

Windsor Elementary School

Parent Advisory Council

MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019

Attendance:

School Staff:

Navdeep Aujla, Principal
Shelley Janvier, Head Teacher
Shahzyah Juma, Community School Coordinator

PAC executive:

Julie Somers, Co-chair
Lindsay McFadden, Treasurer
Natalia Rodriguez, Secretary

1. Opening:

- Meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm.
- The agenda was set as follows:

2. Approval of the past meeting minutes:

December meeting minutes are checked, and approved.

3. Principal report: Navdeep Aujla, principal

3i. Past events:

Hip hop classes (beginning of January, after the winter break): students and teachers seemed to enjoy this activity, families as well. After checking with the teachers, hip hop classes, and multicultural music as the theme, were booked for the beginning of the school year. Most of the people payed for the classes. Besides, the school would like to offer hip hop classes with the same instructor as an after school program.

NED show (January): students and mostly school staff had the chance to attend the assembly hosted by this group, which main message was “do not give up”. The sales of yo-yos raised \$1600, which were paid to the group.

3ii. Basketball season: has already started for boys and girls.

3iii. Canucks tickets: sales of raffle numbers have started this week after announcement.

3iv. Upcoming events/activities:

January 28th: Curriculum implementation day.

Seeds program: every year a garden is set up outdoors, on school grounds, with the aid of a person who comes to explain and work on the project with students and teachers. As the school needs money for soil, other supplies, and the professional advice, and this will also be part of an after school gardening club, PAC funds will cover \$1000, as requested.

Kiosk: We will ask for donations in order to get the emergency preparedness gear once the list is ready. Volunteers for the setting up are needed.

Funds for each class: the idea is to be able to provide each of the 11 classes with \$100, for supplies through fundraising next year.

Wood burners for the Annex: in order to complete an applied technology project, students in the intermediate grades need to use wood burners, the cost per unit is \$30, and 15 units were requested, making a total amount of \$450 which will be paid with PAC funds.

4. Financial report: Lindsay McFadden, treasurer

Current balance of the operating account: \$3497.40.

Current balance of the Gaming account: \$6628.89.

5. Community Coordinator and Connect Worker report:

The availability of our Community Coordinator remains unchanged.

Parent engagement: a good number of parents returned the survey with useful information.

Community kindness campaign, February 1st: the students will be given a child-friendly calendar, so that they can jot down one good deed for every day, one simple act of kindness. This seeks for a mindful connection with the community, another way to keep the tidings between families, school, and community in general.

In addition, there will be a raffle prize when they return the calendar.

Finally, on **February 27th "Pink shirt day", at Metropolis:** students 6/7 will be giving out gift cards as random acts of kindness. And they will be participating in an artistic art collage.

Programs:

Cooking program, starting on January 24th until February 14th: with the aid of Canadian Diabetes.

Nicole DeSouza from the Burnaby Library, will be giving out free books, talking about services at the Library, and distributing library cards on the last day.

Bridges program: as informed in the previous meeting minutes, this is a parent program for new people in the community (a year living in the community at most), it consists of a preschool program setting for 3 to 4-year-olds, while parents learn about the Canadian school system.

After school programs: lego, Valentines and chocolates, cupcakes, multisports, robotics, build-a-bike

(upcoming how to ride a bike), among others.

Note that the **BASES foundation** donates \$8000 a year for these programs, making them possible and accessible for all the students in our school community.

Last year: 91% of the kids were involved in after school programs.

Helping kids and families in need makes donations to our school as well.

Wolf Printshop donated materials, and it is interested in making more donations of them, as informed by our Head Teacher, Ms. Janvier.

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

6. Next PAC fundraising events:

Cupcake sale for Valentines.

Cookie sale in May.

7. Adjournment:

- Meeting was adjourned at 18:10 pm.
- *Next Meeting:* Wednesday, February 13th (from 17:00 to 18:00 pm)