

Wednesday, Nov 18, 2015  
Suncrest School Library

## **PAC General Meeting**

*Minutes - Melissa*

*Chairperson - Corina*

*Attendees: 12 members - Quorum achieved*

**Call to Order at 7:04 pm**

**Adoption of OCTOBER Minutes - Approved**

### **Burnaby Parks and Recreation Presentation**

- A rep from Burnaby Parks & Rec presented proposed activities/classes for upcoming Winter/Spring program
- To encourage higher participation, need to spread word of programs to other parents - suggested posting schedule at the front of the school as well as posting a school specific flyer online which can be included on the PAC website

### **DPAC Report**

- Upcoming DPAC events:
  - Dr. Yong Zhao presentation - Nov 25, 2015
  - Transition from Elementary to Highschool for Kids with Exceptional Learning Needs - Jan 6, 2016
  - Social Emotional Learning and School Connectedness - Jan 27th, 2016
- All upcoming events can be found on the DPAC website and Suncrest PAC calendar

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Current net result from last 5 Pizza Days is \$1781.04 (expenses were at \$2562.96)
  - quarterly report requested for Pizza Day revenue and expenses
- Family Photo Night brought in approx \$400
- Gaming Funds of \$4200 received
- BCC PAC membership application of \$200 will be kept in budget and PAC will reapply for membership as Gadis has shown interest in attending
- Hot Lunches will be removed from the budget as program is no longer running
- Grade 7 expenses - will remove the allocated \$2500 from the budget for now and add back in again later when actual numbers come in
- BC Gaming Budget - this is divided by class and not individual students
  - Science funds (currently not being used) will be grouped under In-Class Presentations
  - Carnival and Grade 7 Raffle will be removed from the budget
- Discussion on how to spend Gaming Funds - must be used primarily for extracurricular activities and not for curriculum
  - Suggestion of iPads and playground
  - Gaming funds can be saved for up to 3 years so will continue to save towards playground and not give remainder to Grade 7s

### **Principal's Report**

- Thank you to parent volunteers for organizing and running the October and early November events: Pumpkin Patch, Pumpkin Carving, Costume Parade, Diwali

#### ***School Updates:***

- School grounds construction:* updates continue including putting covers up over walkways and doors for portables, painting a cross-walk along parking lot and a pathway through to the intermediate side for easier access (take out last parking spot on the front/Rumble side to make room for this)
- School Garden Project:* proposal to impliment this has been accepted. Will include 3 self-contained planter boxes for school use. To be located by the portables

-*Crossing Guards*: no crossing guards in place yet. BCAA can't train students anymore and also could be confusing to have crossing guards at a light-controlled intersection (false sense of security). Possibly implement a 'Parent Watch' instead of having crossing guards. Will survey parents to see if there is interest

-*Free the Children*: program for Grade 6 and 7 students to help develop social awareness and leadership opportunities

-*MDi (Middle Years Development Index)*: anonymous survey which will be administered between now and Nov 27th to Grade 7 students about general wellness and life balance. Hope to gauge what's important and needs to be supported in our school community

-Still working towards a 'Cash-less' school by moving to an online payment system. From now on, cash will not be accepted. Payment must be made online or by cheque. PAC will likely move towards this too.

-Teacher Wish List: top items include 10 iPads, LEI Resources, atlases...

### **Motion was moved to approve PAC's purchase of 10 iPads (up to a cost of \$7000)**

Winnie - First, Hilda - Second

-It was decided to postpone the vote until the actual costs of the 10 iPads have been determined to provide a more accurate number

-Vote will be held during a special meeting in about a week's time and parents will be invited to participate as well

**Action:**        -*Mr. Lee to obtain a quote from the Burnaby School District for the cost of 10 iPads*  
                      -*Corina to notify parents of a special vote once the quote has been obtained*

### **Playground Update**

-Will hold off deciding on what structure to add to the intermediate playground

-Need a better understanding of what would appeal to the intermediate students first

-Time-frame for saving is still approx 3 years

**Adjourned at 9:28 pm**