

Parkland Elementary PAC Meeting

Thursday April 2, 2015

6:30 PM School Library

Chair: Michelle Valente
Vice Chair: Beth Latorre (absent)
Treasurer: Kim Parker
Secretary: Katy Mantel & Darryl Mathieson

1. **Welcome:** Michelle Valente

1.1 Introduction

1.2 Quorum established

1.3 Guest Speaker Dennis Marsden, Coquitlam Councilor

- There is a new General Manager of Parks and Rec in Coquitlam – currently working on updating/establishing joint usage agreements (City of Coquitlam – School District 43) – this is in the very early stages
- Road Safety an issue in Coquitlam
 - 2.34% tax increase this year for Coquitlam
 - 0.7% for new police officers to be dedicated solely to high crime areas so we can have our traffic officers dedicated to traffic enforcement
 - Last year 734 traffic tickets issued in Coquitlam - 17 officers in traffic department however they were working on serious crime issues and did not spend enough time enforcing traffic issues
 - What can we do as parents:
 - Email City to report traffic safety issues (use “Mayor in Council” email) – your concerns will be forwarded to the RCMP
 - If you are happy with the response you receive to your complaint communicate that as well
 - Speak to School Board and School Trustees
 - The more involved the community is the better
 - Visit Public Safety tab on City of Coquitlam website
- **Communication is critical** - a communication plan is required to address our higher concern areas.
- Issues affecting Parkland:
 - Poirier very short school zone
 - Speak to School Board/District to find out:
 - why it is where it is?
 - Is there a way of lengthening it?
 - Speak to School Trustees
 - School Playground Usage Issues
 - Send email outlining concerns to the “Mayor in Council” email and this will be shared with the Parks and Rec manager
 - Traffic calming measures (curb bulges, roundabouts, etc)

- Issues with snow removal
- Fire department doesn't like them height/trucks, etc
- Shift away from speed bumps and they don't work in all areas/on all roads – City wants traffic solutions that work in all areas across the city
- Traffic circles (round-abouts) – issues with street widths, street parking
- What about crossing guards for busier crosswalks?
 - Speak to School Trustees
- Need to look at other jurisdictions around the globe for possible solutions
 - Different colour crosswalks (bright green), other options to bring attention to the road, have people slow down
- Densification in Central Coquitlam
 - City asking for Good Neighborhood Plans when builders seek permits to develop areas
 - Economic Enhancement Committee
 - Upcoming discussions on Austin Heights area
- City of Coquitlam Grant Situation
 - Casino money
 - Funded new fire hall on Burke Mountain
 - Portion of the funds held for capital projects and there is a portion held for spirit grants
- 8 Lots –Good Neighbor Agreements – what is the agreement for that development?
 - Ask School Trustees what was negotiated during sale of the land
 - Fences, playgrounds, parking for construction vehicles, etc. Need to get this info from trustees

****Really encourage all residents to speak out/express their opinions****
****Community Engagement****

1.4 Review of Previous minutes – motion to accept minutes by Lisa Sohi and seconded by Tara Parkinson

- Painting of back parking lot is completed

1.5 Chair Report

- May PAC meeting is AGM

2. **Principal's Report:** Anita Strang

- District budget meetings to be held April 7, 14 and 21 at 7pm at Winslow Centre
 - Saying it's a status quo budget – budget has gone as planned this past year
- Celebration of Learning Assembly went extremely well today
 - Mainly run by students
 - Next one to be held at the end April

- Upcoming:
 - Como Lake Relays
 - Track and Field
 - Hip Hop (Performance will be on May 7th)

3. Committee Reports

3.1 Hot Lunch – Dee Konopacki (absent)

- Desperate for volunteers for Wed. April 8th hot lunch arrive by 11:30
- 75% more kids ordering lunch this year as opposed to last year
- Sports Day lunch will be a separate one
- \$1287 for spring session, \$1690 for winter session and so far \$1400 made for this spring session – total profit for this school year is \$4016 so far

3.2 Fundraising (March-June)

- Cookie and Pie orders sent home due by April 7
- Shred it Fundraiser - \$430 raised
- Cobbs Bread donated tonight's treats – Sunwood Square and Sutter Brook locations support our school – if shopping at these locations let them know you are from Parkland Elementary and the PAC will receive a portion of sale
- Mabel's labels – information will be sent out soon
- Family Bowling Night – Saturday May 23 (500-730pm) - need to set up an organizing committee (Tara Parkinson, Melissa Niska, Katy Mantel, Michelle Valente have volunteered to help)

3.3 KM Club

- Going well and can always use more parent volunteers to assist with the recording of sticks

3.4 Safety – Lyle Chausse & Lisa Sohi

- New no U-turn signs posted

3.5 DPAC – Tara Parkinson

- 2 new assistant superintendents –will be assigned to the new zones that coquitlam is split into (4 zones) Gerald Shong is assigned to the zone Parkland falls in
- Hampton Park presentation on “Ruler approach” – social emotional learning
- Self Regulation Presentation on May 11, 2015 from 700-830 at Winslow Centre
- Internet Safety – Jesse Miller (\$1000 budgeted for the session)
- Saleema Noon – Sexual Health Educator (\$750 budgeted for the session)

4. Finances: Kim Parker

4.1 Bills of Allowance – will be posted on school website and PAC parent board

4.2 Current Financial Position - will be posted on school website and PAC parent board

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4.3 Budget Review/Planning for the 2014/2015 school year - will be posted on school website and PAC parent board

- Will put something out to the parent community for donations of unwanted cameras and ipads
- \$1200 put aside for the purchase of 5 more cameras/memory cards/cases (on hold to see what donations are received – will revisit at next meeting)
- Will also look into the cost of projectors (mounted in classroom)
- Voted in favor for the approval of funds to purchase 5 more laptops for classroom use – vote passed

5. New Business

- Teacher appreciation luncheon – will follow up with Darlene Hunter (Sue Walker and Lisa Sohi available to assist with organization)

Motion to adjourn at 9:20 pm by Darryl Mathieson and Seconded by Dennis Mantel

PAC Chair

PAC Secretary

Next Meeting May 21, 2015 at 630 pm in the school library