

SEXSMITH PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting date: September 13, 2018

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.*

Opening Comments from the Chair – Gurmit

Parent Introductions

Summary of PAC activities: The PAC is run by the parents of the students attending Sexsmith. Fundraisers are held throughout the year to raise funds which are used to buy school equipment or to contribute towards school events. The PAC actively holds, supports or contributes to events such as:

- Chocolate fundraiser;
- Diwali celebration - usually takes place in November;
- Breakfast with Santa - takes place in December. Parents serve a pancake breakfast for all the students on the last school day before Christmas vacation;
- Lunar/Chinese New Year - usually takes place in February;
- Filipino festival - usually takes place in May/June;
- Spring Fun Fair – usually in June - community event with a great turnout;
- Sports day concession;
- Hot lunch program - throughout the year.
- Support for teachers;
- Scholarship for Sexsmith student graduating from Churchill;
- Other events or donations for school events when needed;

Parents are encouraged to come to the monthly PAC meetings, to find out what is happening at Sexsmith and meet other school parents.

Principal's Report – Joel Levine

- There are 405 students currently registered at the school and seventeen divisions;
- There have been several changes in staffing at the school; our librarian Kimberly Matterson has taken another position and we have had new teachers starting;
- The 2018 school growth plan was “critical thinking”; the 2019 school growth plan incorporates literacy, critical thinking and a new section on soft skills such as self-awareness and working together. Mrs. Geer will be working with the teachers on the next professional day.

- New report card and process will be in place this year; for information please check out the link in the September 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 there is \$25,488.35; break-down is as follows:

- General account 10,060.91
- Chocolates 15,409.71
- Gaming account 12.04
- Gaming membership shares 5.49

The funds from the gaming grant (\$20 per child based on previous year's enrollment of 390 students) should be coming in around October. This gaming grant funds should be around \$7K and they should be used within three years. There are restrictions on what the funds can be used for.

For more information please visit the following website:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/guide-cgg.pdf>

Gurmit put forth a motion to allocate \$100 per teacher subsidy, seconded by Lucia, unanimous consent by PAC. Fay will coordinate with Mr. Levine for the payment.

Gurmit put forth a motion to approve funding request by Mr. Kay for new school uniforms approximate cost \$1,400, seconded by Lucia, unanimous consent by PAC. Fay will coordinate with Mr. Levine for the payment.

At the June 2017 meeting Chris Brown had a funding request for TEGS/Hot Lunch Program – funds to be used to purchase six portable electric induction cooktops. These units would replace the aging/failing portable coil cooktops that are being used at the present time. The PAC had consented to the funding request of \$840. **Update:** Chris got a great deal on the purchase she bought 8 units for a total cost of \$421.00. Way to go Chris!

Hot Lunch Program – for Stan Tam

The pizza hot lunch program will start on October 3 with forms sent out next week.

Stan and Roy with the help of parent volunteers will organize the program. It will be pizza Fridays and Nuggets on Wednesdays for the first 6 weeks and then Macaroni and Cheese for the last five Wednesdays. The hot lunch will run from October 3 through to December 14.

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 14 at 11:00 am; help will be needed on November 12 to setup the gym. Students will be given a samosa and a juice box. The teachers will be served lunch.

Fundraising Discussions

Chocolate orders will be finalized at the next PAC meeting. Gurmit will coordinate with Mr. Levine on the timing and quantity of the chocolates to buy.

Volunteer Coordinator – Chris

A volunteer email address has been setup (**sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com**), anyone wishing to volunteer can email Chris 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 7:30 pm

Next meeting date: October 11, 2018 at 6:30pm

Location: Sexsmith Library

Future meeting dates: November 8th and December 6th

Signatures of the 2018/2019 PAC Board members are as follows:

Chair – Gurmit Sangha

Vice Chair – Chris Brown

Treasurer – Fay Tam

Secretary – Rana Sangha