



Minutes of Panorama Heights Elementary School PAC Meeting January 21, 2019

Chairperson: Kelsey Jones & Melda Okucu

Secretary: Leah Barrington

Attendees:

Bonnie Chung	Stephanie Kehle
Dulce Myles	Macy Azimi
Denise Quanson	Shilpi Mehrohra
Shahnaaz Balsara	Nasri Bakhshiar
Colby Anderson	Michelle Tremblay
Winnie Li	Lynn Li
Mélanie Norris	

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by Kelsey Jones

Introductions and Housekeeping

- Timekeeper designated – Mélanie
- Round table introductions – Completed;
- Next meeting set for February 25th at 7:15 pm;
- Motion to approve minutes of the PAC meeting held November 19th, 2018. Moved by Bonnie, Seconded by Stephanie. All in favour. **Approved.**

Chair Report

- Kelsey asked if any members were interested in organizing a Whitecaps Fundraiser.

Because PAC is not doing fundraising this year but is instead asking families for a one-time contribution, Lynn Li has offered to look into the Whitecaps option as a possibility for next year.

School Report – Principal Ms. Yu

- Ms. Yu welcomed the group and wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Ms. Yu informed the PAC about a change of date for the Spring Concert – it will be on April 9 and 10.
- Ms. Yu gave out information regarding the winter weather procedure. Parents can find out information about school closures, etc., on the district website SD43.bc.ca (usually before 630 a.m.) as well as on CKNW and CBC. She reminded parents that if they do not feel safe trying to get their children to school, then please stay home.
- Ms. Yu reported the following items on the teachers' wish list:
 - a) 1 PADcaster – a journalism tool – a fun way to report information - \$15.50 each
 - b) 1 Sound Field system – a classroom sound system/microphone unit, to be replaced one at a time – approx. \$1000 each
 - c) 1 tub with 6 lpads \$1000 each (Ms. Yu has already purchased 4)

Student services would like:

- d) Wobble chairs: 5 for \$475
- e) 1 or 2 single Pedal Desk - \$1365
- f) 1 standing desk - \$499 each
- g) 6 Simply Fit seats - \$59 each
- h) 6 Ergo seats - \$499 for 6
- g) Mr. Spira is hoping PAC can fund the Earth Day seedlings \$600
- h) Ms Goddard would like a CD player \$25
- i) Mme Piggott would like an electric sharpener
- j) Mme Piggott would like paint brushes \$30
- Mr. Jamieson extended a very big thank you to PAC members for the gift cards for families.
- Mr. Jamieson also reported that the NED assembly had been well received, and that many students were also buying yoyos.
- He also expressed thanks for the planetarium presentation. The kids loved it.
- Mr. Jamieson highlighted the following dates:
 - Feb 6 and 7 – Early Dismissal at 1:53
 - Feb 15 – school not in session
 - Feb. 18 Family Day
 - Feb. 20 – Musical theatre called Pier 21
 - Feb. 19 and 20 – Hoops for Hope Tournament for Grade 5's

New Business – Chairs

- Melda reported that a parent approached her and would like the school to do head lice checks. Melda asked the PAC if they would like a group of volunteers to come and do lice checks. Most PAC members said no.
- Melda also reported that Jennifer, the Multi-cultural Coordinator, wanted to let PAC know about an After-School program, offered by SFU, called S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Shahnaaz (Parent Education person) will find out more about the program and revisit it next meeting.
- Michelle Tremblay, owner of MPower Lives Company, presented her program to PAC. She is in partnership with District 43, as well as the Jeff Strum Foundation, “Do What You Love”. Her program is about bully prevention, confidence, safety, mindfulness, self-regulation, resilience, and social values. She usually offers 8 sessions for \$85. It is usually offered as an after-school program, but if the school would like it during the school day, that is also an option. PAC will revisit the program at a later date.
- Kelsey shared a Christmas card from the staff, thanking PAC for all the support and wishing all members a happy holiday.
- Kelsey also reported that she had received a very kind thank you email from one of the families that had received support at Christmas time.

Old Business

Committee Reports

- **Movie Night:** The next movie night is Thursday, February 21st. Winnie suggested having older students make a video on how to behave during the movie, and it can be shown during the Movie Nights to encourage appropriate audience behavior.
- **Treat Days:** Colby reported that treat days are going well.
- **Spring Fair:** Colby reported that once we have date confirmed, she will contact vendors to check availability.
- **Hot Lunch:** The next one is this Friday, January 25th.
- **Traffic:** Denise reported that there are still some parents who are dropping off on Johnson Street. Mr. Jamieson thanked Denise again for all her hard work helping with traffic every day after school.
- **Walking School Bus:** The next one is this Wednesday, January 23rd. Bonnie will use the paper cups the PAC still have, but for the following Walking School Bus days, students will have to bring a re-usable mug if they want to receive hot chocolate or lemonade. PAC will revisit the budget for Walking School Bus at the next meeting.
- **SEP:** This week, Stephanie will begin the Drop-In Board Games for K-2, as well as the Drop-In Chess for 3-5. She is thinking about perhaps running a Frisbee League in the Spring?
- **Website and Communications Coordinators:** no report
- **Class Liaison:** Shilpi said she will send a reminder to the teachers regarding volunteers needed for the movie night, as well as a reminder about Jessie Miller.

- **DPAC:** Dulce reported that the next DPAC meeting is January 30th.
- **Parent Ed** – Shahnaaz reported that only a few people had registered for Jessie Miller so far. Also, she said she will find out more about booking Inner Ninja program by Michelle Tremblay MPower. Shahnaaz will also find out about bringing in Saleema Noon.
- **Health & Safety:** Shilpi will go through all the emergency bags.
- **CPF:** no report
- **Grade 5:** no report
- **Athletic Club:** no report

- **Treasurer's Report:** Mélanie reported the following:
 - 1) General Account:
 - a. Family Contributions:
 - i. Thank you to all those who contributed!
 - ii. We are at \$3578 so far, which is \$422 short of our target. Last year we collected \$4766, so we are currently almost \$1200 less than last year. The fact that we were not able to collect through cash-on-line seems to have had a huge impact. (Perhaps parents donated less because they were not receiving tax receipts through School)
 - b. Parent Ed: we are currently collecting \$10 donations (attendance by volunteer donation) and the cost of Parent Education Night Jesse Miller) is \$400, it is not budgeted for this year.
 - c. \$800 "Panorama Community Support" is the financial support to 3 families in need over the holidays.
 - d. Mélanie will provide a summary of how the fundraising programs are doing next month (after 5 full months of school) e.g. hot lunch, movie night, treat days, etc.
 - e. "Hot Lunch Helper" donations = \$93 (generous!). This means PAC was able to provide free meals to 5 students. PAC will not collect more money until the \$93 is used up. So far \$15 has been used up (5 students at \$3 cost/meal), therefore \$78 remaining for future months.
 - 2) Gaming Account : \$1497 for planetarium
 - 3) Mélanie raised a motion to increase budget for Jessie Miller Parent Education Night to \$400. Motion approved by Macy, seconded by Denise. All in favour.

Date of next meeting is set for: Monday, February 25 at 7:15pm

Motion to adjourn meeting. Moved by Denise, **Seconded** by Shahnaaz. **Motion Passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.