



Ecole Pitt River Middle School
Parent Advisory Council – General Meeting Minutes
May 12th 2021

In Attendance via Zoom: – Marvin Klassen (Chair), May Luong, (Treasurer), Jeremy Bauman (DPAC), Janine Inotai (Secretary), Summer (Vice chair)

Guest via Zoom: - Darren Stewart, Lindsey Goodridge

Meeting called to order at 7.02pm

Welcome from Marvin especially to parents that are joining us for the first time. We had about 10 parents on this zoom meeting.

Acknowledgement of Territories

Motion to approve agenda – Summer, Janine approved
Motion to approve minutes from April 14th 2021 – Summer, May approved

We only have one more meeting before the AGM. Marvin is stepping down as Chair. If anyone interested in PAC positions please attend the AGM and put your name forward.

Reports

Treasurer – May Luong – (report was displayed on screen sharing). All looks in good order. Return it stickers available for anyone who wants them for their recyclables. Motion made by Marvin to approve \$300 from PAC for Odd Squad, (presentation on making better choices, been a huge success in other schools) motion approved by May and Jeremy. Motion to approve \$2000 from RBC account for classroom consumables. Motion approved by Janine and Summer, motion passed.

Secretary – Janine Inotai – nothing to report

Vice Chair – Summer Wright - nothing to report

D-PAC rep – Jeremy Bauman – attended last DPACC meeting on April 28th 2021. Budget has been passed for district. Parent Education part of the meeting was on Trades. What trades entail? There is a Train and Trades program that can be done in High School equivalent to level one that would normally cost \$3500. Between 2021 and 2029 there will be roughly 73,000 job openings due to the aging population. Importance of applied Math for all trades. There is a meeting on May 13th in attendance will be a TransLink speaker. 7pm free for anyone who wants to attend.

Fundraising – we do not have a co-ordinator but there has been talk of a pasta polo evening, where a % of proceeds from one night sales will go to the PAC (May was looking into this)

Principal – Darren Stewart – Welcome to the new families of grade 5 students. Thank you to the PAC for \$100 per class. Kids have been given some equipment to use at lunch time for games. Meetings with feeder schools have been taking place over zoom. Mme Caldwell has been creating a welcome to Pitt video. Get real presentation was well accepted, talked about the use of kind language, inclusion of LGBTQ. Survey was sent out to Grade 5 families. (this to everyone)? Lots of work being done on the garden project. Staffing will be down next year, 1 less English and 1 less French division. Pitt River is revisiting its vision. Pro-d day May 31st 2021 “how to finish this year and the move to next year”. Grade 8 leaving ceremony will be the same as last year, a drive through of some sort.

New Business – Mme Lam sent some information to the city that had been requested for the Garden. Motion for PAC to contribute \$5000 for the garden project, approved May/Jeremy. Motion passed. For the garden to be a success it needs about \$10,000.

AGM is the next and last meeting. Vote on new executive and constitution & Bylaws. Marvin has worked hard on the bylaws and has added a new section for grade 5 parents.

Meeting adjourned – 8.15pm

Next meeting AGM June 9th, 2021– 7pm (via zoom)