

Begbie PAC Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Begbie Elementary, Library, 7:00pm

Present:

Principal – John C.
PAC President – Bryan Y.
PAC Treasurer – Elise W.

Members-At-Large – Helen S. and Queenie W.
Parents – Kim Nguyen-Stone, Jeff Schein, and Rigel Wong

AGENDA

Chair: Bryan Y.

Recording: Helen S.

1. WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved.....CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February, 2020

Approved.....CARRIED

4. Principal's Report John C.

- VSB Communications – Minister of Education and local MLA would like to come out for a groundbreaking ceremony for the new building.
 - with Media and Music in the Spring
 - government suggested April 3 or 17
 - school would like to push for date in May
- Review of Rock the Salish Sea concert
- Recognition of Community Field Trips:
 1. Kindergartens – Wilderness Wednesdays (rain or shine)
 2. Van Tech Concert
 3. Hastings Conservatory
 4. Pow Wow Workshop
 5. Grade 6/7s went skiing and younger grades went sledding
 6. Richmond Cultural Centre – around lunar new year
 7. Vancouver Aquarium
 8. Vancouver Public Library
 9. Yoga class at YWCA (senior students)
 10. Science World
- COVID-19:
 - in last week's Principal's update
 - school board takes info and directions from Vancouver Coastal Health (this is the main source of information)
 - 2 places to look for information:
 - Vancouver School Board website (banner/headline) – most recent info published on February 23rd
 - Healthlink BC – 4 page handout
 - school cleaning protocols have increased:
 - staff directed to clean high touch surfaces on a daily basis
 - school cleaning protocols have increased:
 - bathrooms and common sinks have soap and towels
 - hand sanitizers are not recommended (handwashing is better)
 - school does track absence rates – nothing out of the ordinary at the moment
 - What is being communicated to students?
 - Teachers model with students (sneezing, hygiene, etc.)

- COVID-19 continued:
 - How is your child doing?
 - School is safe, giving them information that is based on reality, reassurance.
 - Does the VSB have a plan?
 - If people are healthy – come to school.
 - If people are sick – stay at home.

5. Chair's Report **Bryan Y.**

- A parent donated a bunch of raffle tickets to PAC for use with movie nights, other events, etc.
- Thank you to John for supporting another Food Safe certificate. (Therefore, another parent can help with food distribution at school.)

6. Treasurer's Report **Elise W.**

- \$37, 215.20 in TD account (balance no change) – same as February
- Vancity account increased by 12 cents from February balance - \$3058.04
- \$250 cheque to Cheryl for the school library.
- \$399 cheque double written for ACF movie licensing
- \$387.45 cheque to La Grotta Del Formaggio Catering for Teacher Appreciation Lunch.

7. Old Business **Bryan Y.**

- Teacher Appreciation Lunch today at Begbie – Thank you to Helen for organizing and Queenie, Elisa, and Candy for setting up the staffroom. Teachers felt very much appreciated. Successful annual event.
- Next Movie Night – still tentatively scheduled for April 17th (Jocelan will follow up in email).

8. New Buisness **All**

- C'est Mon Café – Mondays OR Mondays and Tuesdays Bryan Y.
 - Any interest for the future?
 - 117 orders for the first trial lunch day
 - Try for one more month (in April for Monday and Tuesday)
- Milk and Fruits & Vegetables program Elise W.
 - currently Elise is coordinating the program
 - every month there is a delivery
 - Parent helpers needed:
 - to wash the fruits/vegetables and distribute them at lunch
 - distribute milk twice a week
 - Currently there are not enough volunteers. Need to let the programs know if we want to continue participating in the 2020/21 school year by June 2020.
 - We need to tap parents who might be able to help. John - The school can provide child-minding at the school when parents are volunteering.
- The overall need for volunteers from the parent community. All
 - How to reach out? (brief brainstorm discussion)
 - We need to advertise. Send information out to group email list.
- School Teams – How are they organized? (Parent question – Rigel W.)
 - John shares that teams happen on a volunteer basis by staff.
 - Examples of Begbie sports teams: cross-country, badminton, basketball (senior boys), volleyball (girls)
 - Retired teachers have come back to help in the past.
 - If parents volunteer to coach, there also needs to be a teacher sponsor for the team.

9. ADJOURNMENT
 Approved.....CARRIED

Next PAC meeting April 14, 2020.