

SEXSMITH PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting date: January 10, 2019

Location: Sexsmith Library

Time: 6:30 pm to 7:24 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

- Busy start to the new year, as report cards are around the corner; this will be different reporting without letter grades; communication is key, parents should have a good idea of how their child is doing; parent feedback on the January reporting process is appreciated;
- Heart and Mind workshops will be held for the teachers on January 16th. For more information on these workshops please see the following website:
<https://dalailamacenter.org/workshops/heart-mind-schools>
- The Inclusive Improv performance will be held on January 29th; a big thank you to the parents for promoting it and the PAC for funding it;
- Unfortunately the VPD liaison officer was unable to attend the PAC meeting to provide any further information on the incident that took place at the school last month involving a six year old; at the current time Vancouver police say they have not yet been able to corroborate a claim that a six-year-old girl was lured from Sexsmith school and sexually assaulted.
- The VSB is doing a full review of the security at Vancouver elementary schools and will present their findings to a committee on March 6/19; Mr. Levine will follow up with the VSB on camera installation at the school;;
- The following link has the recommendations made by the PAC:
- <https://bc.ctvnews.ca/more-cameras-fewer-blind-spots-pac-recommends-after-girl-taken-from-school-sexually-assaulted-1.4221958>
- Gurmit to write to the VSB asking for additional safety measures including installation of security camera around the school.

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 balance is \$34,456.06; breakdown as follows:

- General account 4,508.82
- Chocolate sales 20,784.23
- Gaming account 9,157.32
- Gaming membership shares 5.69

The balance above is after deducting \$14,867.00 relating to the following items that have been approved by the PAC in the previous meetings as follows:

- \$867 for the upcoming Inclusive Improv performance taking place on January 29th;

- \$12,000 for the purchase of new technology for the school; three MacBook Air to complete cart; ten laptops/desktops for students in classrooms; charging cases for refurbished laptops, this request is capped at \$12K;
- \$2,000 towards the installation costs for the metal sculpture, request capped at \$2K.

The December 2018 chocolate sales fundraiser netted \$5,136.52. Total funds collected of \$12,168.85; cost of chocolates and prizes \$7,032.33. Prizes included a digital waterproof 4K sports and helmet camera and a \$100 Lego gift card. The \$5,136.52 is included in the total amount reported for the chocolate sales above.

Gurmit put forth a motion to approve \$500 as per request made by Mr. Levine to subsidize transportation costs for students in division 9/10 for a field trip to Grouse Mountain – seconded by Kavita and Angela, unanimous consent by PAC.

Gurmit put forth a motion to approve a scholarship for \$500 given to a Churchill graduate who was is a Sexsmith alumnus, seconded by Fay, unanimous consent by PAC.

Hot Lunch Program – Stan Tam

The first hot lunch of the new year took place this past Wednesday; at Friday’s hot lunch the barbeque chicken pizza was a big hit with the students with double the orders compared to the ham & pineapple pizza.

Estimated net revenue from hot lunch sales are anticipated to exceed \$20K by the end of this school term. Thank you to all the parents volunteering with hot lunch. We are always looking for hot lunch 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

Lunar New Year celebration will take place on February 12th; please sign up to volunteer. The teachers will be served lunch. Stan has everything organized for this event.

Fundraising Discussions

The gift card fundraiser was rolled out before Christmas. Thanks to Angela for taking this on. Parents are encouraged to sign up and place orders from this website as the school gets at least 2% of the value of the gift card purchased. Mr. Levine will include the link in future school newsletters as a reminder for parents interested in purchasing gift cards. Here is the link:

<https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group/2CBHHR>

Volunteer Coordinator – Chris

The volunteer email is (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 7:24 pm

Next meeting date: February 7, 2019 at 6:30pm

Location: Sexsmith School Library

Future meeting date(s): March 7th; April 4th