

Meeting date: November 9, 2017
Location: Sexsmith Library
Time: 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
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.*

Principal's Report – Joel Levine

- The Remembrance Day ceremony went really well; a big thank you to Mr. Coelho
- The District is exploring a bring you own device “BYOD” policy which allows students to use their own mobile devices to access educational content in the classroom. Some of the classes at Sexsmith will be trying this out, prior to students bringing devices to school parental consent has to be obtained. The school is working on putting a policy in place for use of devices; Question from parent on who is responsible for the loss of the child’s device – Mr. Levine to find out.
- School growth plan is still focusing on comprehension skills and critical thinking in reading and writing and the kids will be learning about aboriginal culture;
- Senior boys soccer team won, trophy is on display; a big thank you to Lenny for coaching the team and Duncan;
- There have been a few instances of cyber bullying; the school needs to work with students on the appropriate use of the internet;
- The Community school team would like to offer program to the primary kids “MoreSports” this would be a one hour program dedicated to the K to grade 1 students held from 3 to 4 pm on Fridays in the gym, the kids would play active games, learning how to kick the ball, skip etc. Also a 1 hour class for grades 2 to 3 will be held 4 to 5 pm, these kids will learn basketball, handball, hockey etc. The cost would be \$50 for eight weeks. There will be pamphlets handed out in the next few weeks, registration will be mid December.
- There are various workshops taking place in the next few months, notices will be sent out via the newsletter.

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 the breakdown of PAC funds is as follows:

- General account 27,739.74
- Chocolates 9,773.50
- Gaming account 7,307.70
- Gaming membership shares 5.49

This balance above is before the following balances have been accounted for:

Teacher's memorial fund of \$1,500 still to be paid (invoice now received); funding for field trips, \$150 has been allotted for each division, funds are to subsidize costs of bus trips for field trips. Total funds \$2,550.00.

Once the above two expenses have been accounted and the pending deposit of \$235 for hot lunch for the balance remaining in the account will **\$41,011.43**.

Gurmit put forth a motion to allocate \$100 per teacher subsidy, seconded by Kavita, unanimous consent by PAC. Mr. Levine to find out the exact number of teachers and Fay will coordinate with Mr. Levine for the payment.

Hot Lunch Program – Stan Tam

Hot lunch is going really well the sales for additional lunches are increasing every week. The January lunch forms will be going out December 4th.

A big thank you to our all of our hot lunch volunteers without your help hot lunch days would not happen.

Stan suggested that the PAC cover the costs of Eva's food safe certification, unanimous consent by PAC.

The PAC is always looking for parent volunteers; if you are interested please contact Stan Tam or send an email to sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com).

Parents are encouraged to provide suggestions at future PAC meetings however there is an expectation for parents to assist in carrying out their suggestions.

Upcoming School Events

Diwali celebration will take place on November 20 from 11 to 12 pm; volunteers are needed to help decorate on November 17th at 2 pm. Teachers will be served lunch in the library on November 20th and the students will be served a samosa and a drink after recess;

Stan is preparing for Breakfast with Santa further details to follow at the next PAC meeting; a volunteer list has been started.

Fundraising Discussions

Gurmit and Joel have finalized the chocolate sales process; Gurmit has picked up the gifts for the draw that will take place on December 22, 2017;

Angela Wong, will be trying out a new fundraiser called Fundscrip; more details to follow at the next few PAC meetings.

Volunteer Coordinator – Kami Hothi

A volunteer email address has been setup (sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com), anyone wishing to volunteer can email Kami to let her know which events they would like to volunteer for. In the near future a calendar will be posted on the school website each month showing what activities are coming up where volunteers will be needed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Next meeting date: December 7, 2017 at 6:30pm

Location: Sexsmith Library

Signatures of the 2017/2018 PAC Board members are as follows:

Chair – Gurmit Sangha

Vice Chair – Kami Hothi

Treasurer – Fay Tam

Secretary – Rana Sangha