Windsor Elementary School Parent Advisory Council

MEETING Minutes Wednesday, December 12th, 2018

Attendance:

School Staff: Navdeep Aujla, Principal Shahzyah Juma, Community School Coordinator

PAC executive: Natalia Rodriguez, Secretary

1. Opening:

- Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.
- The agenda was set as follows:

2. Approval of the past meeting minutes:

November meeting minutes are checked, and approved.

- **3. Principal report:** *Navdeep Aujla, principal*
- **3i. Report cards:** teachers were working on completing the report cards which will be sent home before the winter break. Report cards are changing and will look different in the next school year.
- **3ii. Pro D-day:** Ms. Janvier worked on weaving with the staff, and shared her knowledge about indigenous people culture and history. In addition, the grades 7s and 6s are using looms and cardboard to weave.
- **3iii. Community garland:** early in December, the school Community garland was presented at City Hall to the Council, by the Principal and Diane Gillis from KINA Association. The Principal, Diane, and Harry Pride, who was a former Burnaby Principal, talked about the meaning of "community".

3iv.Upcoming events:

The week of December 17th, Giving Store: this year the teachers of the Annex, their students, the Connect Worker Charmaine and the Head Teacher Ms. Janvier, organized the Giving Store for all the kids in the school. Next week the students will be able to select a gift for a special person.

December 21st, Pancake breakfast (according to Volunteer Michelle Martin's report): there are 28 volunteers registered for the event. The school received \$573.77 in donations, some of the supplies were

also donated (e.g., syrup, gas), and \$129.70 were spent in the rest of the supplies needed. There are \$444 available, and Michelle's suggestion is as follows: donate \$100 to the firefighters (so that they can donate it to a charity), save \$100 for next pancake breakfast, spend \$50 on coffee for volunteers, allocate \$194 for the program fund for the PAC.

January 7th to 11th, Hip hop classes: there will be classes almost every day for all the students (Kindergarten to grade 7).

4. Financial report: (as reported by email by *Lindsay McFadden, treasurer*)

The following are the changes to the financial report:

- 1. Deposit to general account in the amount of \$325 (\$155 from Burnaby School District grant, and \$170 from Santa Photos).
- 2. Payment from gaming account in the amount of \$250 for the fruit & veggie snack program. We were granted the \$250 to pay for this from the Burnaby Rotary Club.

The full report will be shared in the January meeting.

5. Community Coordinator and Connect Worker report:

Suggestion regarding Santa's participation for next year by the Community Coordinator: book him as soon as possible for next year's pancake breakfast (December 18th 2019). In addition, add a donation jar for PAC programs in appreciation for Santa's presence.

Programs:

January 10th, Parent program for new people in the community (a year living in the community at most): this program for parents consists of a preschool program setting for 3 to 4-year-olds, while parents learn about the Canadian school system.

Week of January 21st: programs start (registration begins in January). Some of them are: Valentines, Robotics, Bike program (building a bike), sewing; free programs: BCIT nurses (friends and friendemies), Go girls (big sisters).

January 24th: Community kitchen.

BASES keeps subsidizing programs, then, it is a good choice to visit BASES store and make purchases of gently used items there.

Homeless in the area: check the board, programs and services available.

Our Coordinator can be reached in person on Thursdays, by email: shahzyah.juma@burnabyschools.ca or phone: 604-760-4759.

6. Adjournment:

- Meeting was adjourned at 17:40 pm.
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 23rd (from 17:00 to 18:00 pm)