

PAC General Meeting Minutes

Chairperson: Robyn Stubbs
Treasurer: Sandra Benholm–Cheung
Minutes: Rozsika den Hann

Wednesday, September 21, 2016
Suncrest Staff Room

Attendees: Robyn S, Sandra B–C, Andrew L, Rozsika d–H, Corina K, Hilda G, Sukhi D, Tammi K, Wendy G, Winnie F, Rita R, Ashley S, Kerri C, Sara C, Shelley W, Leanne SB, Russell T

Call to Order at 9:07 a.m.

Adoption of AGM Minutes – Tabled to Next Meeting

Treasurer's Report – Sandra

- Review of General and Gaming accounts
- This year's budget is still being finalized for approval; several payments from last year are still pending, including payment for last year's purchase of iPads, gaming fund payments and several outstanding grade 7 expenses.
- A Preliminary Budget was presented for this year, and will be finalized and set forth for approval at the next general meeting.
- Access to government grant towards playground equipment may be available, in addition to PAC's playground fund.

Construction and Safety Patrol:

- RCMP School Liaison Officer Kerri Collins was in attendance to discuss safety patrol outside the school and general safety-related questions. Upon her recommendation, this year's student patrol will be implemented again this year, however, these students will be responsible only for pedestrian control rather than traffic control. The patrol will serve to stop/discourage pedestrians from dashing across at the end of the walk signal, and prevent anyone from entering the crosswalk until all cars have come to a safe stop, etc. Volunteers are being called now, and training will commence next week. Students from grades 4 to 7 are eligible for patrol duty, based on maturity. It is hoped the patrol will be underway in October.
- Speed is a factor in front of the school, and Officer Collins stated there are a few speed stops planned for the school zone this year. Other options include working with the city to implement speed watches, etc. New construction along Rumble Street also includes aspects that may help slow down traffic and make the front area of the school safer, including wider sidewalks, a narrowing of the road the intersection of Rumble and Greenall, a second traffic light at that same intersection, etc. See below.

Rumble Street Construction:

Construction along Rumble Street will include:

- A grass median, full curb, family pathway so wider than a normal sidewalk, heavy rainwater drainage, sewer system upgrades and lighting both sides of the street. At Greenall, they will be putting in two lights. Construction is set to be from September to May. The hill by the gravel field will be regraded; no retaining wall will be required.
- They will start with the deep sewer storm system by the creek, and work from that area to Patterson for the first part of the project. They will leave our drop-off zone intact until

they need it. Then they will move it to the front of our school, etc. City is encouraging us to use Joffrey and Roseberry Cres. for drop off and pick up. City assured that they will put up their own flag people, and then we'll pull our student patrol in front of the school.

- The school has requested a wider driveway into our parking lot. The parking will remain open during constructions but is expected to be extremely busy. Walking to school if possible is highly recommended.
- Due to construction delays, it was requested that the late slip time be extended to 9:15 a.m. It will be looked at when true constructions begins.
- Andrew – We'll take a look and see how it goes, and assess when it comes.

School Liaison Question & Answer Period

- Officer Kerri Collins is our school RCMP Liaison, and has already been around to classrooms to meet the kids and encourage a positive relationship with her and the RCMP. She oversees Burnaby South High School as well as all of its feeder schools. She offered to assist with patrol training if possible, and took some questions from parents:
- Concerns regarding weekend evening activity at the school playground and adjoining Suncrest Park were brought up: Officer Collins recommended calling 911 in emergencies, and the non-emergency line for noise and vandalism complaints.
- Concerns over an area resident with a previous conviction connected to pedophilia in the US was brought up. This resident has been living in and the Suncrest area for the last several years, and concerns over child safety have been raised before. Since this person has not been charged or convicted for crimes in Canada and has been released by the US judicial system, the RCMP can not get involved at this point. A refresher notice on basic safety in the community was suggested, including having a pick-up code word, being aware of strangers, etc.
- Officers Collins has left several cards at the office if you would like to get in touch with her.

Principal's Report:

- Safety Patrol: Will start on a test basis and Mr. Lee will ensure large orange cones are out on the street.
- Rumble Street Construction: Mr. Lee is in touch with both the project manager and the engineering department with the city. The construction crews will leave Joffrey Avenue and Roseberry Avenue free of equipment for parents to use for pick-up/drop-off. Rumble Street will remain open, although single-lane and alternating traffic patterns will occur.
- A school request has been made to remove the concrete barriers in the parking lot, as the entrance into the upper portion of the lot is too narrow. A reminder was made to parents that student safety is the number one priority, and the parking lot system remains under continual review.

School-Wide Programs:

Teachers expressed interest in programs falling under three categories: Arts, Fitness and Sport, and Education.

Educational Programs:

1. Sexual Education program with speaker Selima Noon, which includes a workshop evening for parents, followed by one workshop for classes (cost: \$1,300 – \$1,500)
2. Internet Safety and Presence: A program offered by Jessie Miller, regarding Internet issues and how to interact online safely (cost: \$1,700)

Fitness and Sports:

1. Tennis

2. Rocks and Rings (Curling): About \$1.50 per student
3. Mixed Martial Arts – there is an opening for this three–four–session program in October, and costs about \$10 per student.

- Arts:

1. Lost and Found Puppetry
2. Young Actors/Actresses program: About \$10/student

- Confirmation of Field Trip and Class Presentation Funds: At least \$200 per class
- Confirmation of Consumables Funds: Set at \$75 for each class; \$50 for resources and ESL and \$50 for the library

Tabled: Sex Ed/Internet Safety programs until final cost is determined

Motion: Mixed Martial Arts program to be booked for the October session, with a PAC contribution of \$2 per student. Motion carried, seconded by Tammi K, Corina K

The remainder of the programs will remain under consideration of PAC, with further discussion happening after the final budget has been determined.

Nominations For Open PAC Positions:

- Two positions remain open for the 2016–17 year: Secretary and District PAC Member. Nomination forms are in the PAC box at the office
- Love At Second Sight Video: Mr. Lee and teachers to review a potential educational tool, David Roche's Love At Second Sight video, which discusses anti-bullying, acceptance of others, etc. The video is \$30.
- Fundraiser Updates: Suncrest Carnival committee put the call out for cakes and volunteers willing to help out building games for the school so we don't have to rent games each year. Boxes are in all classrooms for Fish Pond toy collection.

Other News:

- Fun Lunches: Being finalized for the Sept–December term through MunchaLunch.com. Sukhi to look into discounted Subway.
- Next meeting set for October 19, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the school library. Free babysitting in one of the classrooms by two qualified grade 7 students is available.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:35 a.m.