

PAC Meeting Minutes April 14, 2015 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Present

Chair: Erin Schneider

Secretary: Angela Salehi

Health and Safety: Jen Cox

Social Coordinator: Andrea Vagnarelli

Fundraising: Barbara Anderson

Parent Education: Kelly Raabe

Milk Program Coordinator: Claire Turner

Pizza Program Coordinator: Crestina Amado

Treasurer: Diane MacLeod

School Planning Council: Kate Pshennykh

Aspenwood Teacher: Mo Bird

Aspenwood Principal: Laurie Birnie

Aspenwood Vice-Principal: Jason Giles

Regrets

School Planning Council: Wendy Werier

Milk Program Coordinator: Diane MacSporran

Fruit/Veggie Program: Felicia Reamsbottom

Parents/Guests: 0

Call to Order

E. Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Introductions followed.

A. Salehi motioned to accept the February 10 minutes. Motion is seconded by E. Schneider.

Principal's Report

L. Birnie provided an update on what is happening at the school:

- Heading into articulation times; transitioning the Grade 5s into the middle school
- Welcome to Kindergarten night on April 22
- The BC Ministry of Education is implementing a new student information system. In our school district, elementary schools have been changed over to the new system as of January 2015. Middle and secondary schools will be changed over this summer.
The transition has posed some challenges - administrative resources and technology - the school thanks parents for their patience.
- Book Fair coming up on April 27.
- 20 new laptops have been purchased, using school funds and PAC fundraising dollars.
- At the March *Coffee with the Principal*, administration brought up the subject of class placement process and transitions to new grades / classes. It is understood that many parents have questions about how student placement is determined, what part to parents play in this process, how best can parents communicate with the school regarding placement. This will be the theme for the May 5 event.
- Track and field events are ongoing for Grade 4 and 5.
- Upcoming Young Entrepreneurs event will occur at the end of May. Grade 4 and 5 students are in the process of developing a business plan and creating a product. Students will have an opportunity to show and sell off their products at the May event – a date will be announced. The Young Entrepreneurs' Project is sponsored by VanCity, but has been incorporated into of the school day and taught by classroom teachers.
- Public [meetings](#) regarding the upcoming District budget are ongoing during April.

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SPC Meeting Update

K. Pshennykh will be meeting to discuss school organization and school goals before the end of the school year, date to be confirmed once budgets and staffing are confirmed by the district . One topic for discussion is the *Artist in Residence Program* through Art Starts for the 2015-16 year.

Parent Education Update

K. Raabe provided an update on the details of the presentation by Bridgette Miller on Thursday, April 16 in the school library. Babysitting was available.

Ruben Shoes

C. Amado confirmed date for presentation to students on why and how to collect used shoes. The event is on Friday, April 24 from 9:30 - 10 a.m. Collection bins will be left at the school for two weeks.

Staff Appreciation Lunch

A. Vagnarelli provided an update on the May 1 event.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these activities, please email our [volunteer coordinator](#).

Fundraising Update

B. Anderson provided an update on fundraising activities.

- People who have ordered plants from the Spring Sale can pick up products on May 7 after school.
- Next movie night is on Friday, May 29; outside screening, weather permitting.
- All the spirit wear has been delivered.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these activities, please email our [volunteer coordinator](#)

Sports Day

B. Anderson provided an update on the Thursday, June 18 event. A committee comprised of teachers and parents is developing a plan to include games, food, ribbons and activities.

Playground Improvements

E. Schneider provided an update. A request to the District, for an estimate has been made to refresh the blacktop. Other opportunities to enhance the playground experience are being explored.

Treasury Update

D. MacLeod provided an update on PAC finances. Accounts are on budget. The budget for the 2015-16 academic year will be discussed at the next meeting.

Grade 5 Update

M. Polat provided an update. Plans are on track.

Coffee with the Principal and Vice-Principal

Upcoming events on May 1 and June 5 at 9 a.m. in the multipurpose room.

New Business

- The Fruit and Veggie Program needs a new Co-ordinator.

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Adjournment

The PAC meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Next meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

The final PAC meeting for the school year is on Tuesday, June 9, 2015.