

# **Glenwood Elementary School PAC Meeting Minutes**

## **April 06, 2017, 9:05 A.M. – Room 2**

**Present:** Abby Wadley (Co-Chair), Gwen Simcoe (Co-Treasurer), Jyothi Mavila (Co-Secretary), Marion Gennaro (Co-Treasurer and DPAC Representative), Reg LaPlante (Vice-Principal), Stacy Wallwork, Sue Tong, Sylvia Baban (DPAC Representative), Tasha Murray (Vice Chair).

**Regrets:** Briana Fraser (Co-Chair), Laurie Lemanski (Co-Secretary)

**Meeting Chair:** Abby Wadley

**Note-taker:** Jyothi Mavila

### **I. Welcome**

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.

### **II. Approve Minutes/Agenda**

The agenda as presented was approved.

Minutes from January 22, 2018 PAC meeting were approved.

### **III. Reports**

#### ***a) Vice Principal's Report – Mr. Reg LaPlante***

Mr. LaPlante would like to thank Glenwood Parents for making time in their busy schedules to attend this morning's meeting.

Since our meeting on January 22nd, we have had students involved in a number of great activities both in and out of the school. Our grade 2 and 3 students represented our school well at Primary Days of Music. We had a number of activities during Literacy Week culminating in a great celebration of learning with a surprise Lion Dance to celebrate Chinese New Year. We also gathered as a school community for a great Capoeira performance by Ache Brasil, and at a special Pink Day assembly with Travis Price. Basketball season wrapped up. Thanks to Ms. Pook for her co-sponsoring the basketball team along and huge thanks to parent coaches Stacey Milne and Gary Wong.

Before Spring Break we had two opportunities to communicate student learning through formal reports and student led conferences. It was especially great to see students proudly sharing their accomplishments with their parents in the conference setting. Students in Division 1 and 2 also shared their learning with the whole school community by presenting Ancient Egypt projects in Div. 1 and

Heritage Fair projects in Div. 2. These two classes also had a great in class experience at a Copper Leaf forming workshop with Caitlin Bilton.

Div. 4 had a visiting scientist lead a workshop called “What’s the Matter?” which was full of great hands on science experiments and opportunities for explorations. This class also prepared and performed a Dance at our celebration of learning during literacy week.

Div. 3 continues to be mesmerized by their salmon and are looking forward to their field trip to the Seymour River Hatchery on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

We have just started with two track teams. Thanks also to Mr. Grant and Ms. Young for their work with our track students.

Other school wide activities include presentations and workshops by guest Poet/Author Tiffany Stone April 13<sup>th</sup> and the ever popular Talent Show on May 4. Thanks to Ms. Nerpio for organizing the guest Poet and Author and Ms. James and Ms. Sigerson for organizing the Talent Show.

Cedar Weaving with Mary Hotomanie - April 5 Lunch and Learn, June 9 practicing with paper template, all day April 19 with Squamish Elder Alice Guss.

Division 4 and 5 are beginning to use blog folios in term 3. An exciting and on going method of communicating student learning.

Our band will be performing at the District Festival of Beginning Bands on May 8.

Grade 7 Rafting trip is June 8 and Gr. 7 Grad is June 22 – planning well under way!

Playground - Mr. LaPlante would like to look into the possibility of installing a basketball court of some sort on part of the lower field. He will investigate costs and options. Staff and parents are in favour of the idea.

Technology update – new projector and computer in lab has been completed.

Thank you to our many parent volunteers! In the past 2 months we have had parents working on our behalf in many areas: primary readers, drivers for sports events and fieldtrips, PAC fun lunch organizers and money counters, forgotten lunch providers, Grade 7 fundraisers, fruit and veggie coordinator, basketball coaches, Movie Night organizers, a special thank you to the organizers and contributors to the Staff Appreciation Luncheon!

Important upcoming dates:

May 1 – All day track meet at Swanguard Stadium 9:30-3:30

May 2 – Battle of the Books

May 4 – Talent Show, 9:15 am and 1:30 pm

May 8 – Festival of Beginning Bands, Nelson Elementary PM

May 11 – Welcome to K, 1:30 pm

May 23 – Div. 4 to Southlands Farm, 11-3pm  
May 31 – Class/Team Pictures and Panorama

**b) DPAC update – Sylvia**

Last DPAC meeting was in February. There is a budget meeting coming up on April 16. In the DPAC meeting, they talked about facility plan for public schools to accommodate the growing population – especially in Edmonds area – upgrade some of the schools to accommodate the population. They also talked about the condition of the old schools – 64% of the schools in Burnaby are considered poor (in terms of the age of the schools). Glenwood has been prioritized in terms of seismic upgrades and having work done, they are in the assessment phase. They also talked about the day care programs which are in-house in some of the schools - if more space was needed for students, the daycares may need to be re-looked but no immediate plans for that. They talked about International Student Program – they don't want to lose that even though it takes spots.

Update on Budget Discussion in the DPAC meeting: They recognized the need for EAs. They are putting in place a new development program where they actually train EAs - \$75,000 is estimated for it.

**c) Treasurer's Report - Gwen Simcoe**

We fund raised more than what we budgeted and estimated spending is on budget. We are probably going to end up with \$8000 in the bank by the end of the year.

Cash Balances per Bank at February 28, 2018:

- General Account: \$14,466.86 (less: Outstanding cheques \$1,004.65 equals \$13,462.21 ending balance per Income Statement)
  - Gaming Account: \$2,840.92 (no outstanding deposits or cheques)
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- Gwen received the first Forgotten Lunch receipt.
  - Bulb sale brought in a profit of \$350.60
  - The annual budget meeting to set next year's 2018/19 budget –Friday May 11th at 9:05am in Room 2 — all parents and guardians welcome to attend
  - Extra line item will be added for Volunteer Appreciation Stuff
  - Gwen would like to keep the line item for Forgotten Lunches

**d) Vice Chair (Committee Update) - Tasha Murray**

**Parent Education Night – Wednesday, May 16 (6:30 – 8:00 PM) - Social Media 4 Parents**

Seminar is free but registration is required. Refreshments will be served. Childminding will be provided with advanced registration (spaces are limited and will be offered on a first come, first serve basis). Flyer is coming out soon with more details. Sylvia will send email to DPAC to invite parents/guardians from other Burnaby schools, if we have more space for the event.

**Sports Day Concession Coordinator and Volunteer Recruitment** – Every year the PAC organizes and runs the concession at Glenwood's Sports Day. Marion Gennaro agreed to coordinate the concession. Thank you Marion! Parents set-up, cook hot dogs, serve food and clean-up. Abby has offered BBQ, Tents and Popcorn Maker to use for the event. The PAC will provide a \$2 ticket to each student to buy food. Need to check with Kyndrie for any additional notes from previous years.

**Scholarship Committee** - Each year the Grade 7 students write an essay at the end of the year and the PAC offers a scholarship of \$200 for the winning essay. Tasha will contemplate the topic with Mr. Grant. Tasha will work on recruiting a team for evaluation.

**2018/2019 PAC Executive Nominations** – Volunteer to take nominations? No one has come forward yet. Volunteer should be available to accept emails and be available to attend the AGM.

**District SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Info Session for Kingsway South School Zone** – Tasha attended the meeting. It was an opportunity for parents/guardians in the district to review the BSD's SOGI policy, learn about SOGI education from K-12 and meet the BSD's SOGI staff. More information can be found on the district web site.

**Yard Sale** - The PAC has decided to hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Community Yard Sale in September 2018. So, please think about saving new or nearly new items for sale.

**e) Chair – Abby**

**Movie Night** – Next movie night is on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Abby is planning to order from Pizza Hut this time. For the last movie night, the custodian expressed concern about some kids themselves in the hallway during the movie time. We will make an announcement before the movie to prevent it this time and parents will be in charge of the kids.

**Parent Social Evening** – District has talked about a lot this year to distance away from anything that has to do with alcohol. PaintNite is a great idea for Parent Social Evening – kids can also be part of it. We can also think about this as a Fund Raising event for next year.

**Whitecaps tickets** – The Whitecaps are offering an excellent opportunity to raise funds for our school. The program offers discounted Whitecaps FC2 tickets to PACs. WFC2 is the second team of the Vancouver Whitecaps that plays in the United Soccer League (USL) - An exciting team that features the young players that will soon start and star for the Whitecaps. Abby will ask about the next game schedule to participate in this fund raising event. Older kids will be interested.

**Spring Bulb Sale** – Raised \$187.

**Popsicle sale for Fund Raising** – Grade 7 will do the sale. Superstore is a good place to buy the popsicles.

**Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony (Stacy Wallwork)** – Plans in progress. Stacy will send email to Kyndrie to find the availability of table clothes to use for the event. Jyothi will add Stacy to Google dropbox and give

access to the documents related to the event. Stacy has planned the theme for the event. New this year, the ceremony will be held in the afternoon. This will be followed by a dinner for the Grade 7's, their parents, guests, and staff.

**Upcoming Dates:**

- PAC AGM – Monday, June 4 2018 @ 6:30PM

**IV. Roundtable**

No comments.

Meeting adjourned: 10:17 A.M.

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