

January PAC Meeting

1. Welcome, Call to Order, President's Remarks

2. Treasurer's Report

\$3,303.56 in Gaming Account
\$12,606.61 in Regular Account
Total = \$15,910.17

We expect to receive an additional \$5,200 from Gaming.

VP Megan Cindric was added to all PAC accounts.

3. Camp Presentation - Jug

Grades 6 and 7 go camping every two years and classes have not been in three years. The benefits of camp goes beyond the outdoor experience, especially since they get to go with friends and no parents. Teachers typically see growth in things like independent decision making, making choices and developing the skills to reflect on decisions that may not have been the best.

Jug, Marisa, Monique and a student teacher will go as the adults in addition to the Evans Lake staff. The camp is planned for Wed/Thurs, May 3 to 5.

They are planning on taking 46 kids to Evans Lake. No child will be turned away if they'd like to go and are experiencing financial difficulties. They usually have about 20% who are unable to pay completely.

The total cost is between \$5000 and \$7000 for the camp (Evans Lake has not yet given a final quote, which will depend their costs as well as on the number of kids who will attend.) plus the cost of buses, bringing the total cost to between \$8000 and \$9000.

They are making a request for PAC to pay part of the cost of the buses. The lower estimate for is \$2000 (this depends on if they need one or two buses as they may need the extra one for luggage). If we were to fund this, it would bring the cost of the camp down to \$150 per kid.

There was discussion and interest in parents helping to drive luggage up to camp instead of paying for the second bus.

The children have raised some money (\$350 from the Halloween dance). There are plans for more fundraising efforts.

Lisa motioned that \$2000 be given for buses for camp. Seconded by Miranda. Passed with 100% approval.

4. Tree Chipping Debrief - Matthew

Thank you to Carrie who had set everything up in the past which helped with the planning of this year's event.

Things that worked:

Neil from Mount Pleasant Business Association set it all up and was easy and enthusiastic to work with.

Things that need to be worked on:

Miscommunication in terms of timing - community police went home at 2. The communicator was BIA so maybe we take that over next year.

High vis vests - the event needs four - they help volunteers look official and command respect.

Having the tap was useful - it was appreciated that it was on the poster

Started off busy at 10 - the busiest time was 11-1 and trees came in right until 4.

263 total trees. Donation per tree remained similar to last year at approx \$11 per tree

Community members plan around this event

Good idea to send out the notice before xmas so people can plan. It is also good to do it before tree pick up by the city.

Some sponsors would have preferred to know what the funds were to be for specifically. BIA had said that we did not need to specify, but the actual sponsors (JJ Bean and Cobs Bread) would have preferred to have known.

Total raised was \$3076.92

A big thank you to the Ellis Family for taking this on and doing such a great job organizing and executing!

5. Spring Fling - Friday March 3

This will be our second smaller-scale event. We plan on showing a short movie (aprox an hour, will facilitate eating supper) followed by a dance to let kids burn off energy. We will feature a bbq with veggie and meat hotdogs only, popcorn, bake sale, 50/50.

This would be a great opportunity for the Grade 6/7's to fundraise for their camp. Mike will contact Jug to see if there is interest and how they could help.

6. Outdoor Play Equipment

An idea to allocate \$1500 towards purchasing equipment for outdoor play was presented by Megan L. We would earmark \$100 for each division and it would be up to each teacher to decide what equipment they would like and how to decide. We would also purchase bins for storage and have a little extra money in case of lost items over the year. This is something we could look at topping up every year. We believe that having each division responsible for their own equipment will promote ownership amongst the students and ensure that they take care of the equipment.

**Ariella motioned to spend \$1500. Seconded by Miranda.
Passed with 100% approval.**

7. Funding Plans for 2023

There have been a few requests for funding...

Request from Monique for **Yoga Buggy**. (A group who comes to the school, brings all necessary supplies and teaches yoga to the students in groups of divisions over the span of a month.)

This year the full amount will be \$2440. Last year we contributed \$1500 towards the total cost. The extra was covered by the school and would be again this year if the full amount is not approved.

**Miranda motioned to spend \$1500. Seconded by Lisa.
Passed with 100% approval.**

Dancepl3y - A movement group that came last year. The cost was \$2730. The kids learned a routine in classes that were once per day over a week. Feedback from teachers was that it went really well and the kids loved it.

Question - are there other options for other activities we can bring in to diversify?

Tondela see if Gracie Barra can do something similar. She will get back to us in 7 days at which point we will make a decision. Other suggestions were gymnastics, badminton, capoeira and parkour.

Mike motioned for \$2500 to be allocated to either Dancepl3y or another activity. Lisa seconded. Motion passed with 11 yeses, 1 no.

Art Starts - a group who will come in and do pre-vetted, pre-approved, kid-friendly performances. There is a whole catalogue of performances from which the school will choose. The proposal to bring in two performances for a total of \$2000.

Matthew motioned for \$2000, Miranda seconded. Passed with 100% yes.

8. MTP JEDI Committee update

Ariella is pleased to report that they have one new committee member. Two of our members were able to attend a JEDI meeting at Queen Victoria Annex and they are open to collaborating on bringing in speakers and sharing costs. Our committee is hoping to put together a once-a-month coffee/tea meeting for anyone to drop in for support or just to chat.

Variety has approved our Buddy Bench proposal and we are ready to move forward with ordering it.

9. Ideas for school-wide field trip/hot lunches

The PAC Executive is currently looking for ideas for a school-wide field trip to fund. Brainstorming ensued and the following ideas were put forth. Waterslides, UBC Farm, Mount Seymour, the beach, a pool, Science World, Burnaby Village Museum.

Any ideas, please drop in our virtual suggestion box on the PAC website!

The Executive would like to see if there is interest from parents in having a twice-monthly hot lunch program. There could be a small mark-up on each lunch sold with profits going to PAC

and to cover lunches for students who cannot afford but want to participate. Kathryn volunteered to look into different programs that are available.

10. Ask-the-Principal

There was one question this month which was a follow-up on last month's question about the fixing of the little wheel on the monkey bars on the playground.

The VSB is responsible for fixing playground equipment but they do not let the school know when it will happen. They take down broken equipment to protect the kids and come and replace it when they have the parts and the time. Rest assured the wheel will be replaced at some point.

Meeting Adjourned