

## J W Sexsmith Elementary

7410 Columbia Street Vancouver, V5X 3C1

### **Topic: Sexsmith PAC September General Meeting**

**Date: Sep 22, 2021 6:30 PM**

**Location: Online via Zoom**

### **PAC Executive:**

Chairperson: Mandeep Sidhu

Vice-Chairperson: Mike Atwal

Treasurer: Angela Wong

Secretary: Kim Aujla

Fundraiser: Penny Wong

### **Guests:**

Principal: Jenny Chin Peterson (interim)

### **Agenda:**

#### **1. Standing Items (Mandeep)**

- a) Welcome and Acknowledgement
- b) Approve Agenda
- c) Approve AGM Minutes - June 2, 2021, motioned by Mandeep to approve, seconded by Angela.

#### **2. Principal's Update (Jenny)**

Excited to see everyone. Has lived in the community for 20 years. Thrilled to be here. She is a retired principle and has been part of the Vancouver school system since she was 5 years old and loves the community. Enjoys diverse schools. Has worked all across the city. Was at Henderson last year.

Optimistic for normal school year however, things are the same today as they were back in June of 2020. Were very optimistic in June 2020 of safe return to school in Sept 2021 however, Covid protocols are still in place; keeping the school community safe and contained.

Will see how the next few months unfold. There are some bright lights, for example field trips are back (will weigh pros and cons and risks). Classes will participate in some field trips (ex. walking, distanced field trips). Explore bus trips later. Explore new ideas such as online presenters. Exploring different options.

Sports are back - starting with intramurals. If that goes well then perhaps look at

playing at neighbouring schools where kids can walk to. Start slowly.

Music performances are an option now. Look at different ways of doing it. Have people come in physically or online.

Food - fruit and veggie program is authorized to start up again. Start slowly. Logistics are a challenge. Notices will come home soon. Keep it focused on our own community.

Anti Racism training - be responsive to different cultures, different points of views. All staff have received training. This is just the start of the journey. Ongoing work is needed in this area.

Increased student enrolment. 30 students on waitlist. Significant amount. Had to open another class. All kids are settled in their classes now. Kudos to Tassy. Lots of hard work. Thanks to staff.  
Lots of newcomers to Canada.

Forms going home this week - Student verification - updates if required. Pls update. School fees. Yellow form (student reunification form , part of earthquake drill).

One thing different this year - acceptable use policy has moved online. District moving to paperless.

Truth and Reconciliation new stat holiday - Sept 30th. We have number of events and resources to share with our children. Students & staff all encouraged to wear orange. Planning a few activities: 1) walk for reconciliation on 29th 2) orange poppies - make them and place them on grass area outside.

Terry Fox Run - link for donations online. Run on Oct 1st.

MS Teams will continue to be used for P/T conferences. Oct 13/14 is first set of conferences. Opportunity for goal setting with your children and meet teachers.

Every school year in Oct and May, schools participate in earthquake drill. This year, decision made that it makes better sense to have the big drill at the start of the year and not at the end of the year as usual. This year October 21st is the big drill. "The great shake out".

PAC classroom funds - will it continue? ... Ms. Tassy and teachers are asking. Currently \$150. Angela put forward the motion to approve, seconded by Mandeep.

Parent Question: Complex and Diverse Learner's - we had lost a sensory room. Is quiet space still under the staircase?  
Sensory room remains in same space as last year.

Parent Question: How will we handle field trips if some children are required to vaccinate?

As per Principal Jenny: Haven't investigated details around field trips that involve external venues yet. Will investigate requirements at that time.

### **3. Treasurer's Report (Angela)**

PAC general account \$22,160.37

PAC chocolate fund \$1088.99

PAC fundraising \$358.90

PAC gaming account \$13,185.46

Membership shares \$6.25

Total = \$36,793.72

Technology Fund = \$9,178.52 (included in the PAC general account).

Create a separate account instead of including it in the general account. Gaming account cannot cover technology.

Ask teachers and staff to provide PAC with summary of funding requests. (Field trips etc). See what PAC can subsidize using gaming or general funds. Didn't have lots of activities to spend money on last year. Use bulk of the funds this year.

Getting a trophy case. Joel got quote and passed it on to new principal.

Hear back by Oct to find out what amount we are receiving for gaming funds.

Gaming account is high because we only used about 2K of gaming funds last year.

In the past, PAC has subsidized 150\$ per class. Comes out of general account, to get teachers what they need in the classroom. Anything over and above that amount will have to be a separate request.

Mandeep Question: Hot Lunch Refunds in June 2020. Status: those who requested refunds were refunded by Ms. Tassy. For those who didn't respond, refunds were put into the tech fund.

### **4. Hot Lunch Coordinator's Report (Mandeep)**

- hold off hot lunch until new year

- looked into various scenarios. Can be reintroduced. move slowly.

- Introduce it in new year. Do it in a safe way?

### **5. Fundraiser Report (Penny)**

- a) Chocolate Fundraiser - Purdy's

- b) Pink Shirt Day

-PAC has Facebook page. Penny posts things happening around school. PAC meeting links on FB

-2 fundraisers ongoing

1. Oliver's Labels - fun, durable, school gets 20% in fundraising
2. Fundscrip - buy gift cards - our school gets 3-5% of the sales.

-Reflectors - company in Burnaby makes them. Durable, practical. Designed in Vancouver, manufactured in Finland. Vibrant colours and patterns. Can see 800 feet away. Retail for \$7. Will start beginning of Oct.

-Christmas chocolates - go with Purdy's. No risk for PAC. Partnered with Purdy's last Easter and it went well. Pay online - don't worry about receiving payment or counting cash. Will start end of Nov.

-Pink Shirt Day - T-shirts retails for \$7.

-School branded t-shirts and water bottles are other ideas.

—Funding Requests from Penny:

- Looking for 150-200\$ for the materials for the Christmas Cards (Gr. 7 Grad). Kids make them and sell them in batches of 5 (10-12\$ for 5 handmade cards).
- Plinko board (request for \$50 by Penny to buy chocolate bars to go with board).
- Plinko board 80\$ cost to build
- Halloween decorations in library - \$100 for other decorations.
- \$50 for Diwali 7x5 vinyl backdrop.
- 50\$ for decorations and accessories for Diwali Lanterns for Gr. 7's
- Penny's total fund request = \$480

What is fundraising for: Gr 7 Grad Party & Technology

Motion by Mandeep to approve the Halloween \$100, Diwali \$50 decorations, and \$50 for Diwali banner. Seconded by Angela.

## **6.New Business: (Deljit)**

c) Diwali Celebrations - Festival of Lights. Vandana Nagpal is integral to this event and this is her first PAC meeting. She has found a way to bring the spirit of Diwali into the school. Mrs. Nagpal is also the Cultural Liaison Worker.

- \$400-\$500 for staff luncheon
- \$400 for samosas
- \$150 for diyas (for the students)

Motioned by Mandeep to approve, seconded by Deljit.

7. New Parent interested in taking over the Treasurer role. Nominated & Elected.

8. Adjournment

**Next Meetings Scheduled:**

**October 20th, 2021 @ 6:30PM**

**November 24th, 2021 @ 6:30PM**