**Summit Middle School PAC Meeting Minutes**

Date: Monday Nov 2 2015 at 7pm

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| 1. **Welcome and Introductions**
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| * 1. Round table introduction. Jane welcomed all participants.
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| **2. HASTe Update – Mike Smith** |
| 2.1 Hub for Active School Travel (HASTe) is an organization that connects with schools to encourage kids’ biking and walking to and from school. - Data collected re: travel culture of schools and developed a school travel plan (action items to encourage students’ active transportation) - Baseline survey, school walkabout, action items and student engagement were completed. There will be a follow-up survey giving out next week which will be electronic. - The major problem in Summit: lineup of cars for dropping children off. - Recommended solutions: Alternative drop-off locations, best routes to school maps, bike racks upgrade. Queried if PAC can fund for bike racks upgrade. - Cost: Urban 5 hanger $598 (x3) for 30 bikes= $2007 (tax incl).  If X2 = $1338 (Tax incl.)  PLUS installation cost. - Best Route to school map will be printed and shared with families next year. ***ACTION: Mike to send electronic copy of Best Route to School Map to PAC for feedback.*** ***ACTION: PAC to discuss if it can support bike rack upgrade.*** |
| **3. New Curriculum – Charlotte Hasebe** |
| **-** New curriculum redesign will happen from kindergarten to Grade 12 starting this year. - Lots of research support the change to a new curriculum. More than just providing the knowledge to the children, but need to provide them the skills to be ready for the workforce. - New curriculum help to prepare content, concepts and skills (core competencies) that the children need to know. - “K- Grade 9” – will be implemented in Sep 2016. Curriculum drafts are available for reviewing. Available if google “BC Curriculum”. - “Grade 10 to 12” – will be implemented in Sep 2017. - 8 core competencies (e.g. communication, thinking, etc)- Teachers will be provided time and education re: new curriculum***- ACTION: Daren to put a link to the BC curriculum on the school website.***  |
| **4. Chair Report – Jane Freeman** |
| - Minutes Review – Oct 5 2015 Minutes approved- Book fair – Done last week. Books returned on Thu. It was a success. We raised approximately $1600. 60% of this value will be given back to the school in books.- Christmas Hampers – Suggested to support Port Moody Fire Victims which have put out the request to school. We are likely able to support 2 families. Depending on amount of food we get, may be able to support more.  |
| **5. Vice Principal report – Daren Fridge** |
| - Book fair: thanks for parents’ support- Picture: new pictures company this year. Cost of $3 for a go card. This fee was taken from the school fees paid at the beginning of the year.- Acknowledge the fact that there are lots of overlapping fundraising. Suggest to have a fundraising calendar.  |
| **6. Principal Report – Glenda Speight** |
| - Issues in the beginning band: subscriptions of band are very large (125 students). Already got several parents coming to assist. Some safety concerns with the size of practice room and the amount of attention from one teacher. Glenda and Daren are working with Mr. Barrel(?) to find solutions. Several options: 1. Divide into two smaller bands (have more quality time) 2. Band practice twice a week (have more time, but not sure quality for such a big group). Optimal size is up to 100. - Sexual health educator (Salima) has programs for grade 6 and 7 and a more advanced presentation in Grade 8. Recommended students to go through twice in the school (one in grade 6 and 7 and one in grade 8). Can host an evening session for parents on Jun 7 Tue (6:30 – 8) for parents, then sessions arranged for that week for students. Total is: $2350 plus GST. Ask if PAC will fund. If not, school will fund.***DECISION: PAC agreed to move ahead to book the educator for those dates.*** ***ACTION: Glenda to book the educator on those days.******ACTION: PAC to decide how much to fund this education.***  |
| **5. Treasurer Report – Nancy** |
| - Refer to Treasurer’s report dated Oct 31 2015. - Current balance: $ 22,577.69 - The wish list has been incorporated in the budget. Not sure if we have enough budget for all 52 computers. May have to wait for the one-time donation and see how much we have, then decide if we can fund all.  |
| **6. Fundraising – Georgette Van de Bovenkamp, Katherine Vanlerberg & Riti Batra** |
| - Letter is ready to go. Suggested to email letter out to parents as well as providing paper copy. - Suggested to have it translated in different languages which will be available on the website. ***ACTION: Jane to get different language translations for the letter. All parents will receive an English version to be sent home. Different languages will be available online and in hard copy in the office.***  |
| **7. SPC – Anna Dasilva and Shilpa Dabholkar** |
| - Deferred |
| **8. DPAC – Tom Cox** |
| - DPAC would like to come around to different schools to engage parents to learn together with teacher and students to learn about the new curriculum.- DPAC would like feedback re: new curriculum |
| **9. Traffic and Safety – Cristina Nordin** |
| No updates.  |
| **10. Community outreach dinner** |
| Talked to other people who have been doing dinners. No issues re: safety for the children.  |

**Next PAC Meeting: Dec 7 2015 at 7pm – Potluck everyone!!! Yay!**