

Taylor Park PAC Meeting

Location: Taylor Park Staff Room
September 27, 2016 7pm

Attendees

PAC Executive: Michelle K. (Chair), Grace L. (Vice-Chair), Sam N., (Treasurer), Melanie P. (Secretary), Stephanie B. (Fundraiser), Fiona X. (Fundraiser), David D. (DPAC Rep), Aniz J. (DPAC Rep)

PAC Members: Wina C., Sophia H., Jaclyn K., Sima B., Ling Z., Jason W., Alice L., Nelly L., Sunny Q., Michelle D., Jasmine L., Jeanette S., Veronika P., Sandra M., Ivory X., Alejandro C., Henry C.

School Reps: Mr. Hal Wall (Principal), Ms. Vicki Moro (Vice-Principal), Mr. Larry Ryan (Head Teacher)

Meeting commenced 7:02pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

- The Chair of the PAC, Michelle K., welcomed everyone in attendance (PAC Members, PAC Executive and School Reps) and all introduced themselves to the group. There were 25 parents and 3 school reps in attendance.

2. Principal's Report (see attachments) –Mr. Hal Wall

- Mr. Wall introduced the new Head Teacher, Mr. Larry Ryan. Mr. Ryan reported on, "Things we're proud about over the past month".
- Ms. Vicki Moro reported on, "Things we're Looking Forward to" .
- Mr. Wall handed out a questionnaire to all PAC members, "What Makes Taylor Park Great?" and gave everyone a few minutes to fill it out. He will use the responses to find out what parents want to accomplish this coming year.
- Mr. Wall discussed how students are placed in each class and provided a handout with a chart of our school's classes and what criteria is used.
- Parents asked Mr. Wall various questions around homework and student assessments.
- Mr. Wall asked the PAC if they wanted to add the agenda item for the next PAC meeting on how teachers prepare report cards and PAC financials. The PAC said yes.

3. Chair's Report – Michelle K.

Upcoming Events

- **Book Fair** currently happening and runs to Thursday, Sept 29th. The PAC usually gets around 35-40% of the sales.
- **Student Photo Day** is on Thursday, October 6th. Volunteers are needed to help organize. If you can help, please contact Michelle (Taylorparkschoolpac@gmail.com)

- **Family Photo Night** is a fundraiser for the PAC. This event will happen in the evenings on Oct 18, 19 & 20. Newsletter to go out early October. Last year the PAC raised \$1800.
- **Pancake Breakfast** will happen on Wed, December 14th. Very popular event with firefighters serving the breakfast and Santa will also be there. Volunteers are needed for this event - 20 would be ideal. If you can help, please contact Michelle (Taylorparkschoolpac@gmail.com)

New Facebook Page

- A new Facebook page called **Taylor Park Elementary School PAC** was created in order to alert parents about PAC events and information. The old FB page was not notifying parents on a regular basis. The new page is a closed group and once parents join, you will be alerted to any new posts. Information on this page will go out in the next newsletter.

4. Treasurer's Report – Sam N.

- **Gaming Grant** came in last year early October. We should receive this year's grant around the same time.
- **Entertainment Books** fundraiser. So far we have sold 112 books, which is \$1,680 raised for the PAC.

5. DPAC Report – David D.

- First Burnaby District PAC meeting was held on September 19th (see attached for minutes). David reported discussion was focused on topics district wide rather than specific to each school, however, the robot coding pilot program from our school was mentioned.

6. New Business

a. PAC Website

The PAC website is outdated and the two returning PAC members do not have admin rights/passwords to it. Discussion ensued on how to move forward. Grace volunteered to get the password to the site and Nelly volunteered to update and run it. Discussion also ensued about the school website, problems with the listserv this past year, email lists and privacy laws.

b. Teacher Wish Lists

Mr. Wall wants to know what the PAC wants to accomplish first and go from there.

Sam still would like feedback (wishlist) from the teachers as well.

7. Old Business

a. Movie Night/License – Aniz J.

Aniz reported that a license to host movie nights at the school is \$400 for one year.

Move nights will help create a school culture/community. He hopes to host 2-3 movie nights per year. This license also extends to teachers in the classroom. The PAC will need to take on all of the cost as the school has already allocated funds for the year elsewhere; budget is already stretched.

Aniz made a motion to allocate \$400 from the PAC budget for the license.

Veronica seconded the motion.

PAC members voted. 16 in favour; 0 opposed. **Motion passed.**

Aniz to head the committee. 5-6 volunteers are need to help with this event.

Announcement to go out with next newsletter.

b. PAC Constitution – Jason W.

Jason W. made a motion to change the wording of the Taylor Park PAC Constitution to include that nominees for Chair and Treasurer have past PAC experience.

Jaclyn K. seconded the motion.

PAC members voted. **Motion passed.**

The PAC Executive amended the wording of the constitution on Oct 11th and will bring to the next PAC meeting for a final review.

“It is recommended that the positions of Chair and Treasurer have previous PAC experience. In the event that there are no such candidates, any member with be considered.”

Meeting Adjourned 8:40pm