

Date: October 6, 2020	Location: online (zoom)	Start Time: 7:30pm
Chair: Shandelle Skaley	Recorder: Avishai Weissberg	End Time: 8:30 pm

Membership	Role	Attended
Bridget Ford Ashley Hansen Shandelle Skaley Avishai Weissberg Joel David	Treasurer Co-chair Co-chair Secretary DPAC rep	Y
Peter Woo	Principal (Non-voting member)	Y
Other members	Sophia Lopes, Amanda Brubacher, Aimee Clare, Robin Celiz, Denis Ryan, Mr Moes (teacher), Sara Richter, Jimmy Lee, Mihai Ganea	
Next Meeting	November 3, 2020 at 7:30 pm online (zoom)	

## 1. Welcome and Introduction of Executive and Parents

We welcomed new members and did brief introductions.

## 2. Review of Last Meeting Minutes

Bridget put forward motion to approve, seconded by Joel, approved by vote.

## 3. Principal's Update

Mr Woo:

Online Learning has begun

- Teachers are at different stages of implementing online learning
- Some have posted many assignments while others are still learning
- All classes will assignments posted as we prepare for more absences during flu season

- The school is piloting online software to make online instruction easier for parents if children are absent for extended periods (Math ixL for grade K to 7 and RAZ Kids for grade K to 4)

## First Date for Learning at Home Students (Option 4) to In-Person

- October 13 is the first date for return
- We have 22 students changing from Learning from Home to In-Person

## Goal-Setting Conferences

- Wednesday, October 8 and Thursday, October 9
- Most classes did shared Google Docs sign up – well received by staff as it is easier for both parents and staff

## Absences

- We had 24 students absent on Monday, October 6
- Staff is preparing to upload more items to MS Teams as we anticipate more absences

## Questions

Q: How many kids did you purchase raz kids for?

Mr Woo: For all the K up to grade 5 class. Math ixL is K to 7 (24X7 access).

## Seismic Update

Mr Woo:

- The portables will be coming down soon
- The grass field will be fenced off as well as a large portion of the blacktop basketball court
- Mr Woo (principal) and Kent (project manager) will try to get as much of the basketball court space kept for students to use during the demolition.
- During construction of the new school, we will lose access to 1/3 to 1/2 of the school gravel field
- Kent will look into maximizing the gravel field for children to use
- In case of an earthquake, Mr Woo thinks the gravel field can still be used as an assembly area but will re-evaluate then the construction begins.

## Questions

Q: After the portables are gone, do we get the grass field back?

Mr Woo: I hope they start digging right away. Otherwise I'll ask for it back. The portable area can be a consideration.

Q: Can we have access to the construction schedule?

Mr Woo: I can ask, but probably won't get anything meaningful. The main message I had heard previously is "don't commit to any timeline".

Joel: DPAC is going to become more involved after New Year's.

Sophia: in one of the other schools, they found an underground river. Be prepared, it could take a lot longer than planned.

Bridget: we just submitted the permit to the city, it takes the city a long time to process it. That means we're going to lose the field for a long time. Can we get them to first get the permit and then get rid of the portables later?

Mr Woo: These are 2 separate projects.

Ashley: The city of Vancouver said they will expedite permits for seismic, due to COVID.

## DPAC Update

Joel:

### Sinks

Last meeting we asked to raise a motion that all future schools being built will include a sink in each classroom. I raised this, and was also told that others had previously raised this topic at the VSB. Unfortunately the BC Area standards don't allow it.

DPAC was told that we need to provide our input to the BC Area Standards Body. We'll pursue this further, but it looks like we won't be able to have much effect.

### Long Range Facilities Plan

Currently, this is a 10 year plan. We are trying to push that out to 25-40 year plan, in order to align with the city of Vancouver. This topic takes up the bulk of DPAC focus.

### Next DPAC meeting

There will be a meeting on October 29 that anybody can attend.

If you can't attend but have anything you want discussed, let Joel know and he will forward any requests or questions. Please do this by Oct 28.

### Financial Update

Bridget:

We had one expense in our PAC general account, \$66.18 for movie night expenses. We gained an interest of \$0.38, which puts us at \$16,953.21.

In our Casino account, we had no expenses. We gained \$0.24 interest, which puts us at \$10,866.21.

Bridget gave an explanation (again) on the casino grant/account. Previous examples of how we spent our funds include a scholarship, staff appreciation lunch, etc.

## Canopy tents

I'd like to vote on purchasing canopy (popup) tents for the track & field events. The one we had previously was damaged by wind and broke. There are 2 options: 10X10 feet (120\$) or 12X12 (\$250).

Motion raised by Bridget for buying two 10X10 tents at \$300 (incl taxes), seconded by Ashley, and approved.

## Outside learning resources

Mr Moes spoke about how he and his class have been using the outside space for learning. Mr Moes: I hope we can have some large learning space outside, and to be able to move around. The plan is to have multiple gardens, some for plants and some for play. Also digging up and finding large rocks and using them for play. We can cover some curriculum with these, like lifecycle and figuring out probabilities etc. We try to find things that others don't use and turn them into something useful. The rocks are an example of that.

## Questions

Q: Do you have a budget of what you would like for this space?

Mr Moes: No. I have a list of items but not a budget. We can build instead of buy, etc. Two 10X10 tents would definitely be helpful.

Ashley: How about reusing some logs (and bales of straw) that we are going to get anyway? There are some VSB regulations that we will need to consider.

Bridget: For example, we can't use concrete.

Mr Moes: That would be amazing. I also had not considered VSB regulations.

Sophia: I have a few close relatives that may be able to donate supplies.

## Purdy's Fundraiser update

Bridget explained what we usually do for Purdy's fundraiser, and what's different about this year (online only).

The order needs to be in by the last week of November. We'll send out an email to the parents right after Halloween.

The VSB has allowed us to package the chocolate. We will look into using the gym as a space for doing that. We will require volunteers to help.

## Other Business

### Calendar

#### Halloween Event

Ashley:

We have a few people on the Halloween subcommittee. Thank you everybody.

We've decided to only do an event during the school hours: A Trick-or-Treat station, a pumpkin patch and a graveyard in the school, decorations laid out in the front, and a photo booth. Each cohort will be given 30 minutes. All this will happen on October 30.

If it rains, we will put a tent over the candy station. All the rest can survive in the rain. We can also consider using the gym for the entire day.

There will be a parade like every year, but outside.

The budget is still undecided. We'll put together a package that parents can order. This is intended for covering some costs, not for fundraising.

We booked a fog machine, bales of hay, and asked Safeway to donate pumpkins (Bridget mentioned that perhaps we will get better results by asking the Chinese grocer across the street from Safeway). If someone has a truck and can drive out to Langley, we can get 120 pumpkins.

Hoping for a budget of \$400 to \$500. We can use the casino budget for this.

Ashley raised a motion to budget up to \$500 for Halloween, seconded by Denis, and approved.

#### Virtual Movie Night - December

Shandelle: I'd like us to have a virtual movie night in December. Please let me know if you have any good ideas related to that. We'll sell prepackaged treats etc.

#### Virtual Amazing Race - Spring

Shandelle: Similar to the Virtual movie night. We'll be discussing details about this in the future.

#### Co Treasurer position nomination

Sophia volunteered for the position of co treasurer.

Ashley formally nominated Sophia, seconded by Joel, and approved.

## Next Pac Meeting Date

Decided on November 3, 7:30pm, online.

## Last Items

Bridget: Where will be the evacuation point for earthquakes etc?

Mr Woo: The gravel field. Construction equipment is fenced off, so the area is safe.

Avishai: when is the gym going to be available again?

Mr Woo: Not during the pandemic. Rentals are not allowed by the VSB.

Bridget raised a motion to give each teacher \$100 discretionary funds. Last year we ended up not giving them. There are 22 teachers, so this is \$2200.

The motion was seconded by Avishai, and approved.

Joel: The DPAC doesn't want the PACs funding emergency COVID stuff.

Mr Woo will update the teachers about this.