. Clarke clarified that Fresh Grade was not mandatory and only voluntary at this time for schools. The School District continues to look at implementing Fresh Grade. Regarding the new curriculum, Mr. Clarke advised that Panorama Heights had begun implementing the new curriculum by starting with the Science Curriculum.

### **Chair Report**

- The Chairperson, Tracey thanked all parent volunteers for their continued hard efforts throughout the school and special thanks to the new hot lunch team for their first successful hot lunch and was very pleased to see many new faces that came to volunteer;
- Tracey advised that everything was running really well and very organized.

### **New Business**

- The Chairperson, Tracey open the floor to everyone for 'open topic';
- Susan Gottfredsen has looked into organizing the Panorama Ski Club. Susan spoke with Whistler regarding organizing a ski day for January 24, 2016. Mr. Whitfield has expressed interest in running the ski program for the school. Susan explained that there are additional costs for add-ons such as bus, rental, lunch etc. Susan will continue with looking into the costs of the ski program, which will need 40 students for the ski club to be successful. The ski program will be open to grade 4 and 5 students. The ski club will need to run through the school.
- Susan Gottfredsen mentioned Ms Nicolau was looking for volunteers for the English Book Fair scheduled for February 18, 2016, which will be held at the same time as the student lead conferences; and

- Chair requested for some volunteers to plan the Teacher's Appreciation Lunch scheduled on February 9, 2016.
- Chair referred to an email distributed to PAC executive committee regarding upcoming password reset and reminder for improved compliance with security and privacy regulations when using PAC email accounts;

### **Old Business**

- Terry Fox Run – Hot lunch fundraiser \$271 which was donated to Terry Fox Foundation.

### **Treasurers Report**

- General Account: The family photo night raised \$481, hot lunch during the movie night raised \$1200. The tea fundraiser raised almost \$800;
- As of December 13, 2015 the general account will have a total of \$11217, while retaining \$6000 for technology and \$1000 for the contingency fund;
- After purchasing the Grade 5 shirts, the general account has \$123 remaining for the Grade 5's;
- The Grade 5 trip costs (\$1268) were paid from the gaming account;
- The Gaming Account has \$330 remaining for the Grade 5's. Please see finance reports for accurate amounts; and
- The PAC discussed hot lunch refunds and cancellations. On the hot lunch form, there was already a sentence regarding no refunds. The PAC will clarify the Hot Lunch payment and order process.

### **Committee Reports**

- **DPAC:** Sarah Taylor advised that DPAC members will be attending PAC meetings to reassure parents that DPAC was still active and a bridge between parents and school districts. The next DPAC meeting has been scheduled for November 25, 2015 and the topic was going to be Budget 101. The Coquitlam School District was the lowest funded district in the Metro Vancouver area. DPAC will be looking into Coquitlam District's funding. The last DPAC meeting had a presentation regarding Autism. One of the learning points was families with autistic children needed to feel included in the school's community. There are also two unscheduled school closures anticipated in 2016 for teacher instructional days to discuss the implementation of the new school curriculum;
- **SEP:** Sonia Kim would like to thank all the volunteers who were involved in the soccer club as it was coming to an end;
- **Fundraising:** Sheema Mousavi and Ting Ting Han advised that the family photo night was successful and was completely full. The tea has been ordered for the next tea fundraiser. The sister school appreciated the clothing donated by the Panorama students during the clothing drive. The hoodies and rain boots were really helpful. Thank you to Ting Ting for organizing and sorting through the clothing. The clothing drive raised \$70;
- **Treat day** – The next treat day will be popcorn on November 25, 2015;
- **Movie night** – The pre-release Minion movie night will be on Dec 4, 2015. Leah

McGeachie will be looking into an afternoon movie night which has been successful for Pinetree Elementary;

- **Purdy's Fundraiser** – The Purdy's Fundraiser was currently at \$700. Today was the last day to order (2015-11-16);
- **Hot Lunch:** Fariba Ghasemikian (Hot Lunch team); Their 1st Hot Lunch started off with pizza on Nov. 6, 2015. The hot lunch raised \$932. Lineh was looking into having Montana's and other restaurants supply food for the hot lunch. The next hot lunch will be a Christmas Theme with music;
- **Parent Education:** Kari Perkins has arranged Bridgett Miller for the next parent education session which has been scheduled for January 27, 2016 between 7 to 9pm;
- **Traffic:** Mr. Clarke noticed a increase in vehicle traffic using the drive thru because of the weather changed;
- **Class Liaison:** No report;
- **CPF:** Big Theatre field trip on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec;
- **Grade 5:** Ting Ting and Sheema Mousavi advised that the Grade 5 students were happy with the sweatshirts;
- **Multicultural Liaison:** No report;
- **Webmaster:** No report;
  - **Emergency Prep:** Alex McLaughlin, will be in the school this Wednesday, November 18, 2015 to check all the earthquake kits.

Date of next meeting is tentatively set for: December 14, 2015 at 7:15pm

**Motion to adjourn meeting. Moved** by Sonia Kim, **Seconded** by Alex McLaughlin.  
**Motion Passed.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.**