

SEXSMITH PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting date: November 22, 2016

Location: Sexsmith Library

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30pm

Chairperson: Gurmit Sangha

Members present: As per attendance sheet.

- *A big thank you to all the parents who came to the meeting. We encourage you to continue attending the upcoming PAC meetings.*

Special Presentation –Ms. Adrienne Gear

Ms. Gear gave the parents an informative overview of the critical thinking project that is being implemented at Sexsmith. Critical thinking is one of the core competencies of the new curriculum. For further information on this please visit the following website <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum> . For further information on Ms. Gear's work please visit the following website <http://www.readingpowergear.com/bio.html>

Principal's Report – Mr. Cassie

Please see attached document

Parents are encouraged to visit the school website for more details:

<http://sexsmith.vsb.bc.ca/default.htm>

Financial Update from the Treasurer – Fay Tam

Currently there is \$49,325.39* of PAC funds, breakdown as follows:

- General account 14,238.69
- Fundraising 1,221.58
- Chocolates 22,365.58
- Gaming account 11,494.22
- Gaming membership shares 5.32

This balance is after the following balances have been accounted for:

- Teacher's fund remaining to be paid out \$2,000; balance to payout on books for primaries \$3,292.51; remaining to payout for the apple TV, projector, laptop, computer \$7,563.20.

Hot Lunch Program – Stan Tam

The hot lunch order form for the January to March hot lunch run will be sent out on November 23rd and all forms for the order are due November 28, 2016. The menu item will be pasta and meatballs for the first five weeks and then nuggets up until Spring Break on Wednesdays and pizza on Fridays. Volunteers are still needed to help with hot lunch.

Fundraising Discussions

Chocolate boxes are going fast only 39 of the 200 ordered are left.

Upcoming School Events

Diwali celebration will take place on November 23 at 11:00 am. The stage and staff room have been decorated with the help of parent volunteers.

Breakfast with Santa happening December 16th, Stan will be posting a list for volunteers to sign up to help; Stan will also be taking care of the shopping for the event; Ross has been in touch with the rotary club and eight members have signed up to make pancakes for the students, the grill has been ordered; Stan will track down Santa to join us for the day.

Happy Holidays everyone! See you in the New Year!

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next meeting date: January 12, 2017 at 6:30pm

Location: Sexsmith School Library

Signatures of the 2016/2017 PAC Board members are as follows:

Chair – Gurmit Sangha

Vice Chair – Kami Hothi

Treasurer – Fay Tam

Secretary – Rana Sangha

Principal's Report for the Sexsmith PAC Meeting

- Principal's PAC Report – November 22, 2016
- Sexsmith PAC Meeting
- December at Sexsmith is always a busy month for our students, staff and parents. This year with only 2 weeks of school in December it will be especially hectic but lots of fun as we get into the holiday spirit!
- First Term Reports – Our first term reports will be sent home on Friday, December 9. This year our first and second term reports will be very similar to previous years. Although at this time I cannot provide more specific details the third term or Summative Report as it is now referred to, may be different than in years past. Over the next few months the VSB District staff will be working with the schools on implementing the changes that are now required for the Summative Report.
- I strongly feel that our staff provide excellent report cards for the parents and that high standard will be maintained this year. Once more information regarding the Summative Reports is provided I will be sharing that information with our parents.
- Volleyball Teams - Our 3 school volleyball teams have been busy participating in the Elementary School leagues. All 3 teams have been doing well in their zones. This week is the last week they will be playing games and in December our basketball teams will begin practicing for their seasons which start in January.
- Remembrance Day Assembly – We held our annual Remembrance Day Assembly on November 9. It was a very moving assembly and the respectful tone demonstrated by the students and family members in attendance really indicated how important this day is in the lives of our community members. The presentations by the students really captured the significance of Remembrance Day in a variety of ways. Many thanks to our Fine Arts program teacher, Mr Coelho, for coordinating the program and to all the teachers who helped prepare the students with their presentations.
- December Events – As I mentioned earlier we are going to be busy with seasonal events at Sexsmith in December. Some of the activities include; decorating our 3 Christmas trees; making Gingerbread houses; going to and hosting concerts from the Churchill High School Bands and Choirs; going to the QE Theatre to see a ballet performance; Winter Sing a Longs in the gym the final week of school; and of course our traditional Santa Breakfast that our PAC and Rotary Club host on the last morning before Winter Break. We hope to see many of you in December sharing in the holiday spirit at Sexsmith!
- Chocolate Sales – We distributed 171 boxes of chocolates yesterday to our students. This year we have more students participating in the sales as many of our Grade 2 students are involved in the sales this year. We have about 39 boxes left to sell – we are hoping that students will come back for a second box to sell. Thanks to the PAC for their efforts with this fundraiser.
- Intermediate Lap Tops and Apple T.V Equipment – Our lap tops and Apple TV equipment have arrived and are being used in our intermediate classrooms. Later in the year at a PAC Meeting I will provide the PAC with specific ways that this equipment is being used in the classrooms.
- A thorough review of the process that was used to develop the 2016/17 VSB Budget
- A review of the Governance and Stewardship practices used in the Vancouver School Board

This action by the Ministry of Education was in response to the VSB Trustees not submitting a balance budget for the 2016/17 school year which they are compelled to do. The Special Advisor's Report is due to be made public in the very near future.