

## **SEXSMITH PAC • GENERAL MEETING**

December 2, 2020 • 6:31pm –7:43pm

Online Zoom Meeting

### **EXECUTIVE**

Chairperson:	Mandeep Sidhu	Treasurer:	Angela Wong
Vice-Chairperson:	Deljit Beesla	Secretary:	Jacqui Crawford
Fundraiser:	Penny Wong		

### **APPOINTED**

Hot Lunch Coordinators: Eva Jung and Amit Sisodia

### **GUEST**

Joel Levine, Principal

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### **MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm.

1. Determine quorum - 17 members present
2. Welcome and acknowledgement
  - 2.1. Voting eligibility reminder
  - 2.2. Online meeting procedures
3. Introductions
4. Approval of Agenda (no objections, no items to be added)
5. Approval of October 28, 2020 Minutes (motion to be approved by email, subsequently approved by Mandeep Sidhu and seconded by Deljit Beesla)

## 6. Guest - Principal Levine's Report

- 6.1 We have a new sign on door and also covid updates from the district. There has been 2 exposure events, however, there has been no kid to kid transmissions that we know of. A couple of kids came in and were sick, then they went home and no contacts became ill. The District manages the situation, Vancouver Health and District determines the self isolation, self monitoring and contact tracing procedures. We are all very encouraged that even the young kids are wearing masks. We can't emphasize enough that kids that have any symptoms must stay home. In addition, there is lots of hand washing hands and wearing masks, which the kids are really good at. Physical distancing is trickier, lots of reminders are needed.
- 6.2 At the moment it is very hard to get substitute teachers, this is a district wide issue. When teachers are off sick we are not getting replacements. We are scrambling on a daily basis to find substitutes within the school. A teacher has gone on leave and there has been a different adult in the room everyday, however, they are continuing to receive the appropriate teaching. The district is doing lots of things in the background, in the meantime it's challenging.
- 6.3 No winter singalong, in the last week of school. As an alternative, Mr. Coelho is working on some singing with videos instead.
- 6.4 We will have the 2<sup>nd</sup> virtual assembly on Friday, using Microsoft Teams, the 1<sup>st</sup> assembly went very well.
- 6.5 At the previous meeting there was a question about wearing culturally appropriate costumes for specific events. The VSB has a non discrimination policy that would cover this. In addition, this year the District Social Justice/antiracism person sent out information from UBC about inclusive Halloween and giving thought to whether costumes make fun of human traits, identities, cultures, or race.
- 6.6 At the previous meeting, a question was raised about implementing the Odyssey of the Mind Program, the information was shared with staff and at the moment no one has showed interest in taking it on.
- 6.7 Report cards will go home at end of January. Any kid that is learning at home will have a slightly different type of report card than in the in-school learning kids.

- 6.8 Option 4 for transitioning from home learning to in-school learning has been extended. Kids can now return to school on Dec 7 or Jan 19<sup>th</sup> or in March/April, date to be confirmed.
- 6.9 The Option 4 transition program was devised to help kids transition from to in-school learning. However, some people want to change from learning in school to learning at home. The District doesn't support this and for the kids at home there is a limited amount of support provided.

#### QUESTIONS:

- When celebrating a cultural event such as Diwali or Chinese NY, are cultural costumes ok?  
*These types of events are not like Halloween, people are dressed in culturally appropriate dress to celebrate the cultural celebration and it is not intended to ridicule.*
- Extending winter break?  
*No, there has been no word of this at the District or Provincial level.*
- Parents are responsible for the daily health assessments, but can the school ask a child or staff member to go home if a symptom arises once the child is at school?  
*Typically, if a child is not feeling well, we call the parents right away to come and get them. Sometimes we may call to confirm if the symptoms are allergies or not. No-one is at school with symptoms; however, kids are generally asymptomatic, Vancouver Coastal Health decides what the exposure dates are.*
- Kids like to go to school, therefore minor things with health don't bother kids and they probably will not tell the teacher that they are sick. Repetition helps with kids; however, I feel like many kids do not follow standards at morning drop off. Kids need to be given the information that there were exposures and how serious this is.  
*As an adult I understand this, however we don't want to make the kids crazy, anxious and fearful, hand hygiene is most important and they are very good at that. What is encouraging is that we are in December there have been no cases of kid-to-kid transmissions. We will continue to promote masks, hand washing and staying at home if you are unwell.*
- The email sent out from school stated that a person had COVID-19, the email generated by the CDC stated that there had been an exposure in the school. Does this mean the person has Covid or that they have been exposed to Covid from the family home?

*I believe that the 2 students had tested positive. I think if someone at home tests positive, the family are asked to self isolate at home.*

- As a concerned parent, I send my daughter to school with the hope everything will be good, when the email came about a 2<sup>nd</sup> exposure it was a shock. I understand that we can't disclose the name, but we are all in this together and a bit of clarity would give us confidence.  
*The school is following the guidelines provided and there is not much else I can do, we are all very careful and the school staff are equally as nervous and trying there very best to keep everyone safe.*
- Is physical distancing being promoted? The main concern is the lack of physical distancing entering the school at the door near the roundabout.  
*Yes, physical distancing is being promote, however, at elementary schools physical distancing is not expected. The younger kids are not so good at physical distancing, but the older kids are good at maximising physical distancing, minimizing physical contact. I will take a look at the roundabout entrance tomorrow and talk to staff and kids that are using that entrance.*
- We all agree that message over time is getting lost. Everyone needs lots of reminders.  
It was proposed that parents could help "police" the physical distancing.  
*I appreciate the sentiment but one of the main protocols is to limit the amount of adults in the building.*
- Is it possible to have a Covid zoom meeting/townhall meeting?  
*FAQ page may be better, so people can ask questions and refer to answers when needed.*
- How do you feel about kids playing after school on the playground?  
*I have had a few people complain about this, but it is out of school time. I am more concerned about the adults congregating together while the children are playing. Vancouver Coastal Health stated not to play on the school grounds, so it is not recommended.*
- No further questions

7. Treasurer's Report – Angela

7.1 Our current funds available are	\$40, 492.00
breakdown as follows:	
PAC General account	12, 931.98
PAC general account Hot Lunch Funds	11, 674.15 (restricted)
PAC fundraising - Nil	
Gaming account	15,879.76
Members shares	6.11
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,492.00</b>

7.2 Committed PAC funds total \$1,340.00	
breakdown as follows:	
Lanyard fundraiser	\$240.00 (estimate)
Xmas and CNY	\$500.00 (approved in September)
I-Ride	\$600.00 (approved last year and remains unpaid)
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,340.00</b>

7.3 Gaming Account Fund, see attachment at the end of minutes for its uses. Uses include promoting school spirit, social activities, events, performances and non-instructional leisure activities. The rules changed slightly this year, if it's an activity just for the students and not fundraiser, the expenses are covered under the gaming funds. Therefore, this year festivals or cultural events are covered, so the recent Diwali purchases were covered. Slowly as we go through the year we can look at events and put through items pertaining to students on the gaming account.

QUESTIONS:

Would Funfair rentals be covered under the gaming account? *As long as there is no fundraising, school engagements, carnivals and family events are included and fall under school spirit category.*

No further questions, Treasurers Report has been filed as submitted.

8. The Hot Lunch Coordinator's Report - Eva

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8.1 It is still to be determined if the Hot Lunch Program will go ahead in Spring. The money collected is on hold right now, as there are too many refunds to return. If a family does need refund, they can contact the school and the money can be refunded on a case-by-case basis. Kids that are graduating or leaving the school will be refunded first.

9.1 If Hot Lunch is approved to go ahead in Spring, we will be starting with something simple such as pizza. If it is does not go ahead, we have a proposal of parents donating the money to the school for something that is needed for the kids.

9.2 We are trying to sell off the remainder of the food previously purchased, there are 13 bags of chicken nuggets and 7 bottles of ranch dressing available. Penny will update and resume the order form.

No further questions, Hot Lunch Report filed as presented.

9. Fundraiser Report – Penny

**9.1 Lanyards**

Since starting on October 6<sup>th</sup> total funds raised are approx. \$2,000 – 230 units sold so far. Thanks to all the parents and staff that have purchased them. All the orders from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> have been given out to the teachers for distribution. This fundraiser will close in January.

**9.2 Chocolate sales**

It was our intention to run a Purdy's chocolate fundraiser, however, our launch date was on the date of first school Covid exposure, so we decided to cancel the fundraiser.

**9.3 Class photos**

No breakfast with Santa this year. We will continue with the Xmas photo tradition, taken in library from 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> December, ugly sweaters/hats can be worn. If students wish to purchase the photos, they are \$2 and can be paid through the school cash online system. There were some concerns about taking a group photo, the students will be spread out in the library and the volunteers will wear a mask and shield.

**9.4 Facebook**

PAC has set up a Facebook page, J.W Sexsmith Elementary PAC, it is an easy way to access information.

### **9.5 Fundraising request**

Request for \$300 for Xmas decorations (previously Penny used her own decorations). Lights, ornaments, and decorations would be purchased for the big Christmas tree and the library. This would fall under gaming grant funds and therefore these would remain in the possession of the PAC. The motion for the request was approved by Lucia and seconded by Amit.

### **9.6 West Coast Seeds.**

A West Coast Seeds fundraiser was discussed last year, but it was too late in the year to do it. Penny will look into it and present the details it at the next PAC meeting. In addition, we could sell grow bags with all the materials needed for planting the seeds. Usually start program in January, present at next Pac meeting.

### **9.7 Reflectors**

Another idea for fundraising, Penny will present the details in January.

### **9.8 Fundscrip gift cards**

Reminder; Fundscrip gift cards are an ongoing fundraiser

The sign-up link is: <https://www.fundscrip.com/Sign-Up.aspx?IID=2CBHHR>

## **10 New Business**

10.1 Email [sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering

10.2 A form has been created for parents unable to attend the PAC meeting. It is available on the school website or Facebook Page. Questions or concerns for the PAC or Mr. Levine, can then be put together before the meeting and added and addressed as part of the PAC meeting minutes

No further questions

The next PAC meeting is set January 13<sup>th</sup> and February 10<sup>th</sup> for 6:30pm.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

*Note: The above meeting was held while B.C. was in State of Emergency. Under the Emergency Program Act, Ministerial Order No. M116 ("the order") was in effect at the time the meeting was held. The order allows electronic attendance and electronic voting at the virtual meeting irrespective of any provisions under the PAC's corporate enactment.*

## Gaming Account Fund Attachment

### 4. *Use of Funds*

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#### 4.1 *Use of Funds for Parent Advisory Councils (PACs)*

##### *Eligible Uses*

PAC grant funding is intended to benefit students by enhancing the **extracurricular opportunities** of students who attend the school(s) represented by the PAC. Eligible uses of PAC grant funds may include the following:

- ◆ Field trips within B.C.
- ◆ Presentations or performances (e.g. music, theatre, science, etc.).
- ◆ PAC school spirit and family engagement events (e.g. school carnivals, movie nights, school dances, other social activities).
  - ◆ Please note: Grant funds may not be used for any fundraising activities at PAC events (see prohibited uses below).
- ◆ Entertainment or leisure activities for non-instructional times (e.g. graphic novels/comics, magazines, popular fiction, self-help books, board games, colouring books, etc.).
- ◆ Beautification for common spaces, such as hallways, library, multi-purpose room, etc. (e.g. art, posters, "sensory paths," holiday decorations, etc.).
- ◆ Student publications (e.g. newsletters, yearbooks, etc.).
- ◆ Student competitions (e.g. writing, debating, chess, music, etc.).
- ◆ Student computers for extracurricular activities/clubs (e.g. software, hardware, accessories for photography club, robotics club, yearbook club, etc.).
- ◆ Student clubs or societies (e.g. drama club, chess club, etc.).
- ◆ Student ceremonies (e.g. graduation, dry grad, etc.).
- ◆ Team or club uniforms (e.g. jerseys, t-shirts, etc.) and/or equipment for extracurricular activities.
- ◆ Equipment for extracurricular sports.
- ◆ Items that directly benefit students (e.g. playground equipment or enhancements, projector for PAC events, etc.).
- ◆ Student recognition (e.g. certificates, trophies, ribbons, etc.).
- ◆ Student conferences within B.C.
- ◆ Emergency, safety or earthquake related supplies or equipment.
- ◆ With prior Branch approval, student transportation and travel outside B.C. (see Section 4.3).
- ◆ Scholarships and bursaries for post-secondary education (paid directly to students attending a school represented by the PAC – see Section 4.4).