

SEXSMITH PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting date: March 9, 2017
Location: Sexsmith Library
Time: 6:30 pm to 7:50pm
Chairperson: Gurmit Sangha
Members present: As per attendance sheet.

Welcome back Mr. Cassie!

Special Guest –Mr. Sam Wong

Mr. Wong from the Vancouver Arbutus Rotary Club joined the PAC for the meeting. The Rotary Club has been assisting with the Sexsmith Breakfast with Santa for many years and we are very fortunate to have such wonderful support that allows Sexsmith to hold this annual event. The Arbutus Rotary Club is interested in supporting school programs that focus on literacy, aboriginal awareness and technology.

Special Presentation/ Request –Mrs. Mumford

Mrs. Mumford spoke to the PAC about technology equipment at Sexsmith. With the new curriculum being implemented the importance of having access to technology is essential to allow students to progress in various areas. Mrs. Mumford shared a few examples of how technology is being used in her grade three classroom. Mrs. Mumford put forth a request to the PAC to fund the purchase of 15 Macbook Airs; laptop cart; 6 Ipad Mini; 5 basic Macbook Airs. Total cost of the purchase amounts to \$29,316 plus tax. Majority consent from PAC in favor of covering the cost for this purchase.

Principal's Report – Mr. Cassie

Please see attached Mr. Cassie's report. Further discussions:

The Vancouver School Board has released its workplace investigation report. The report can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/sites/default/files/publications/RosylN%20Goldner%20Report%20redacted%20Mar%207%2017.pdf>

Mr. Cassie also discussed how the restatement of the contractual language back to the same level as it was in 2002 would impact classroom size and composition.

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 \$54,192.62* of PAC funds, breakdown as follows:

- General account 16,031.79
- Fundraising 1,657.53
- Chocolates 27,615.93
- Gaming account 12,000.99

- Gaming membership shares 5.32

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

Teacher's fund remaining to be paid out \$1,900 as well as the teacher's memorial of \$1,500 and the remaining to payout for the apple TV, projector, laptop, computer \$436.80 (still waiting for the invoice).

In April, Fay will be applying for the gaming grant which will come in the fall.

Hot Lunch Program – Stan Tam

The hot lunch program is going well, thank you to Chris and Eva for counting all the money from the order forms. Overall the hot lunch program has brought in \$10,879 of net proceeds and another \$5,400 is anticipated for the March to June hot lunch run.

Lunch orders for sports day have been collected. No concession stand this year. Volunteers will be needed to assist in delivering the food to each classroom. Further discussions at the next PAC meeting.

Upcoming Filipino Festival Celebration

The Filipino festival will take place on May 26th at 1:30pm. There will be a presentation followed by dancing and singing. Lunch will be served to the teachers and sweet buns for the students.

Other Business

Kami suggested inviting guest speakers to come out and present to the PAC. A survey will be sent out to the parents asking for what topics they are interested in listening to.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Next meeting date: April 6, 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

Principals Report for March 9 Sexsmith PAC Meeting

1. Back at Work – It feels very good to be back at work. I had a health problem that was supposed to have a short duration but regrettably went on for quite some time. All is better now and I am really happy to be back at work and looking forward to the third term.
2. Many Thanks to Brian Anderson – While I was away I was very pleased to have Brian Anderson cover for me. He did a great job and I along with the staff are very appreciative of his efforts. Having Brian's experience and high level of professionalism here in my place allowed me to just think about recovering and not worrying about the school because the school was left in good hands.
3. From what I understand the Lunar New Year Celebration was again a great success. Many thanks to Stan and all the parents that helped out at this celebration. This is one of the many great traditions and highlights of the year for our school community
4. Flash Mob Dance – I just came back from watching our students perform their Flash Mob Dance at Oakridge. It was a wonderful performance that acknowledges such an important topic in our lives but especially for our students. Thanks to all the parents who attended and to Mr Coelho for organizing this for our school community.
5. Third Term Reports – I understand our conferences in early February were again a success and that our reports for the second term have gone home. Hopefully the parents found the reports and conferences informative and beneficial and that they had the time to discuss the reports with their children.
6. I hope all the families have a restful and relaxing Spring Break and we will see you in a few weeks.