

Talmey Parent Advisory Council
Minutes
September 18th, 2017

Chair: Melissa Chui

Secretary: Gabriela Draheim

Treasurer: Tosa Rusimovici

Members at Large: Kristin, Julia, Adam, Amy

In attendance: Melissa, Gabriela, Tosa, Al, Chris, Amy, Kristin, Wendy, Adam, Julia, Ashley, Christina, Jana

Call to Order:

Melissa called the meeting to order at 6:40

Approved and 3 additions to the agenda—snacks going outside, Spirit Days, Outdoor Ed

1. Secretary's Report

*Reviewed June's meeting minutes—no corrections

- Voted & approved
- Yellow mail folder was sent around

2. Chairperson's Report

- Welcome to new members
- Goals for 2017/2018
 1. to increase parental involvement in the school and in PAC functions, including fundraisers, services for students, performances and information sessions
 2. to generate enough income through fundraisers to be able to fund field trips, performances and other special activities
- Upcoming PAC events and information:
 - chocolates delivered Friday, to be handed out to students Thursday, Sept. 21. Money collection from Sept. 26-Oct. 19 options: Nut Free or Almonds
 - Terry Fox Run: Friday, Sept. 29th at 1pm. Volunteers needed to wash and hand out apples Gabriela can go buy the apples (165 student + staff)
 - Halloween party: October 27 6:30-8:00pm Amy & Mary will oversee it. ---Potential set up can take place 1:00-3:00 on Friday afternoon (Al will reschedule pm gym classes)
 - Saleema Noon dates: Wednesday, Nov. 1 (parent info session) and Thursday, Nov. 2 (student sessions) rescheduled: Parent Night October 23rd & Nov 1 will be the student presentation
 - date for Cash 4 Clothes—TBA (Kristen will check into this)

3. Treasurer's Report

Currently have \$15 394.11 in our chequing acct. Ended off the year with a profit of \$3 037.22

(*for specifics please refer to the Budget Summary & Statement of Operations**)

- Budget items for this year (previously approved expenses)
- Financial Update
- Question was raised about using parent drivers instead of renting a bus for transport for ice skating—as this would save \$ from not having bus rentals. Response was that it is problematic

for field-trips involving the whole school population (ie. Ice skating). Logistically, parent drivers are easier to arrange for a single class event.

4. Celebrations and Successes

- Sweet Start—at least 40 parents attended & many joined our e-mail list
- Grad Pancake breakfast (June 2017)—was a lovely event & was enjoyed by the Grade 7's. Thanks to Mary, Kristen, Melissa & others for decorating, & preparing the breakfast. Was a nice way to send off the Grade 7's & would be worth doing in the future.

5. Administrative Report

- Starting up the new year (explanation of school organization and rationale of process to start the year) * unique year: due to the court ruling a rollback to previous teacher's contract of 2002 new class size caps K's 20, primary 25, intermediate 28 (due to Richmond receiving additional funding late—put us behind in regard to hiring). Through this we received a 9th division. Hopefully by the end of this week a teacher will be hired for the gr. 5/6
- Projected for the next 4 years Richmond is a declining enrollment district
- Staff update --Kristie Feng—gr. 6/7 Ms. Goldman is going off on leave as will Ms. Dhillon
- 9 divisions (43% of Talmey's student population has another language at home)
- Ms. Lipman will be starting a student council, Rick Hansen leadership program will be starting
- Thanks for furniture for gr. 6/7 classes & equipment for a new K/1 class (energy cycles, & varied furniture, wiggle stools, standing desks, wiggle cushions etc.)
- Teacher Candidates will be coming again this year
- Update on PAC sponsored bookings—hope to revisit this next meeting with specifics as to what has been booked for the year.
- Goal—is to provide outdoor ed. of some sort this year. Will depend on teacher volunteers. Stanley Park Ecological Centre is another option (30 student limit—would involve each grade 6/7 class going separately)

6. School Planning Council Report

- School wide goal for 2017-2018: "Improve students' ability to write for meaning. Write using varied styles to express connections, experiences, and opinions."
- The Spirals of Inquiry update—looked at anxiety & resilience in the students...

7. Committee Reports

1. Fruit and Vegetable—first F & V date was blueberries. Next date is cancelled due to the pro-day. October 17th will be Red Delicious apples

2. Hot lunch and Snack Shack --pizza will be starting this Friday (\$2 a slice with pre-ordering happening in the pods before school begins) Snack Shack will be open & selling a variety of snacks & treats \$0.25- \$1.00

3. Popcorn --starts tomorrow ☺

4. Social—Halloween party –Friday October 27th 6:30-8:00

5. Fundraising—Chocolates will go home this Thursday with the first day of \$ collection being Tuesday Sept. 26th.

8. New Business

- PAC Mail: If anything you saw in the mail interested you, and you'd like to pursue it further, please mention it at this time
- Yearbook—notice has been made up. Asking for a \$10 deposit. We need 50 books for a minimum order. Businesses can be approached to see if they would consider sponsoring the Yearbook. Perhaps a letter can be drawn up asking for sponsorship. Kristin will make a letter.
- Food Safe course sponsored by the RDPA mid-late October (full day course) –let Melissa know if you are interested
- Childminders—PAC is willing to pay the cost of the RedCross babysitting course for Grade 6 students (cost of course only, does not include the cost of the manual—and an official receipt would need to be submitted for reimbursement) with the understanding that they would then be added to our list of rotating child minders for PAC meetings. After serving as an unpaid childminder for 1 or 2 meetings, future meetings would be paid at the rate of \$5 per meeting. (please see Melissa or Gabriela for details)
- No parking signs for Kilby St.— ongoing safety concerns raised about cars stopping along Kilby—even in crosswalk. Al will invite the by-law officer to come & monitor & ticket if needed
- Snacks going outside—***it has been clarified that snacks can go outside when food is not finished at lunch.***
- Children can go inside to use the washroom, just need to get a clothespin from an adult on supervision duty.
- Spirit Days—will be coordinated by Student Council.
Mary has some ideas/resources to share.
*SPUD—deliver, COBBs--, Gift Cards, Family Photo Night are options that can be looked into as potential “easy” fundraising activities.
Kristin & Melissa will try to research these ideas for the next meeting.

Thanks to Julia and Adam for bringing snacks! Kristin will bring treats for the next meeting 😊

Next PAC Meeting: **Monday Oct 16th**