

## **SEXSMITH PAC • GENERAL MEETING**

January 13th, 2021 • 6:32pm –7:28pm

Online Zoom Meeting

### **EXECUTIVE**

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

### **APPOINTED**

Hot Lunch Coordinator: Eva Jung and Amit Sisodia

### **GUEST**

Joel Levine, Principal

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### **MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm.

1. Determine quorum - 19 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 December 2nd 2020 Minutes (motion to be approved by email, subsequently approved by Mandeep Sidhu and seconded by Penny Wong)

6. Guest - Principal Levine's Report

- 6.1 Health update, we are doing really well. Credit goes to teachers, kids and families, who are all being super responsible. I have heard news that the school district that guidelines are being updated, nothing too major but more emphasis on hand washing rather hand sanitizing. And, groups of adults shouldn't be in a room for a long period of time without adequate airflow. I will keep you all updated when I am given more information.
- 6.2 Frequent reminders are needed to encourage kids to keep a distance, even though they are wearing masks and it is outside. I saw for example kids placing their foot in for tag, this means too many people together in a close space, they have to find a new way to decide how is "it". I will bring it up again at assembly
- 6.3 Tuesday Jan 19<sup>th</sup> is the next return to school day, there are 7-8 kids coming back. There are just under 70 kids learning at home. March 1<sup>st</sup> is next date for returning to school and the District is encouraging everyone come back. However, if the families decide they do not want to return to school, the District will not abandon them, they will make a decision nearer the time.
- 6.4 Thanks Penny and all the other parents for organising the class Christmas photos and for decorating the library. It was carried out safely and it was really nice for kids.
- 6.5 Return to Sexsmith notice will be given out, return date is by February 5<sup>th</sup>. So let us know your intentions and I can relay how many kids will be returning in September to the District.
- 6.6 Science Fair, we won't be able to carry it out like previous years. The plan this year is that the intermediate classes will do their experiments and create the displays. Then film the results and share with families.
- 6.7 Black shirt day is on Friday 14th January – for Martin Luther King's birthday. This will be the first year for Black Shirt Day and it gives an opportunity to discuss and support anti racism and promote respect and treating people fairly.
- 6.8 Reminder that Kindergarten registration ends at the end of January.

## QUESTIONS:

- Is there a plan to have individual photos?  
*At this time the VSB does not want us to go ahead with individual school photos. We do have a date for class photos in April, we will wait and see if that is possible. This means however that none of the new kindergarten kids have their photos in the our school system, we have every child's photo with their information in our school records. So I will follow up on that aspect.*
- Previously, someone asked about the water on the sidewalk in front of the school.  
*I contacted the grounds department and this issue was suppose to be fixed over the holidays, I don't think anyone came to look at it. Today I called the City and they will investigate if it's their issue of the VSB's responsibility. We think there is a drain there that is clogged, however, we don't know if it our drain or the City's drain.*
- The leaves around that area are all pushed to the sides and as it rains the leaves are becoming slippy and hazardous.  
*I will contact the Grounds Department about this issue too.*
- There are also puddles around the basketball area, =is this a drainage issue or just the way the land is?  
*I think it is the way the land is, I will look into it and see what they can do, maybe they can put some gravel into the puddles.*

No further questions.

7. Treasurer's Report – Angela

7.1 Our current funds available are	<b>\$39, 790.79</b>
breakdown as follows:	
PAC General account	14, 156.52
PAC general account Hot Lunch Funds	11, 674.15 (restricted)
PAC fundraising – Nil	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>25, 830.67</b>

**Included in the above amount are;**

Lanyard fundraiser	\$240.00 (estimate)
I-Ride	\$600.00 (approved last year)
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$840.00</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>

7.3 We have managed to use some of our gaming funds in the month of December, towards Christmas festivities and for Diwali. So far to date we have used \$1600 of our gaming funds.

7.4 Mr Levine confirmed that the I- ride program is able to go ahead in middle of June, as the program can be managed safely. This program may also be covered by our gaming funds, I will investigate.

7.5 Thinking ahead for funding requests from Mr Levine and the teachers. Maybe we can commit to something and work towards a goal for fundraising.

## **QUESTIONS or COMMENTS**

- Mr Levine is working on an outdoor sketching program. Previously, 8 classes participated in outdoor sketching, provided by The Bateman foundation, the kids loved it. It was covered by grant money. However, all the other teachers would like to do it the same program with their kids. An instructor comes and they give the kids outdoor sketchbooks, they go outside, learn how to observe and how to sketch. I am trying to get the price down, the program per class it expensive, I will use grant money and outdoor education money, but there may be a short fall and maybe the PAC could help out with this
- We received a formal request from Churchill for the \$500 scholarship for a past Sexsmith student graduating from Grade 12 at Churchill. Mandeep put a motion forward to approve the \$500 scholarship, this was approved by Kam and seconded by Janelle.

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

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

- Last May, we had a total cost \$741.37 that was incurred for the chicken nuggets, meatballs and salad dressing. As of now, we have recovered over 50%
- The cost was actually \$667.23
  - 30 bags of chicken nuggets, we have 6 bags left
  - 12 bottles of ranch salad dressing, we have 5 left
- We will do another sell off at a reduced price, as the expiry date is in one month. If anyone is interested go on to the link online and chicken nuggets will be sold for \$10 and the ranch dressing sold at \$1.
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- The Hot Lunch Program is still on hold and we will discuss it again closer to spring.

### **9. Fundraiser Report – Penny**

9.1 Christmas Class photos raised = \$514

9.2 Lanyards gross total raised = \$2074 (expenses just under \$600)

We still have some materials left to make 20-30 more lanyards, we could make these generic with no letters, just ribbon and breakaway bead. We

could sell these for \$6 each. It was suggested the Grad classes could sell these and keep part of the profits for their grad, if this was the case we would sell them for \$5 each instead.

9.3 Chinese New Year, unfortunately there will be no performance this year but we will decorate the lobby area. We will be offering each student a lucky red envelope, with a candy, a chocolate coin and a fortune cookie in it.

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9.5 Fundraiser proposals:

- 50/50 raffle prize draw. Angela and Mandeep will read through the gaming licence requirements and help Penny figure out the fundraiser. Mr Levine will inquire if it is okay to run this type of fundraiser.
- Selling reflectors to attach to backpacks, these are \$8 each and designed in Vancouver, manufactured in Finland. We will choose 6-8 of their most popular designs.
- Selling packets of West Coast Seeds. Penny will talk to the teachers involved in the outdoor gardening and see if they are interested in growing some of the seeds into seedlings and selling those too.
- Purdy's chocolates for Easter.

9.6 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 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 What happened to the outdoor tent idea? Mr Levine reported that these were purchased and put together just recently, we can explore that idea of putting them up outside the next time it rains.

- 11.3 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.

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

No further questions

The next PAC meeting is set February 10<sup>th</sup> and 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.*

**PAC Secretary: Jacqueline Crawford:** \_\_\_\_\_