

## **SEXSMITH PAC • GENERAL MEETING**

February 10, 2021 • 6:31pm –6:55pm

Online Zoom Meeting

### **EXECUTIVE**

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

### **APPOINTED**

Hot Lunch Coordinator: 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 - 14 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). Approved by Angela Wong and seconded by Eva Jung)
5. Approval of January 13th 2021 Minutes (approved by Mandeep Sidhu and seconded by Angela Wong)

## 6. Guest - Principal Levine's Report

- 6.1 Vancouver School District released an update at 5pm today and they will be sending out an email with the information. This is Stage 2 of the governments education restart plan. For Option 4, The Learn from Home Transition period has been extended until June 29<sup>th</sup>. At the start of the school year, 21% (over 6000) of all elementary students were in Option 4. 9% of students continue in Option 4, representing 2665 students in total. Going forward The Learn from Home Transition Option continues to be a transition program for families who can support their child's learning at home. We are encouraging kids to return to in-person learning. Students can come back anytime, the teachers only need a few days notice and we are following all the safety protocols. There have been 2 Covid cases in the school, with no transmissions. A survey has been sent out to the The Learn from Home Trtansion, Option 4 families to indicate whether their child/ren will return to in-class learning on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 6.2 Provincial guidelines have been updated.
  - 6.2.1 Symptoms are now separated into 2 categories.
    - 6.2.1.1 Category 1; fever, chills, cough, difficulty breathing, loss of sense of smell or taste, means you should get tested and stay at home.
    - 6.2.1.2 Category 2; sore throat, loss of appetite, extreme fatigue, body aches, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea. If you have one of the symptoms, stay home until you feel better. If you have two or more then stay home for 24hours and see if you feel better, if not better then get tested.
  - 6.2.2 There is an app provided for free by the government. Download the app for a Covid19 Daily Health Assessment check.
  - 6.2.3 Physical distancing was defined by maximising desk space, avoiding physical contact, minimising face to face interaction.
  - 6.2.4 3 ply masks are being provided, one for each teacher and 2 for each student. There is no change in mask policy for kids. The kids are doing so well at protecting each other by wearing masks, I'm very proud of how well they are doing. Masks off for eating and drinking only. The VSB encourages mask wearing outside.

- 6.3 Black history month, during the month of February, we took the opportunity to highlight Black history and continue discussions around anti-racism. Our goal is to continue these discussions beyond February. Our mission as a district and school is to address issues of systemic racism by looking critically at our resources, curriculum, and daily practice to continue to build a school environment that is inclusive and respectful of all people.
- 6.4 School goal continues to improve social and emotional skills, using the Heart and Mind program. Kids academic skills improve with this program
- 6.5 Iride program will be going ahead in June
- 6.6 Sexsmith was part of the ONE TO ONE reading program, pre-COVID. The ONE TO ONE program is now offering a program for parents of children in K-3 called *Come Read with Me*. *Come Read with Me* is an interactive workshop facilitated by a ONE TO ONE educator designed to give parent and caregiver the opportunity to learn positive strategies to help them support their children when reading at home. An email with more information will be sent out.

**QUESTIONS:**

- Do you know if the grade 6 vaccination program will proceed this year? Vancouver Coastal Health talked about vaccinations in large gyms in schools, but we have no further information as of yet.

No further questions.

**7. Treasurer's Report – Angela**

7.1 Our current funds available are	<b>\$39, 465.29</b>
breakdown as follows:	
PAC General account	13, 848.52
PAC general account Hot Lunch Funds	11, 656.65 (restricted)
PAC fundraising – Nil	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>25, 505.17</b>

**Included in the above amount are;**

Lanyard fundraiser	\$600.00 (estimate)
I-Ride	\$600.00 (approved last year)
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1200.00</b>

Gaming account	13,954.01
Members shares	6.11
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,960.12</b>

Committed PAC funds	
Christmas decorations	\$300.00 (approved in December)
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>

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

## **8. Fundraiser Report – Angela**

- 8.1** We are running our first Purdys Chocolatier fundraiser for Easter! This program gives 25% of the sales back to Sexsmith PAC. 100% of proceeds we receive go towards helping to pay for all Sexsmith students' school programs, special events, school field trips, performances, extracurricular activities, and much more! An email will be sent out and each kid will bring home a Purdys Chocolatier Easter 2021 catalogue to help you find the chocolates you wish to purchase. Submit orders online by Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and orders will be sent home with kids on Monday March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 8.2** We would like to run our first Olivers Labels fundraiser. Pandora will set up an account and will work with Penny on this ongoing fundraiser campaign. Olivers labels print custom labels with your child's name on it to use on all their personal belongings. When you purchase labels from Oliver's Labels, 20% of the purchases will support Sexsmith PAC's fundraising efforts.
- 8.3** 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>

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

## **9. Hot Lunch Coordinator's Report – Eva**

- 9.1** Thanks to all parents that showed interest in the Hot Lunch inventory. We have sold everything and have recovered another \$64 in sales. We made a 65% recovery for a total of \$431.
- 9.2** We found approximately 300 "out of date" juice boxes, we donated the deposits to Grade 7 grad funds.
- 9.3** The options for Hot lunch refunds are being discussed and will be presented at the next PAC meeting.

No further questions, Hot Lunch Report has been filed as submitted.

## **10. New Business**

- 10.1** Mandeep was contacted by a Option 4 parents group, created by parents within the district to help each other with learning from home. Mandeep will forward the link to Mr Levine to distribute to Option 4 families.
- 10.2** A few parents and teachers have suggested portable outdoor patio heaters may be useful for outdoor activities in winter. Mr Levine, thinks the cost of heaters are not too bad, however, the electrical aspect and whatever else is involved would make it prohibitive. My gut is the VSB will say no. When its super rainy, some teachers let the students stay in class or they stay in the hall. We do have under cover areas outside and the most important thing is for the kids to come dressed for the weather.
- 10.3** Angela enquired if there is a need to have spare outdoor rain/snow clothing and gum boots in case kids have no jacket or suitable shoes at school. Mr Levine says the problem right now is sharing. Maybe a few spare umbrellas would be more appropriate.

## **11. Other Business/Questions/Comments**

- 11.1** Pandora put a motion forward for a Oliver Labels Fundraiser, the school will receive 20% commission, there is no minimum order. The process is all done on the Oliver labels account. In addition, Found-it™ is Oliver's Labels FREE online lost and found system. When you choose to add Found-it™ to your labels, they print them with your very own unique I.D. If your item is reported found, they send you a notification email right away. Oliver's Labels acts as an intermediary between you and the person who has found your item. Mandeep approved the motion and Janelle seconded it.
- 11.2** Email [sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering

No further questions

The next PAC meeting is set for March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

*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.*

