

Queensbury Elementary School PAC Meeting

Meeting Notes:

Location: Queensbury Elementary School

Date: April 23, 2024

Present: Jana Hrubá, Cherine Casillan, Lindsay Calder, Gerald Chen, Flora Yuen, Sarah Hughes, Sarah McKinney, Janice Phillips, Randy Holman, Helen Chambers

Call to order 7:21pm

Approval of previous meetings minutes: Motion: Janice Phillips, Second: Cherine Casillan

Admin report:

Randy Holman: email will be going out to parents for next year – interested in knowing what’s going on before hand.

- Things to include: learning style, this is the type of teacher that I think might work for my child.
- Social piece, also important – some children learn really well together, some children play really well together. Not necessarily together.
- The school is getting one portable next year, increasing by one division. Will be located by the music portable. Will move the music portable out towards the field a little, and then the new portable will fit in. Not sure which grade will be in the portable – maybe a 3/4 or a 5/6 class.
- Once the new Cloverly school is built, will take some of the pressure off. The School District wants to bring the Ridgeway school population down, however the Cloverly school will potentially be full the moment that it’s built.

Discussion around School District school plan: is Queensbury on the re-build list versus the expansion list and also the question of seismic safety of the school (it’s an old school). Randy is going to confirm with the School District what the current plan is.

Field Trips: discussion around Grade 7 plans, cost of buses admission etc.

May 28th – kindergarten orientation. Agreed that at least one or two PAC members will be present to participate.

Don’t have pro-d days yet or bell schedule yet for next year.

We currently have one of the longest lunch hours in the district. Great on sunny days – but on most days (cold and wet), not great. Have discussed as a staff of shortening lunch hour by ten minutes – would come out of eating and playing time.

Discussion around this shortening of the lunch hour and then if this ten minutes will come of the beginning of the school day or the end of the school day (8:50am start or 2:50pm end of school day). Randy will take discussion under consideration and confirm new bell schedule soon, had also had conversations with staff. Communications will be shared with all parents when finalized.

(May 6) Math event: district have two numeracy facilitators – came and ran a lunch and learn. Run activities for primary and lower intermediate – will train the upper intermediate the deliver them. (Grade 6/7s to deliver). Everyone from the school will come and participate!

Fun Day – May 24!

PAC Executive Update:

Update provided on fundraising to date.

Discussion around “click drive” and what our goals for the funds should be: additional set of ipads for the K/1 levels, educational support materials, outdoor learning materials. Overarching goal of \$5,000.

Discussion around the school matching us in the funds on the ipad dollars.

Parent support needed for the following:

Staff appreciation: May 8th

- Will need 15 parent volunteers for supervision during the lunch hour (Randy will usually go out with them, and there are a few of the EA’s that need to be with their students)

Spring Fair: June 1st

- Dunk tank discussion.
- Will need 40 – 50 volunteers.
- Silent auction items – so many amazing items (Hive birthday party, whitecaps tickets, Capilano suspension bridge etc).

Edible Garden Update:

- Garden is looking really good, the garden beds were built with four families. Ms McTavish shared photos of all the children in the garden with her class, which was such a success. Hopefully the plants will come before the end of the summer. Will need someone to come and water during the summer time, this would ensure that things could be harvested in the fall time. Will need to look into that.
- Discussion around wood chips in between the garden beds – that this would prevent is all getting muddy in between.
- Noted that the Fairy Garden would be re-done as well.

Meeting ended at 8:20pm.