

Porter Street Elementary PAC General Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2019

Porter Street School – PAC Room

Meeting attended by: Tanja McAffer (E), Christine Baker (E), Joanne Elsdon (E), Daniel Vasquez (E), Nicole Marcelin (E), Christina Debruyne, Danielle Ukalovic, Derek Passaglia (Principal)

Quorum is met

Introduction

1.0 Commence Meeting: Tanja called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

2.0 Approve Previous Minutes – January Minutes

Nicole motioned, Joanne seconded; all in favour.

3.0 Additions to agenda:

- Spirit Wear for Spring?

Business Arising

4.0 Principal's Report (Derek Passaglia)

- **Crosswalk Safety on Porter Street:** Danielle has taken the lead on this issue and investigated possible options to address for the 3 crosswalks around Porter with 3 potential options:
 1. Flag System (currently used at Montgomery Middle).
 - Teri Towner, councillor – is familiar (would she be willing to conduct a quick assembly to educate the students on the system?)
 - approximate cost is estimated at \$200 per crosswalk to a maximum of \$1000
 - covers City installation of buckets, flags
 2. BCAA Program also possible (30 students required to fill captain and flag positions) – cost is free
 - possible to receive info materials for students, DVDs etc.
 3. Other customized Porter-designed program using current materials we already have

Other considerations:

 - City of Coquitlam – Danielle identified all of the potential areas for improvement. Danielle approached to request via email (e.g. X's on the road, other identifiers)
 - Are there other concerns that Constable Mitchell could address to improve safety?
 - Joanne put forward a motion to vote on an expenditure to cover the costs for Option 1 at the April 15th meeting. Christine seconded. All in favour.
- **Basketball Hoop Project**
 - Derek received confirmation that quote will be provided by March 8th
 - Budget pre-approved in previous PSPAC meeting in the amount of \$1000 which will allow project to proceed assuming the budget is sufficient
- **Technology Infrastructure Project**
 - Derek proposed investing \$10,000 in a new class set of student-based, hands-on technology (e.g. iPad, or laptop or peripherals), purchased via the District Subsidy Program
 - Currently Porter Street has 100 iPads; 30 tablet computers for Porter Computer Lab plus other investments (ie. Speakers, connectivity tools, charging cables, screens, keyboards, headphones, etc to assist with student learning) so that every classroom at Porter now has some iPads, computers to contribute to learning
 - All teachers using laptop computers based on district funding
 - Wireless connectivity present at Porter
 - Suggestion made to include a proposal for recurrent technology expense in future budgets/budget discussions
 - Joanne put forward a motion to vote on a one-time expenditure of \$10,000 for a new class set of student-based, hands-on technology at the April 15th meeting. Christine seconded. All in favour.

5.0 DPAC Report

- Review of January 30 DPAC meeting, including:
 - District budgets were discussed
 - Carbon monoxide incident in Quebec has prompted installation of detectors, prioritizing portable units
 - Cannabis Act: 19 yrs of age for vaping or cannabis; no use on school. Parents inquired about staff user and the same rules would apply as currently do for any other drugs or alcohol (cannot be impaired in the workplace). Progressive discipline program in place to enforce no illicit substances on school property
 - Registrations & cross-catchment for 2019-2020 school year
 - Corporal Glen Porter addressed the DPAC discussed how the criminal justice system works including the role of police in being trusted members of the school community
 - Porter's School Liaison Officer is Constable Mitchell
- Review of February DPAC meeting, including:

- Superintendent Report reviewed key budget dates (Final budgets will be released at end of April)
 - Emergency Prep
 - Measles
 - Vaping/Cannabis
 - Upcoming presentations being offered at Winslow Centre:
 - School Traffic Safety - Wednesday March 13 (Cory Noble)
 - Children of the Street Society – Thursday April 11
 - Mental Health First Aid presentation – details to be announced
 - Post Grad Party
 - Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression
 - Presentation about awareness, mindfulness, knowledge of SOGE; will continue to be interwoven into curriculum and continued dialogue and openness to discussion is encouraged
- Next DPAC meeting will be held April 3 at Winslow Center.

6.0 Volunteering with PAC

- Various opportunities available to volunteer
- Register via sign up sheet on PAC bulletin board in Porter Street lobby (diagonal from the office)
- Nicole to send Derek list of opportunities with dates for newsletter

7.0 PAC Events Update

- **Finance Workshops** – Everyone is keen on this program conceptually. At this time the PAC is setting the program as a goal for 2019-2020
- **PJ Night** – next event March 15: Online poll currently underway online closes March 11 (see March 2 PAC newsletter)
- **Free Pancake Breakfast** – April 5 or 12 TBC – awaiting confirmation from Hitomi & Optimist Club
- **Year-end BBQ & Potluck** – May 24 – Splash machine will be requested to be built by a community parent. PAC would like to ensure new K parents are invited to attend via email invitation
- **Welcome to Kindergarten** – May 30 – Derek will invite PAC exec to attend & Chair to say a few words
- **Multi Cultural Day** – May 31 – Performances will occur prior to the classroom rotation day (not the day before as this is Welcome Kindergarten day)
- **Staff Appreciation Day** – seeking volunteers for June event
- **PAC Newsletter** – Derek to add a link to sign up to the PAC newsletter. Students will be invited to contribute a joke for upcoming newsletters. Winner will be eligible to read the joke on the loudspeaker during announcements.
- **2019-2020 PAC Exec Elections** – Please come forward and encourage fellow Porter parents to get involved
- **Other Fundraising** – Please come forward with any new ideas for fundraising

8.0 Treasurer's Report (Daniel)

- Chequing Account - \$34,893.36 balance on Jan 31. Current balance March 2 is **\$34,371.48**
 - Curriculum enhancement program was largest expenditure at \$3350.95
- Savings Account – total in account was \$6,249.12 on Jan 31; current on March 2 is **\$6,252.96**
- Gaming Account – total in account on Jan 31 was \$19,097.05; current on March 2 is **\$19,095.55**
- Total PAC accounts on Jan 31 was \$60,239.53. The current total on March 2 is **\$59,719.99**

9.0 Additional Items

- **Spirit Wear for Spring** – Definite interest in ordering new items. Discussion about whether to order pants given there is a minimum purchase. Final timing and item set-up to be confirmed.

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm. Joanne motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Nicole. All in favour.

Next PAC Meeting: Monday April 15, 7:15pm – 8:30pm

Minutes submitted by Nicole Marcelin, PAC Secretary