

# PAC General Meeting

*Minutes - Melissa*

*Chairperson - Corina*

*Attendees: 9 members – Quorum achieved*

**Call to Order at 9:10 am**

**Adoption of NOVEMBER Minutes - Approved**

## **DPAC Report**

-Upcoming DPAC events (held at Burnaby Central):

-Social Emotional Learning and School Connectedness - Jan 27th, 7-9pm

-Taking Social Emotional Learning Home - Feb 24th, 7-9pm

-Self Regulation in the Early Years - Apr 27th - 7-9pm

(All upcoming events can be found on the DPAC website and Suncrest PAC calendar)

-For info on the Curriculum Redesign, see: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum>

-Mr. Lee noted that additional professional days will be added to the current school year but dates have yet to be announced

## **Treasurer's Report - Sandra**

-Gift Card fundraiser raised \$135.08

-Purdy's fundraiser raised \$631.05

-The Pancake Breakfast ran well under budget at \$134.38 due to lots of food and supply donations.  
(Well done Kari!!)

## **Principal's Report**

*Past School Events:*

-Thank you for PAC sponsored/supported events: Family Movie Night, Santa Claus Breakfast, Hip Hop Dance (funds for Hip Hop were collected from students, PAC contributed \$1200 and some school funds were added to make up the difference)

-December Celebration of Learning and Winter Sing-A-Long assembly was a success with lots of class participation but might consider splitting into 2 different assemblies next year as it ran quite a bit longer than expected

*Upcoming School Events:*

-Foundation Skills Assessments for Grade 4s and 7s - runs now through Feb 19th

-Basketball Season begins: Now through late Feb/early March.

-undecided whether it will be competitive or recreational as focus will be on good team skills and sportsmanship

-boys games will be on Tuesdays, girls games on Thursdays

-Young People's Concert - January 22nd, bus will leave the school at 8:55am sharp, reminders will be made and sent out

-Burnaby Art Gallery Workshops: Jan 19th (Div 4, 10, 11), Jan 20th (Div 8, 9, 12), Feb 9 (Div 2, 5, 7), Feb 23 (Div 1, 3, 6)

-Chinese New Years' - February 10th at 2pm - to be confirmed

-Upcoming District Professional Day - February 19th, 2016

### *Other News:*

- EDI Early Years Developmental Index results - compiled using guided teacher input on Kindergarten students last school year (2014/15). Study was done to look for vulnerabilities in areas such as Physical Health, Well-Being, Social Competence etc. Can't present info because cohort too small (to protect privacy of students)
- Social Emotional Learning - 2 new initiatives will be launched at the January Assembly of Learning:
  - Zones of Regulations
  - Virtue of the Month (first will be 'Caring')

### *Teacher Wish List Summary:*

1. iPad Class Set Completion (30 iPads)
  - 16 currently in class set, 10 have been ordered with PAC funds,
  - iPads haven't arrived yet and school has not received an invoice yet. (Mr. Lee to check up on our order and delivery date)
  - ordered through Burnaby School District purchasing department using an account code which will charge the PAC with all their possible tax rebates
2. Complementary Teaching Resources/Home Resources - PRIORITY for this year
  - Leveled Literacy Intervention Take Home Books (3 sets of Take Home Books for 5 classrooms at a cost of \$675+shipping/handling+taxes per set)
  - Raz Kids on-line reading program (\$109 USD/class+taxes per year)
  - IXL Mathematics - online mathematics program (\$299 CDN + taxes per class per year)
3. iPads for Learning Centres - many teachers have expressed interest in having ~2 iPads for their classroom to use on an ongoing basis and learning centre/research tool
4. Class Set of Atlases - Mr. Lee to determine cost with rep
5. Supplies for Centres - speakers for computers, train sets, Lego/Duplo, label maker (more for lower primary classes)

### ***Action Items: -Mr. Lee to confirm date and time of Chinese New Years' Assembly***

***-Mr. Lee to check up on iPad order and delivery date***

***-Mr. Lee to determine cost of class set of atlases with sales rep***

### **Upcoming Events - Corina**

-Zumbathon - Feb 12th

-notices will go out late January

-event will take place just in the gym, no movie in library this year

-same instructor as previous year, will incorporate more kid-friendly moves and hip-hop

### **Other Business**

-A parent asked about the Fall Carnival fundraiser and if it should be an annual event. The carnival was a good fundraiser and there is a lot of interest in it becoming an annual event.

-Question about PAC involvement in the Staff Appreciation Luncheon - May 11th. This is a no-cost to PAC event which runs entirely on parent donations.

-Winnie & Craig proposed the possibility of funding a GagaBall pit on the intermediate side playground. Cost is significantly less than a playground structure (approx \$3786 USD for the brackets and metal parts for an 18' diameter ring), but is not CSA approved and will still have to be approved by the School District. Winnie and Craig to put together a package of info and costs for Mr. Lee to present to the School Board.

**Adjourned: 10:29 am**