

J.W. SEXSMITH PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting date: September 19, 2019

Location: Sexsmith Library

Time: 18:40 to 19:35

Chairperson: Christina Brown

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 – Christina

PAC Introductions:

- Chairperson: Christina Brown
- Vice Chair: Deljit Beesla
- Treasurer: Angela Wong
- Secretary: Jacqui Crawford

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
- Breakfast with Santa - Parents serve a pancake breakfast for all the students on the last school day before Christmas vacation
- Lunar/Chinese New Year
- Filipino festival
- Spring Fun Fair
- Sports day concession
- Hot lunch program
- Support for teachers
- Scholarship for Sexsmith student graduating from Churchill
- Other events or donations for school events when needed

Principal's Report – Joel Levine

- There are 394 students currently registered at the school (slightly less than 2018) and 17 divisions. The kids and teachers are settling in and this takes time, please be patient.
- The Terry Fox run is next Friday, Sep 27, 2019 between 2-3pm. Families are invited to watch the children run. Thanks for all the donations. The older kids will be running around Langara trail and the younger kids will be running around the grassy field.
- The first Pro-D day is Monday September 23, 2019; there will be no school that day. The teachers will be involved in Year 2 of Social and Emotional Learning studies and how to integrate this practice within the school. An indigenous goal will also be set and we will be looking into how to obtain it. In addition, the teachers will be looking at the student report cards and assessments.
- The traffic police counted 400 cars going back and forth between 14:45 and 15:15. Parents continue to park illegally in front of the school. There is a 5min allowance for drop off only. The kids are at risk crossing in the middle of the road or getting out of cars into on-going traffic. Please park a block away to avoid a ticket and keep the children safe.
- Parent volunteers are needed in the library for the Scholastic Book Fare in April. Help will be needed manning the book fare and dealing with the money. Please see Ms. Greig if interested.
- Changes to recess length: recess has been changed from 20mins to 15mins this year, due to the school year ending early and finishing on Thursday June 25th. This change in recess time enables the children to obtain the correct number of instructional hours for the whole of the school year.
- The two classrooms nearest the lunch room will have lunch in their classroom every day; this is because the lunchroom is not big enough to accommodate all the pupils. Hot lunches will be brought to the classroom for those who ordered it.
- Supervision aids are not first aid certified, VSB requires 3 first aiders in the school. At Sexsmith, two clerical staff and one other staff member are certified. Supervision aids are not to practice first aid, even if they have a certificate, as per their Union contract.

Parents are encouraged to visit the school website for more details:

<http://sexsmith.vsb.bc.ca/default.htm>

Financial Update from the Treasurer – Angela Wong

September 19, 2019 Balances

PAC General account	\$(8,004.48)
PAC chocolates	\$20,784.23
PAC fundraising	\$ 12.00
Gaming account	\$ 62.02
Member shares	\$ 5.92

Total	\$12,859.69

Committed Expenses

High Jump Equipment – June 13 th meeting	\$ 2,307.20
Graduation Ceremony – June 13 th meeting	\$ 1,700.00
Gymnasium Blinds – June 13 th meeting	\$ 6,000.00

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Mr. Levine rescinded money for blinds in gym	\$(6,000.00)

Total Committed Expenses	<u>\$ 4,007.20</u>
Net PAC funds available	<u>\$ 8,852.49</u>

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- The funds from the Gaming Grant (the grant amount depends on the number of pupils enrolled in the school, in previous years it has been \$20 per child) should be available in October. There are restrictions on what the funds can be used for.
 - Christina put forth a motion to support Diwali Celebration in the amount of \$1,000. The motion was passed by Pandora and seconded by Cheryl and unanimous consent by PAC.
 - Christina put forth a motion to allocate \$150 per division. The total amount to be funded is \$2,550 (17 divisions x \$150 per division). Motion passed by Cheryl and seconded by Bailey.

Hot Lunch Program – Eva/Chris

- The hot lunch program will start on October 9th with forms sent out next week. Eva and Christina with the help of parent volunteers will organize the program.
- It will be Pizza on Fridays and Chicken Nuggets on Wednesdays for the first 5 weeks followed by Macaroni and Cheese for the last five Wednesdays. The hot lunch will run from October 9 through to December 13. The hot lunch forms need

to be completed and handed in with check or cash by September 30th at 3:30pm. No late forms accepted.

- It is possible to buy a hot lunch on the day; however, there is no guarantee that a spare meal will be available.
- The PAC is always looking for parent volunteers; if you are interested please contact Chris or send an email to sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com

Upcoming School Events

Chocolate Sales- Chris

- Chris organised to have a few samples available at the PAC meeting of the chocolates we will be selling as part of Sexsmith's annual chocolate fundraiser. In the past, we have used World's Finest Chocolates for the fundraiser, which are \$2 per box. Chris introduced Laura Secord Chocolates which are \$3 per box. Most people agreed that the Laura Secord had a superior taste, however, it was decided to continue with the \$2 boxes for now. To obtain the chocolates sooner and cheaper, it was decided that personalising the chocolate boxes with the school logo was not necessary. The anticipated distribution date is November 4th.
- Grades 2-7 sell the boxes and are encouraged to sell to family and friends and discouraged to go door to door selling. The pupils will take one box at a time and there will be a draw each week for a prize such as a movie gift certificate. There is also a bigger prize for Grades 2-4 \$100 Lego gift card and we are looking into options for the Grade 5-7 students.

New Business

Volunteer information

Contact Deljit, email address sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com

Volunteer opportunities on Sexsmith's Website: From the Sexsmith main web page go to "Families" Tab, select "Volunteers" or type the following link into your browser <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/jw-sexsmith/Families/Volunteer/Pages/default.aspx>

No other business or questions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Next meeting date: October 10, 2019 at 6:40pm

Location: Sexsmith's Library

Proposed future meeting dates: November 7th and December 5th

Signatures of the 2019/2020 PAC Board members are as follows:

Chair – Christina Brown _____

Vice Chair – Deljit Beesla _____

Treasurer – Angela Wong _____

Secretary – Jacqui Crawford _____