



**Minutes of Panorama Heights Elementary School PAC
Meeting January 16, 2016**

Chairperson: Tracey Yuruk

Secretary: Lavina Wong

Attendees:

Tracey Yuruk	Sam Bahrini
Mr. Wendy Yu	Oleg Meller
Jerusha Chong	Shannon Zaitsoff
Lavina Wong	
Shemma Mousavi	
Sarah Taylor	
Kelsey Jones	
Alicia Tarry	
Alex McLaughlin	
Melanie Norris	
Sarah Fong	
JuliaRebrovskaya	

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

Introductions and Housekeeping

- Timekeeper designated – Sarah Fong
- All attendees introduced themselves to the group and briefly described their role within the PAC where applicable.
- Next meeting set for,20Feb 2017
- Minutes from previous meeting (November 21, 2016) reviewed: **Motion** to approve minutes by Kelsey Jones and seconded by Jerusha Chong. All in favor: **Approved.**

Chair Report - Tracey Yuruk

- Chair welcomed everyone wishing them a Happy New Year. She spoke of December being a busy month with Christmas Concert, Class parties etc. As such the PAC meeting for December was cancelled. For the same reason Hot Lunch in December was also skipped.

School Report – Principal Wendy Yu

- Christmas Concert was fabulous. Ms. Yu shared the attendance number of students for the evening performance. The numbers were lower than previous years. For some of the absences, teachers were informed in advance. However, for the rest, they were no shows. It was thought that a lot more parents and students are committed to outside events or that absences were due to the weather or sickness. The lack of attendance for the evening show makes it challenging. The students that were present, were also quite tired from the evening concert. Ms. Yu suggested for the next school concert, two shows should take place during the day. This may be the solution for lack of attendance. The staff suggested that Ms. Yu put it forward to parents in September to consider and firm up a commitment from them.
- Ms. Yu also wanted to keep PAC informed of few issues at the school which needed to be addressed. First, with the abundance of snow, kids have been tobogganing. Ms. Yu advises this is allowed IF students have a helmet on for safety. Secondly, wheelie shoes are being worn at school and this poses a safety and liability issue for the students and school. It was decided, with PAC's support, that wheelie shoes not be permitted to be worn at school. Thirdly, Pokémon cards are not allowed at school at this time, as use of these can create unfair situations for some of the younger kids.
- Gym Sense coming to Panorama on January 31st. There seems to be some misunderstanding where parents may think it is optional. And some parents may feel it is unsafe. Ms. Yu explained it is part of gym class for students and it is expected that all students will participate and no student will be denied the ability to participate if they require financial support.
- Traffic: A few points on traffic:
 - Ms. Yu visited Summit Middle School recently and noticed the traffic and safety signs they have on site. These were purchased from ATF Traffic. The company was contacted and a representative attended Panorama and scanned the area and the company has provided recommendations. There will be some consideration to purchase some of the signs.
 - A request from the teachers as a reminder to parents not to park in the upper lot by the portables. The gates have been left open due to snow but otherwise they shall be closed.

Teachers have expressed difficulty exiting the lot for meetings.

- Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) have started for Grade 4 students. Parents have been given, through the school website, the option to opt out. There is a form that needs to be signed by parents who wish for their child to opt out of this test. Ms. Yu informed the PAC that the test would be administered by the Head Teacher and herself. Ms. Yu advised that Panorama does not teach to it. The purpose of this test is to rank schools. Students are tested on reading comprehension, numeracy, problem solving questions. There is a written component as well. The purpose is to provide a snapshot of how well students in BC are doing and is used to rank schools.
- The Leadership students i.e. grade 5 students shall be making morning announcements. Three students came this morning to make the announcements. They did very well. This helps build their confidence in public speaking.
- The Book Fair is coming up on February 9 and February 10. This is for English books. Mrs. Howard needs the assistance from parent volunteers for the Scholastic Book Fair. Volunteer help is needed in the area of assisting with the set up, take down of the book fair, cashier work and manning various stations in the library and providing assistance to the students. Parents who are available to help, to please email showard@sd43.bc.ca.
- The school district is no longer in deficit. As a result 46 positions have been created for SD43. With that, Panorama gets 0.6 of a position. Ms. Yu informed the PAC that a teacher has been hired who will be working three days a week. His name is Jordyn Stevens. Jordyn starts on January 30th.
- A few reminders that January 30 is Pro D Day. There will be Early Dismissal on February 9 for Student Led Conferences that day.

New Business:

- PAC Chair Tracey Yuruk advised that She, Sarah Taylor, Leah McGeachie, Melda Okucu and Alicia Tarry are to meet in February to review and put forward some changes to the bylaws. On completion of this process, the next step would be to review the proposed amendments in a formal PAC meeting. Sarah Taylor advised bylaws also stipulate that the proposed changes be sent out to rest of the PAC two weeks prior to being reviewed at a PAC general meeting. Tracey shall be sending out this information once the proposed changes are compiled.
- Tracey Yuruk also advised that the school is looking for volunteers to assist Ms. Denise Tung with the Yearbook. Ms. Tung is the teacher in charge of the Yearbook. Sanjay Mehrotra, parent, at a previous PAC meeting had offered to assist. Hopefully, he will be

able to provide the needed assistance.

- PAC Chair is looking to the PAC to agree on using only the well-known, reputable vendors/suppliers for the events such as Hot Lunch, Spring Fair and Movie Nights. The recommendation is to purchase only from an identified list of stores such as Costco, Save On Foods, Walmart etc. going forward. Companies such as these are preferable for returns policies, food safety regulations, end-to-end traceability and liability reduction reasons. All in favor of this.
- Purdy's Chocolate sales: Tracey Yuruk stated that the sale of Purdy's chocolates was profitable. This year's profit was \$1007.61.
- Teachers Appreciation Lunch: Tracey also advised that the lunch date had to be changed due to conflicting events. Hoops for Hopes takes place at the same time. Melanie Norris will go over the dates with Ms. Yu.
- Oleg Meller, a parent at the school, attended this PAC meeting with an insightful recommendation of how to manage drop off at the school. He provided a You Tube clip of a larger school successfully executing drop off. This method depends on a lot more volunteer resources from the school than what is available at this time as well as working as a team to make a difference.

Old Business:

- New tablets were purchased.
- Tracey Yuruk - Panorama's 25th Anniversary date has changed from March to April 18th. A meeting is planned for Thursday, January 19th. Kelsey Jones and Tracey Yuruk shall be in attendance. Teachers have some ideas. Class representatives will be asked to kindly provide cupcakes for their class. Tracey and other PAC members have offered to make cupcakes for classes without class representatives.

Treasurer's Report

- PAC Treasurer Melda Okucu was unable to attend this meeting. Melda provided the Financial Reports to be used for the meeting. However, the reports required further clarification from the Treasurer and at this time were not printed for everyone at the meeting. Tracey Yuruk will email an update when available. PAC Treasurer shall be able to speak to the financials at the next PAC meeting.

Committee Reports

- **DPAC:** Sarah Taylor – Attended a DPAC meeting at the end of November. The next meeting will take place at the Winslow gymnasium on February 22. The topic that will be presented is "What do the Trustees do? Trustees are assigned to the schools. Sarah would like to invite a trustee to our PAC meeting. Judy Shirra, Trustee who presented at the November meeting "Directions 2020". The goal is to provide a clear vision of SD43. On January 26, SD43 is putting on a large scale meeting on the new curriculum. Trustees will be present along with members of the Aboriginal

community. There has also been a change up on the committee. There is a new Chair and Vice Chairperson. DPAC also has an opening for a secretary. Fresh Grade was presented at DPAC. This is a fairly new program which has picked up momentum in the past three years. This is an interactive tool for parents, teachers and students to communicate, get clarity on homework and for teachers to add to the students' portfolio. This is being used for some elementary and middle school. The communication is in real time. It is noteworthy that not all schools have wireless capability. About 1/3 of the schools in the district have this. Panorama is one of the schools with the capability. However, Panorama has not yet implemented this. Ms. Yu indicated there is an interest but no one has taken the leap to take the lead on this. This is also fairly new to the teachers. It may come with a learning curve for both teachers and parent. Ms. Yu advised she will bring it up at the next Pro D Day meeting.

- **SPC:** none
- **SEP:** Melanie Norris - Chess Club shall be starting in February. Floor hockey went well. Thank you to all the parents' involvement in clubs to make this a success.
- **Fundraising:** Sheema Mousavi – There is interest in organizing another round of sales of Krispy Kreme donuts. However, a date has not been set.
- **Treat Day:** Kelsey Jones – Opened up another signup for Treat Day. There were 44 submissions. There may have been a misunderstanding as some parents reordered and hence there were duplicates. Kelsey will be following up on this. Honey glazed donuts were profitable last year and the kids loved them. However, this created a bit of a mess for the teachers. Kelsey asked if the PAC would agree on these donuts again this year but they would be handed out at the end of the day. All in favor.
- **Movie Night:** PAC Chair Tracey spoke on behalf of Leah McGeachie. The date for the next movie night is February 17. She is looking for movie suggestions. Sarah Taylor asked if it is possible to provide movies with subtitles in a language of some of the attending parents. This is in the spirit of fostering community movie nights. So one night the subtitles would be in Korean, and another in Mandarin, and so forth. These would be kid's movies with subtitles. Tracey advised that there is a list of movies which the school has license to display and certain subtitles may not be available. Movie Night coordinator will look into.
- **Hot Lunch:** Next lunch is on January 27 and pizza will be offered.
- **Clothing drive:** Sheema Mousavi – Next pickup is on February 7. Drop off is from February 3 to February 6. Bedsheets and blankets, linens and shoes will be accepted. However, toys and household items are not.
- **Parent Education:**
 - Sarah Fong - Parent at Panorama suggested to invite a RCMP officer to speak to the students about drug awareness, as it is good to start the talk to Grade 4/5 students. Proposal agreed by Ms Yu. Sarah shall be contacting the RCMP to find out available times and shall provide an update.

- Alicia Terry – Saleema Noon was a success. Would Panorama be interested in bringing in IGirl and IBoy the coming school year? Would we like to bring the Body Science talk every alternate year? Should we alternate between IGirl/IBoy and Body Science? Alicia will follow up with Saleema Noon’s team to enquire on how they run the girl/boy sessions and cost.
- Lavina Wong – Suggested also an Internet safety presentation for students. The need for Internet safety talk is getting more important as kids as young as grade 3 are on their devices at school. Jessie Miller was suggested which who we have had success with in previous years. Lavina offered to follow up with Jessie Miller’s office for possible dates this year.
- **CLUBS:** Nothing to report
- **Athletic Club:** Nothing to report
- **Traffic:** Earlier Discussion as above
- **Class Liaison:** Nothing to report
- **CPF:** Position Vacant
- **Grade 5 Committee:** More information shall be provided at the next meeting.
- **Multicultural Liaison:** Position Vacant
- **VP:** Position Vacant
- **Webmaster:** Jerusha Chong - Setting up online the clubs and registration. Nothing more to report.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Alex McLaughlin – No updates yet from SD43. We are still waiting to see if, in an emergency, we are moving the students to a different location.
- **Lunch Lady:** The profits for Lunch Lady have gone down. A parent enquired if we would offer this twice a week. However, Hot Lunch is more beneficial for school fundraising. Offering more Lunch Lady could possibly interfere with fundraising through Hot Lunch. PAC voted to leave Lunch Lady as is.
- **Spring Fair:** Jerusha Chong was the lead for this event last year. She has kindly offered to coordinate again this year. However, did expressed the need for more assistance this coming year. A newsletter shall be sent out with a request for volunteers. Jerusha suggested that this be done soon.

Date of next meeting is tentatively set for at 7:00pm on February 20, 2017.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Moved by Sarah Taylor and seconded by Melanie Norris. **Motion Passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.