

PAC General Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2016

Suncrest Elementary School

PAC Website: <http://suncrestpac.weebly.com/>

Volunteer Event Sign-up: <http://signup.com/go/7PzqYW>

Minutes:	Rozsika den Haan	
Chairperson:	Robyn Stubbs	
Attendees:	Andrew Lee	Navdeep Minhas
	Ashley Sandquist	Nohemi Fuchs
	Corina Kuban	Robyn Stubbs
	Hilda Graumann	Rozsika den Haan
	Janine Aussem	Sandra Benholm
	Leslie Chu	Shelley W.
	Lisa Calahasen	

Topic	Details	Action Items / Votes
Call to order	6:06pm	
Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Annual General Meeting minutes. Approval for September 2016 minutes. 	Sandra motioned to adopt AGM minutes, Corina seconded. Hilda motioned to approve Sept minutes, Shelley seconded.
Treasurer's Report (Sandra Benholm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final budget was proposed. If bottles are returned at Metrotown Bottle Return (Imperial Street), proceeds go to Suncrest if you say it goes to Suncrest Elementary. Fun Lunches looks like they are more profitable because money hasn't gone out yet for upcoming food orders yet. We have an Angel Fund for someone who needs money for a field trip or other school expenses. Supplementary Resources are available for teachers to choose how they would like to spend, not just limited to jump math as other years. There is more flexibility for things such as Raz Kids. Emergency preparedness we will need more funds. Technology funds were finally used for the iPads, which was just cleared now from last year. Surplus from gaming grant, we are planning on using money for school wide programs (such as martial arts). When the budget was set, there were 31 students in grade 7, there are now 32 students, which needs to be updated. Currently we have \$26,841.87 in the bank, less some outstanding cheques, so the adjusted bank balance is: \$25,573.00 	Corina motioned to approve budget. Seconded by Nohemi.
Guest Speaker (Burnaby Parks & Rec)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louise Rusch, the Community Program Coordinator from Burnaby Parks & Recreation. Bonsor is under renovation so that there is more room for activities. Bonsor Big Boo (Halloween Event) will be happening Friday October 28, 6-8:30pm. No haunted house this year. Girls Youth Yoga now available Fridays at Bonsor (same instructor who did Yoga in the park at David Gray this summer) 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After school online survey for after school activities is available and parents are encouraged to provide feedback. • Programs at Suncrest seem to be going well. • If you ever see a program full, put your name on the waitlist, so that they can add another instructor and add more kids. • Burnaby Parks & Rec is open to new programs. Please give suggestions. • Some suggestions by parents were: Yoga for older kids; badminton; babysitting; first aid; guitar lessons; basketball; leadership; and, drama. • Bytes camp is an option for technology based programs, they are non-profit programs, but more expensive. 	
Nominations for PAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPAC member vote passed, new member is Ashley Sandquist. • Secretary position vote passed, new member is Rozsika den Haan. 	Both motions carried.
Principal's Report (Andrew Lee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on school patrol: we will not be sending our children out into the construction area, as the city workers themselves are having difficulties with traffic control, leaving it dangerous for our children in such a complex traffic environment. • Parents are encouraged to come with their children to the crosswalks as the roads are dangerous. • Martial Arts has finished, with the addition of a day because the instructor was away for a day. Children liked it. • Volleyball has started, games are on Thursday and will continue into December. • Earthquake drill will be on October 20, 2016. • Book fair is next week (Oct 24-27) • Because there are so many things in October, Celebration of Learning will be postponed. • Remembrance Day on November 10th, parents welcome. • School wide programs: teachers are gathering information still for that. Teachers say thank you for contributing. Saleema Noon is preferred for sexual health education. The other issue is Digital Safety, but is full for this year, so perhaps could be booked for next year. This would fall under the gaming grant if the PAC chooses to provide a contribution. • Earthquake Committee last year noticed a few things: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only 9 grab & go packs, we need 12 for extra divisions ▪ Augment packs with emergency blankets was proposed, there would be a fee, but would only have to be paid once ▪ If we need to respond to shelter, we may not have enough in our current bin for the worst weather. 12 sets of tarps and pegs to make quick shelters for kids are recommended. Cost would be involved, and we would need a bin to hold it. ▪ Emergency bin outside has storage allocation for half with water that is refilled each year. There are also food supplies for short-term. We need more of both. ▪ Update on earthquake committee: Mark Kitching is willing to head this up. He is working on putting together a proper list of recommendations. ▪ Emergency bin needs to be replaced. \$3750 full price, we would be given it for ½ price from Brandford Elementary for their old one (Burnaby would need to move it, make a pad, etc.) Discussion followed regarding size we require and price of a newer/bigger one as the school grows. No decisions made. 	Sandra motioned: Earthquake committee can spend up to \$300 to supplement new divisions for emergency supplies. Lisa seconded.

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Tech Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled. • Their meeting won't be until Friday to get the information we require. 	
Playground Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please spread the word that we would like a group of people to help research and find ideas, costs and options for playground growth and new equipment. 	
Spring School-Wide Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have a surplus so we can fund different programs. • There was discussion about which program the PAC could fund. • The school has a very limited amount of instructional funds, and one event would deplete the fund. • The teachers would like to work with PAC for Seleema Noon. • PAC will put funds towards Seleema Noon, and see what other programs we can do with the \$3300 remaining, and whether to pick one sports program and one arts program. The idea is to add enrichment and add different programs. • One idea presented was to have grade 7 students make a survey and see what the students in the school would be interested in to get ideas. 	<p>Motion by Sandra to use the extra gaming funds from last year to cover Seleema Noon. Corina seconded. Vote: for=6; abstain=4. Carried.</p> <p>Mr. Lee to bring back teachers input about having students involved in the activities input process.</p>
New Business	<p>Grade 7 Fundraising Topic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on last year's experience, PAC is requesting that a meeting be put together with the following parties to help with keeping track of the funds and organizing fundraising: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Lee 2. Grade 7 teachers 3. Grade 7 parents • There is an active grade 7 parent group which will try to ensure there is a good line of communication and coordination with PAC for fundraising. • Camp has already been booked, and there is a date and cost associated with that already. <p>Communication with PAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are many emails going back and forth, and it is requested, if possible, to meet with Robyn preferably in person to discuss any matters. • Robyn will try to be available from 2:45pm-3pm in front of the school on a daily basis. 	<p>Meeting date to be determined and coordinated.</p>
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:45pm 	<p>Lisa motioned to adjourn, Sandra seconded.</p>
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed, Nov 16th from 9-10:30am. 	