Anderson Elementary School

Parent Advisory Council

October 08, 2019

General Meeting Minutes

* Meeting started approximately 5:30 pm in the library
* Administration present:  Principal Christine Marin, Vice Principal Leah Scharf
* Members present:  Mary Hsi (Acting Chair), Marine Walic (Vice Chair), Stella Huang (Co-Treasurer), Gail Lam.

1. **Welcome**

Approval of minutes from June’s PAC meeting.

1. **Administration Report**
   1. **Volleyball**

Grade 6 and 7 volleyball is starting after Thanksgiving.

Organized by Mr. Forrest, Mr. Brackman and Mme Cammell.

* 1. **Meeting with new families: October 3, 2019, 5:30pm**

It was successful, with about 40 parents attending.

* 1. **School organization and staffing**

All staff is now hired.

Welcome to new resource teacher Mrs Lintott.

7 UBC Teacher Candidates (student teachers): 5 in English and 2 in French Immersion.

Fire Drills (2), Earthquake Drills (1), Lockdown Drill (1) – The admins are attending an Emergency Preparedness workshop on November 5.

Anderson has a container by McNeill high school to store water and other supplies.

* 1. **FSAs: Foundation Skills Assessment**

Provincial Assessment in Grade 4 and 7, in Reading, Writing and Numeracy, from September 30 to November 8.

Many students are excused, which makes it harder for school to assess if teaching is efficient or not.

* 1. **Parking lot**

Difficulties seem due to a volume problem: biggest elementary school of district

Lots of crossing guards presents

Less problem in the morning

1. **Treasurer report: Stella**
   * **Gaming Grant** – Gaming grant goes to fieldtrips because it must be used outside of the classroom.

Received in the amount of $11,320.00 (last year $13 000): to ask why less?

Field Trips budgeted for $12 000 so we’re short $700 but there is money left over from last year, it will allow us to keep $20/students

* + **Pizza Days** – 2X/month – Stella will give us an estimate of what we’ll make so we will know how much will be given to the teachers (26 divisions).

Last year teachers received $200 from PAC and $200 from Learning Resources School account and resource teachers received $100 each.

These funds are very appreciated, useful for teachers.

* + **Only moves** on the account were the gaming grant and a cheque from Cobs (Dough raiser fundraising program at Cobs-Richmond Centre).

1. **PAC elections** 
   * Open positions: **Chairperson, Secretary**
   * Election of **Gail Lam** as **Co-Secretary** (children in grades 3 and 1): will check emails and take care of communication (send emails to class representatives who in turn will forward to class; social networks...).
2. **New business**
   1. **Approval of September PAC minutes**

All in favor: approved.

* 1. **Breakfast Club**

Grant: 3000$.

Already started, currently every Friday morning, from 8:10 to 8:30am, organised by Christina Workman.

Serve yogurt tubes, cheese sticks, cereals, fresh milk, oatmeal and variations.

Will have the Special Breakfast Club as well for big occasions, held in the gym: next one is scheduled for Halloween, October 31, organised by Raseel Dalgamouni, with pancakes, hot fresh food.

In need of volunteers for Special Breakfast Club to set up, clean up, …

Breakfast cupboards for Anderson have been rekeyed: cannot find the extra keys: to be followed up with Debby.

* 1. **Book Fair**

English Book Fair to be held in November 18-21 (set up on November 15 and tear down on 22); organisers are still Cecilia Leung and Jeanette Dyck.

* 1. **E-portal**

To look into how to export the E-portfolio.

Administrators are advising to download everything at the end of every year.

* 1. **Babysitting for next PAC meeting**

Need more parents to attend PAC meetings: could babysitting be a good incentive?

Grade 6 children will be asked if they want to sign up as PAC babysitters.

Can occupy kids with building blocks, pay babysitters with free pizza on pizza days, …

Next meeting will be advertised as babysat once confirmation is received.

1. **Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm**

Congratulations Gail!

Next PAC meeting will be on **Monday, November 4, 2019**.