

PAC Meeting

28 February 2019

6:30 – 8:00 PM

George Jay Library

**Attendance:**

Melanie Postle, Joy Nugent, Angela C., Kim D., Lilli, Scott, Alicia, Andrea, Maritia, Roberta, Lisa, Val, Colleen, Rick

**Principal's Report: Presenter Melanie Postle**

VPAC Meeting will be at George Jay on Tuesday

.622 teacher issued to remedy release time for teachers with more than 2 designated students.

Another .622 teacher has been added and is being used for reading intervention done in 6-8 week sessions.

Trustees visited last week to discuss concerns over space/capacity and discuss re-distribution of catchments. They stated the parents from George Jay and Oaklands have been silent.

Rotary grant for more reading materials and 2<sup>nd</sup> Step has been applied to. 2<sup>nd</sup> Step encourages positive influence and behaviour as well as empathy and compassion.

Portables might be coming in. There are currently 510 students projected to rise 600. There are only 4 washrooms for students, 2 boys and 2 girls. There is only 1 staff washroom for over 60 staff.

Garden watering and fencing will be funded. Thank you Ms. Trinh for securing funding!

Inclusive Playground: Advised to purchase sand box from a company to ensure safety and durability. We have to first know how many and where portables will be placed before bringing in the sand box.

EA meeting was held today to discuss ways to limit the number of children on the playground.

Sean Rodman with Story Studio will start in May. Grant covers 200 students and 2 copies published.

There will be an author in residence, Eric Wilson.

Police have spent 8-10 hours on site will send report to city. Only ticketed one speeder, average speed is 24 km/hr. Left turn sign will be removed off Cook St. into teacher's lot. School zone sign was moved to a different post and will be fixed. Parking curb at Princess and Chambers will be painted yellow. Concerned that there is not a crossing light on Cook St. It is already wired for lights and should be an easy fix.

Staff is still have problems with parents parking in teacher's lot as well as parents and kids walking through the lot.

Principal and Vice Principal will be sending out a bi-weekly newsletter.

Lunch program will be changing to needs based only and eliminating drinks. Food guide recommends water. There is huge waste, over 100 sandwiches are left daily.

### **Vice Principal's Report: Presenter Joy Nugent**

Another .6 teacher has been allotted. Lisa is now full day kindergarten teacher. Joy will move into a collaborative rollin classrooms and will have more time to be in more classrooms.

ELL program at Victoria High School will be coming during recess to play with students.

A second settlement worker, Sarah, has been added.

### **Andrea:**

We should throw in our support for re-districting as it benefits our school

**Motion:** Andrea will draft a letter on behalf of PAC in support of re-districting to start an email campaign. Letter will be shared with Oaklands and Quadra PAC

**Action:** Passed

### **Financial Update: Presenter Scott**

Curent balance is \$13,250. Pizza is barely breaking even on movie nights.

### **City Update: Presenter Angela**

Mayor Helps has guaranteed a spot to George Jay for the Active and Safe Routes to School (name has changed to \_\_\_?).

North Park Neighbourhood Association wants to be CC'd on everything with the city so we can work together to improve safety.

Parking on Cook St. makes it difficult to see people trying to cross. This is why we need a light!

### **Health and Wellness: Presenters Maritia and Andrea**

Terms of Reference has been drafted.

Write up for grant needs to be done.

Fruits and vegetables will be distributed to classrooms through June. Leila and volunteers are prepping in the parent room.

Anxiety workshop had 35 participants.

Next workshop will be on screen time and its affects.

Farm to Cafeteria, a national conference, will be held in Victoria this year May 15-17. Passes can be transferred to others. The goal would be education and information on grants available

There is a projected deficit for the Health and Wellness budget.

Maybe Lego Night could be a potluck to reduce costs.

**Raffle discussion:**

A raffle would need a gaming license which costs \$25.

Funds raised would have to go into gaming account and used for extracurricular activities.

Printed tickets and set up would cost \$148.

500-1000 tickets sold at \$10-\$20 has the potential to earn \$10-20k.

Would need 10-12 weeks for prep time.

We can access a charitable receipt for a large donation, such as a car, by partnering with another charity such as Quadra Village Community Centre. Need to lay out clear details of the partnership.

Needs a project manager for tracking tickets and a team to help.

A booth at local festivals as well as parents selling to friends and family will help sell more tickets.

**Motion:** to pass the Health and Wellness budget

**Action:** Passed

**Motion:** Start Fundschrift gift card fundraiser. 50% of funds raised will go to Health and Wellness budget and 50% will go to PAC. Health and Wellness committee will be responsible for setting up.

**Motion:** Passed

The Health and Wellness Facebook group will become an open group with clear guidelines as to what can be posted.

**VPAC Update: Presenter Angela**

Angela is now on the awards committee.

Inclusion BC conference will be held in Victoria May 23-25.

BCCPAC conference will be held in Richmond, all expenses paid, open to anyone.

VCPAC wants to push boundary changes back a year from September 2019/20 to September 2020/21.

### **Movie Night: Presenters Angela and Kim**

No more pizza, it is not selling. Hot dogs will be sold instead with options of beef, Halal and veggie.

Gym and the new sound system are working well.

French movie night planned for 5 April.

All dates are needed to put in the school calendar. Melanie would like a published agenda with all dates of upcoming events.

### **Retaining Wall Mural: Presenter Angela**

Angela contacted the city in regards to graffiti around the school including telephone poles and the retaining wall along Cook St.

My Great Neighbourhood grant was found.

Local artist, Kerri Gibson(sp?) is drawing up a sketch to be approved by Angela, Principal and North Park.

Castle Hardware will provide the paint and sundries.

Facilities and maintenance will need to prime the retaining wall.

It will need a graffiti resistant top coat.

Budget for the grant must include an artist fee as the city mandates. Volunteers and donated goods must have quantified value.

### **Teacher Appreciation Tea: Presenter Kim**

Happening on 15 March.

Flyers will be put up and email and Facebook requests for treats will be sent out.

Kim will ask Café Fantastico for coffee donations.

### **Ready to Rent: Presenter Kim**

Ready to Rent is a 6 week course held 23 April-28 May on Tuesdays from 12-2 PM. It covers renter and tenant rights as well as landlord rights. Helps navigate BC Housing.

Attendees will receive a certificate at the end of the course.

The program will be funded by the United Way.

13-20 parents can attend, Leila will decide which parents will be attending.

**Motion:** \$460 needed to cover food and childminding for attendees.

**Action:** Passed

### **Bullying**

There have been many concerns over bullying. Parents feel that it needs to be addressed immediately.

A Facebook page called "Stop the Bullying at George Jay" was created. Parents in the group feel that their concerns are not being addressed. Some posts are getting negative.

There are concerns that this needs to be addressed more directly. Parents need to bring concerns directly to teachers and staff.

During school times there needs to be an appropriate path rather than parents disciplining other students.

Melanie stated that EA's have been yelled at and intimidated by some parents.

The school district is now involved.

There have been a few students involved with Momo which encourages kids to harm others or themselves. Digital footprint education will be starting soon for students.

PAC facebook page had inappropriate posts that need to be removed. Post guidelines for posting and removal of inappropriate posts need to be pinned to the top of the page.

Next PAC meeting will take place 25 April 2019 in the Library.