



**Minutes of Panorama Heights Elementary School PAC
Meeting
November 18th, 2019**

Chairperson: Shilpi Mehrotra & Shahnaaz Balsara

Secretary: Colby Anderson

Attendees:

Winnie Li	
Ya Wen	
Shahnaaz Balsara	
Melanie Norris	
Shilpi Mehrotra	
Natalie Wang	
Colby Anderson	
Bonnie Chung	

Meeting called to order at 7:21pm by Shilpi

Introductions and Housekeeping

- Timekeeper designated – Colby
- Next meeting set for January 20th, 2020 at 7:15pm
- Minutes from previous meeting: a page was missing from the printed copies. Minutes were approved

Chair Report

- A notice from the BC Teachers' Federation was given to families along with interim reports, and it was reported that some classes were to sign and return the postcard. It was noted that this comes from the Teachers' Union, and not the school directly.

School Report – Mrs. Yu & Mr. Jamieson

- There was an assembly on Friday about the school-wide goal of Perseverance
- An email was sent with discussion questions for home, and the teachers also had a list of discussion questions for class

- Construction on the new addition to the school will be starting in July and will take approximately 14-18 months
- The classes in the two connected portables will move into the building next year, with one remaining portable
- Enrolment will be capped next year to ensure there is enough space for all students

- There will be a change to the cross-catchment process for next school year, with it becoming a lottery system, similar to what is currently done for all choice programs

- Congratulations to Mme. Luca, who recently had a baby boy
- Mme. Watson will be taking over for the remainder of the school year

- The recent Halloween parade was noted to be successful
- Interim report cards recently went home, and any feedback to admin about report cards is always welcome

- Upcoming events:
 - Volleyball games for grade 5s on Thursdays
 - Jamboree at Summit this Thursday, November 21st
 - Concert practices have started, with classes “doubling up” (two classes per practice, twice weekly)
 - The last day before Winter Break is December 20th
 - First term report cards will go home December 20th
 - These will look different, as they will now be through a program called MyEd, however the content remains the same as last year
 - Grade 4’s will be taking the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI), an online survey through UBC for Early Childhood Development, where students can share their thoughts and experiences about school
 - This information is then compiled and presented to the school admin and district
 - This will be optional, with a reverse consent being sent home (the form to be returned if a student chooses to opt out of completing the survey)
 - Grade 5 families will be informed of their eligible catchment middle schools soon, as this will also be a lottery process for cross-catchment

- There was a question about district technology resources and what Panorama has been given. It was noted that we have iPads, laptops, Spheros, subsidies, and support for the current technology that we have

New Business

- Open PAC volunteer positions:
 - Student Enrichment Program Coordinator – coordinating lunchtime clubs and activities

- A parent may be able to take this on in January
- Athletic Club/Running Club Coordinator – this could also be looked at again in Spring if no one is currently available
- Spring Fair – a group of volunteers will be needed to plan this if it will take place
- Walking School Bus – a volunteer will be needed for next year

Please email chair@panoramaheightspac.ca if you would like to volunteer for any of these positions

Old Business

- See committee reports, below

Committee Reports

- **Movie Night:** The first movie night occurred on Friday, November 15th. There were enough parent volunteers, as well as some student helpers. There was a large turnout, however behavior was chaotic. Strategies for making the next movie night more manageable were discussed. Theatre-style seating can be tried next movie night, in order to minimize the floor space for running around. The next movie night will be January 24th.
- **Treat Days:** No report
- **Hot Lunch:** There were some student complaints about the pizza being spicy and cheese being a bit burnt, however Dominos will be tried again for November's hot lunch. Pizza samples were given at the meeting, as another vendor has expressed interest in providing pizza for hot lunch. December's hot lunch will be Quiznos.
- **Traffic** – Some parents are reportedly still turning left in the morning, which holds up the drive-through. It was also noted that some parent volunteers have been parking in the drive-through before 9:30am. They will be required to park elsewhere, and can move their car to the drive-through only after 9:30am.
- **Walking School Bus** – This will occur this Wednesday, November 20th, and the next will be on December 11th.
- **Student Enrichment Program** – A parent volunteer is needed for this program (see note under 'New Business')
- **Website and Communications Coordinator** – It was noted that some emails to Lisa from Chair have not been going through. Emails will be CC'd to Wendy to ensure they are going through, or are resent as needed.
- **Class Liaison** – No report
- **DPAC** – A report from the October DPAC meeting included reminders to the Chairs to review the PAC bylaws and ensure they are up-to-date, and a review of various Gaming Grant restrictions. The next DPAC meeting will be November 22nd.
- **Parent Ed** – No report
- **Health & Safety** – No report
- **CPF** – No report
- **Grade 5** – No report
- **After-School Activity Liaison** – Do What U Love will continue to provide activities in January and March, but notifications have not been sent out to parents yet (waiting on DWUL). Bricks 4 Kidz and Pinetree have also been contacted. Some programs will have a waitlist, and some will also be 90 minutes. The Student Enrichment email can be used for the Liaison.
- **Athletic Club** – A parent volunteer is needed for this program (see note under 'New

Business')

- **Treasurer's Report:**

- General Account:

- Donations are at \$3885 thus far, which is above what we hoped to collect. A last notice before the end of the calendar year may go out, for those parents wanting to contribute and get a tax receipt for 2019. Cheques can also be accepted, and this information can be included in the email. A wish list has been given to the PAC for a speaker system.
 - Movie Night earned \$511.76 (net)

- Gaming Account:

- \$3450 was spent on tennis lessons

Date of next meeting is set for: **January 20th at 7:15pm**

Motion to adjourn meeting. Moved by Shilpi. Seconded by Colby. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.