



**Minutes of Panorama Heights Elementary School PAC
Meeting April 4, 2016**

Chairperson: Tracey Yuruk
Secretary: Absent – Sonia Kim Stand in

Attendees:

Tracey Yuruk	Alex McLaughlin
Mr. Clarke	Alicia Tarry
Sonia Kim	Ting Ting Han
Jerusha Chong	Kelsey Jones
Shemma Mousavi	Zhara Kassam
Sarah Taylor	Gregor Beaton
Teri Shaw	

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by Chair, Tracey Yuruk

Introductions and Housekeeping

- Timekeeper designated – Alex McLaughlin;
- Round table introductions – Completed;
- Next meeting set for May 16, 2016 at 7:00pm;
- Minutes from previous meeting: **Motion** to approve minutes of the PAC meeting held February 15, 2016. Moved by Sonia Kim, Seconded by Alex McLaughlin. All in favor. **Approved.**

Chair Report

- The Chairperson, Tracey Yuruk advised that a memo had been sent out for parents in the School newsletter explaining roles of PAC and its voluntary nature.
- Need to fill four core PAC positions to have a PAC in 2016-2017 and to preserve the funds raised. Two more PAC meetings left in this term; Encourage all parents to participate in meetings especially the AGM to help fill these positions
- School to determine if Excel Martial Arts (#1-1740 Broadway St., Poco) can be invited to provide some free sessions to replace Zumba next year.

School Report – Principle Mr. Clarke

- Mr Clarke mentioned that Fencing is starting next week for grades.4/5; it's about \$3/student; Zumba will be for grades 1-3, and will likely be the last time for this activity.
- Tennis, marital arts, curling, or other activities can be considered for next year for the school-wide exercise activity.
- School student projection for Sept. may be smaller. Hoping to have 19 divisions, maybe 20; Projecting 10 French 9 English classes; layoff process inevitable in May and June, and then may

rehire in Sept.

- Possibility of having a VP is still unlikely due to the district's tight financial budget.
- Como lake relays for gr.4/5 will be on April 13.
- Gr. 3/4/5 will participate in 'Track and Field' to take place near the end of May.
- Report cards coming home on April 14; Parents can make request for an interview.
- Early dismissal April 6th.
- 'Jump rope for heart' will be led by Mrs. Vance and take place on Thurs., April 21st.
- 'Emergency Drill' will be coming up soon! 2008/2009 SD43 did a massive natural disaster dismissal. This will be repeated on May 4th. Students will be dismissed on the lower field; divisions will be lined up.
- Not all parents/guardians have filled out the emergency blue forms which stipulates who the students can be released to. This is a necessary emergency procedure and needs to be practiced. Students can stay until the end of the day if parents are unable to pick them up at the time of the drill.
- Information in a real emergency situation would be posted on the district webpage, but it's best to listen to local radio stations since the school would most likely not have electricity, nor be answering emails or phone calls during emergency periods.

New Business

- Walking School Bus will be on April 20.

Old Business

- Spring Fair: needs more volunteers, especially to organize the student volunteers, also need more silent auction donations and volunteers. Please connect Jerusha Chong with any businesses who may be interested in donating for the silent auction.
 - Kelsey Jones volunteered to organize the students for spring fair. May need to have something to identify the volunteers; suggestion that some students might have leadership T-shirts, or could have name tags.
 - Food: Tacos, pizza and hotdogs. One parent has volunteered to do tacos. Ice cream, cotton candy, will be available.
 - Dunk Tank will also be rented for the occasion.
 - Wrist band will be \$5 for all the games/events, except for the cake walk (\$1 per play).
- Running club: Zahra Kassam brought in medals, sponsored by 'Inspire Dental.' The medals have "100%" printed on them and they can be have "100%" removed if needed. T-shirts have also arrived to club coordinator.
- The English Book Fair raised \$3302.34; was very successful.

Treasurer's Report

- The treasurer was absent. The chairperson read the financial report and commented on the following: Hot Lunch made a profit \$952.14; Purdy's raised \$198 - lower than the Christmas Purdy's order; if there are any questions about the report, contact treasurer Alina Vaida.

Committee Reports

- **Webmaster:** Jerusha Chong advised that there is an increase in spam emails again. Please advise Jerusha if there's spam issues
- **SEP:** All clubs are starting this week at lunch recess; 'Stomp' will be on Tues. & Thurs. in the music portable; Kindergarten '4-Way Soccer' is on Wed in the gym; and the Gr.

2/3 'Arts club' is on Thurs. in the library; still a greater need for more volunteers to help run clubs in order for all kids to be able to participate and to have a greater variety of clubs to choose from.

- Congratulations to Sarah Taylor and the families that participated in the Terry Fox Training Run, which was 16 km; 8 kids in relay style; Panorama was the only team with kids running; This may challenge other schools next year to enter kids.
- **Parent Education:** Several parents have inquired about possibility of a Sex Education class for their children, by Saleema Noon. This requires advanced booking, if parents are interested for next year, this should be tabled again for a decision.
- **DPAC:** Two meetings were attended: Topics covered: Embracing multiculturalism; Possible language divide; The notion of volunteering in different cultures; Encouraging new parents to volunteer for future events
 - Mr. Clarke commented that new parents can be given a personal invite to PAC at the time of first week 'teacher-parent interviews.' Starting next year, gradual kindergarten entry will be different. There will be a meeting with the kindergarten teachers to discuss what that will look like.
 - DPAC discussed the "think of me" traffic safety campaign by ICBC, where K-10 students participate in. RCMP are willing to train two volunteers; it would require 4 hours a month in which you set up a speed board; and the RCMP would supply all the equipment; If distracted driving is a concern, volunteers can be sent up from the detachment to support
 - Newsletter received about a BCC conference that will be next month; Proxy requested, in case of no attendance, by April 21. There is a need to rally for the funding formula that affects our district. Representation by attendance or decision by proxy, must be decided in the next two weeks
- **Hot Lunch:** Coordinator was absent; Pizza will be served for Hot Lunch on Friday April 8th.
- **Grade 5:** Sheema Mousavi advised pizza will be served at the Gr. 5 end-of-year field trip.
 - The Gr.4/5 ski trip went very well. Too late in the season to plan another one
- **Emergency Prep:** New supplies are in; 13 or 14 boxes are ready to check and distribute to the classes; Alex McLaughlin and Tracey Yuruk will do it next week; Volunteers are welcome to help.
- **Fundraising:** Craft and Bake sale was successful; raised \$340. The leadership team raised \$220
 - Parent Social: Only 3 people have signed up; question raised about low turnout: Are communications being received? Event may have to be cancelled. For increased communication with parents, there was a suggestion to get an Electronic billboard. When Mr. Clarke last looked at the cost for an outdoor billboard, it was about \$20,000.
 - Teri Shaw suggested making up a calendar posted with all the events in the front lobby. She has volunteered to do it. Others have suggested that it will still be ignored if parents don't read email, etc. Translations into different languages can be made of the more important information that needs to get out.
- **Treat day:** Engaging the Gr. 5 Leadership team to help deliver treats has been a big help; Tracey asked Kelsey to send out an email to parents, in order to let them plan for the upcoming treat.
- **Clothing Drive:** last month we collected 892 lbs which translated into \$180, donating to a less fortunate sister school will be next month. The last donation arranged worked out really well.
- Talk of Panorama green t-shirt swap; maybe changing the logo on the green t-shirt as well.
- **Movie night:** Next Movie Night Apr 22.
- **Traffic:** Still the occasional driver (typically a relative, not familiar with the process) leaving their car at the drop off loop. Parents still need to be mindful of not blocking other driveways in the neighborhood when parking.
Mr. Clarke's goal for next year is to have the kids learn expectations in assemblies and then they can remind their parents of the rules around traffic.
- **Class Liaison:** No report;

- **CPF:** No report;
- **Multicultural Liaison:** No report;
- **SEP:** No report;

Date of next meeting is tentatively set for: May 16, 2016 at 7:00pm and AGM will be June 13

Motion to adjourn meeting. Moved by Alex McLaughlin, **Seconded** by Sarah Taylor. **Motion Passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.