

Present at Meeting:

1. PAC Executive: Michelle Wruck (PAC Co-Chair), Kulvir Mann (PAC Co-Chair), Nancy Adie-MacKay (Treasurer), Karen Nordquist (Vice Chair/SPC), Marnie Carsky and Dee Spencer (Social Committee), Velda Williams, Sarah Siska and Michelle Tice (Fundraising/SPC), Joyce Johner and Lorna Williams (Parent Education), Barry Stahler (Safety Committee) and Nana Collett (DPAC Rep)

Canyon Heights Administration:

Principal Susannah Howick and Vice Principal Anne Lawson

PAC Members: There were approximately 20 parents in attendance.

2. Welcome/Call to Order

Co-Chair Michelle welcomed our Canyon Heights Administration and Teachers and Parents and called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. She then introduced the PAC Executive Committee.

3. Agenda

Michelle presented the AGM Meeting Agenda and June 2013 AGM Meeting Minutes.

4. Approval of Minutes from June 2013 AGM PAC Meeting

Karen moved to accept the minutes and Marnie seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

5. Principals Report

Principal Howick welcomed the parents to the meeting and started her presentation with a slide show on "Hello Sunshine".

Activity Day - "Color Groups"

- Change in format to full day
- Hot Lunch Organization helpful
- Many examples of older/younger students helped each other
- Good mix of activities
- Highlight - Hula Hoop Contest

The Cows came home

Mobile Dairy Foundations came do presentations for the Primary Classes – There were 2 cows – Pearl and Buttercup and a baby calf – Oliver!

Grade 6 – Outdoor School

The Grade 6 classes went to Outdoor School for 3 days and 2 nights. Susannah went to for the 2 nights and her assigned duty was “Farm Chores”.

Playground Soccer

Anne Farnan has organized soccer activities at Recess and Lunch for the Primary Classes – Kindergarten to Grade 3. One of the themes was “Jersey Day” where the kids all came dressed in their favorite soccer team jersey.

Special Guest – Rob Sacre – Professional Basketball Player – Los Angeles Lakers

Rob who plays basketball for the Los Angeles Lakers was once a student at Canyon Heights. Mrs Mullaly arranged with his mother for him to come and speak to the students today. He spoke about how hard it was in school for him at Canyon Heights and Handsworth Schools. He has faced many challenges in his life but has kept at it and not given up. He spent some time with the Grade 6 and 7 students playing basketball and signing autographs. He also went to Handsworth to say hello.

Mr McDuffie also was in attendance at Canyon Heights as he taught Rob for many years.

Respect – For Self, Others and Property

Susannah presented some slides to the students to show them how to be respectful for themselves, others – students and teachers and for their own things.

She explained it was not good to Litter and how they should properly put away their scooters/ bikes in the stage area of the gym. Parents please provide “Locks” for your children’s bikes and scooters. School and PAC are in discussion to get some more Bike Racks in place at Canyon Heights to promote more biking, scooters and walking - leading to a healthier lifestyle for everyone.

Respect for property

The Grade 2 class – Division 11 – Mrs Lamont has started a “**Terra Cycling**” program in their classroom. It is being run from June 3rd to June 17th, 2014. There are 3 large bins outside the classroom to promote recycling of different items from what we normally can recycle.

Collaboration Time – April and May 2014

- Working with EAs on appropriate lunch time behavior (while eating)
- Lunch Monitors
- Next Year's plan is to look at new curriculum – competencies of Communication, Thinking, Personal and Social

As this year ends

- 3 teachers will be leaving Canyon Heights due to layoffs – Peter Golinsky, Taj Badesha and Gillian Fraine
- George Monkman will be going to Sutherland Family of Schools to continue in his role as Family of Schools Leader
- Uncertainty over year end events due to job action

Next Year

- See last school newsletter for 2014/15 Calendar
- New students information system will be in place – at elementary, for attendance, report cards and IEPS

Community

- Starts with community of children and the friendships they make
- Continues with the community of adults in the building, how they care for your children and each other
- Outward to the community of families who support us

Susannah mentioned how much she admired Maya Angelou and she wanted to end her presentation with a few quotes by her:

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but will people will not forget how you treated them”

“Be a RAINBOW in someone else’s cloud”

She wanted to express her thanks and said that PAC Co Chairs - Michelle and Kulvir had been RAINBOWS in her cloud this year. She and Anne appreciated their help and support as their first years of principal and vice principal at Canyon Heights. She presented them both with lovely flower bouquets.

6. Chair Report - Michelle Wruck

Canyon Heights PAC Chair AGM Presentation 2013-2014

It has been another busy year at Canyon Heights! The PAC has continued to support programs and events at the school which have enhanced our school community and also enabled families to come together for fun and friendship. These events were successful because of the great support we have from the parents, students, staff and extended families of Canyon Heights. I feel fortunate to live in this neighbourhood, where the parents put so much time and effort into making the school community a rich and rewarding place for our children to be.

There are many parent volunteers who help within the school, whether it's driving for field trips, assisting in the classroom, delivering hot lunches to the children or making sure the PAC sponsored events run smoothly. We thank you for all the time you have put into school-related events, and appreciate the many volunteer hours you have contributed.

Social Committee:

Marnie Carsky, Barb McLean, Dee Spencer, Leigh Lee, Yasmeen Van Bylandt.

Our social committee hosted many successful events this year, starting with the Back to School Coffee and Welcome Back Pizza Party in September. They held the Parent Social Night at the Rockford Grill in November, two Movie Nights and the Bingo Night. A lot of planning and work went into running these events and many families came out to enjoy them.

Fundraising Committee:

Velda Williams, Inge Luers, Michelle Tice, Sarah Siska.

This year our fundraising team raised a total of \$29,642.31. Our biggest fundraising program was hot lunch, which accounted for almost \$16,000 and the Fair Share program brought in another \$3,900. Since the smaller fundraising events such as catalogue and gift card sales were not as successful they will not happen next year. Fundraising will be driven by the hot lunch program, Fair Share, and the Spring Gala, which will be hosted by the social committee.

Treasurer: Nancy Adie-MacKay.

The year-end is not until June 30th; however, the majority of the fundraising events have concluded and most of the expenses have been incurred. Once again the parent community has been very supportive of the PAC funded programs. Thank you for your generosity!

Based on our projected numbers, we raised approximately \$29,700 in revenue as compared to our budget of \$27,800. The breakdown is:

Pizza Night, Movie Nights, Rockford Grill, and Bingo: \$2,600 (budget of \$2,300)
Family Photos, Magazines, Holiday Gifts, Costumes, and Fundscrip: \$3,100 (budget of \$6,900)
Fairshare, United Way, and Noon Hour Activities: \$8,000 (budget of \$2,800)
Lunch Program: \$16,000 (budget of \$15,800)

We funded approximately \$22,000 (budget of \$28,300) in recurring school programs. The most significant expenses were:

Dance in Schools, Performance Groups (Justice Theatre, Infinitus, Flyin'Bob),
Saleema Noon: \$5,400
Classroom Support Fund, Books for the Library, Technology for the Learning
Commons Room, and Instruments for the Music Room: \$12,900

In response to the Needs List, \$30,000 (budget of \$28,000) of non-recurring items were purchased which included:

Mobile Book Cases, Die Cutter, Parachute, Tabletop Light Table, FM Systems, Apple TV's, Ukuleles, iMACs, Tennis Rackets, Storage Benches for the Learning Commons, and Swings which will be installed in the playground over the next few months.

In addition, the gaming grant of \$7,340 was used to subsidize fieldtrips. The PAC continues to be in a healthy financial position and the PAC Expenditure Committee (PEC) is compiling input from parents, teachers and the school administration to identify and prioritize new spending needs for the school over the next 2-3 years.

At the September PAC meeting, the final financial results of the PAC for the year ended June 30, 2014 will be presented. A proposed budget for the 2014/15 year, which will include the Needs List, will be presented and voted on at the October PAC meeting.

School Planning Council:

Karen Nordquist, Sara Sutcliffe, Michelle Tice.

The School Planning Council met a number of times throughout the year to review last year's plan and the new data from this school year. They reviewed the school's goals and updated them based on new data and updates to the curriculum. The current goals are:

1. Success in reading for K-3
2. Increase the percentage of students demonstrating social responsibility
3. To improve success rates in writing for grades 4-7

DPAC Representatives:

Susan Bilbey and Nana Collett were elected to represent Canyon Heights at North Vancouver district PAC meetings throughout the year. Sue also attended the BCCPAC AGM conference where she gathered information that will be helpful to the PAC in future.

Safety Committee:

Kulvir Mann, Barry Stahler, Parham Tavakoli.

In September, the safety committee organized the students' emergency kits and the water supply. Kulvir was the central coordinator for the team of dedicated parents who help out each day by supervising the crosswalk enabling a safe passage for our children to and from the school. We are very thankful to these parents for their commitment to take on this very important role. Parham designed the yellow safety signs that have been placed on the streets around the school and donated the signs for our use. These signs were so helpful and popular that parents from other schools have purchased them and placed them around their neighborhoods. Kulvir, Martyn Schmoll, Karen Nordquist and other parents from our family of schools have formed a group dedicated to promoting safety for our kids. The group is

called the “SRA” – Safe Routes Advocates. They are working with the District of North Vancouver, North Vancouver School Board and North Vancouver PAC to make safe routes to school a priority.

Communication Coordinator: Kulvir Mann.

Kulvir prepared our PAC monthly newsletters and maintained our PAC bulletin board and PAC information on the school website. Both co-chairs sent out communications to the parents through the class reps to keep parents up to date with school events.

Parent Education: Joyce Johner and Lorna Stewart.

This year parent education was focused on Financial Fitness for our kids. In November we hosted a session called “Talk About Money: Give Your Kids a Head Start” which covered earning, spending and saving money. This was presented in class to grades 5, 6 and 7, and there was also a talk for parents in the evening. We also had Rob Williams of Exceed Athletic come to one of our PAC meetings to talk to us about health habits for kids. Next year we have booked Terry Small to present at Canyon Heights in October. This will be a talk for parents and children, and he will help us understand how the brain works and how we can use this to help our kids study and succeed in school.

Class Representatives:

We would like to thank the dedicated team of Class Reps who have assisted the PAC this year and provided a communication channel to all parents. Your assistance in organizing volunteers over the year from your class - whether it was for preparing dishes for the staff luncheon or requesting volunteer drivers – was greatly appreciated.

Farewells:

A number of families will be leaving us this year. Thank you for all you and your children gave to the school and the hours of support, driving for field trips and volunteering which make our school such a great place to be.

Many parents have supported the school but we would like to pay particular thanks to those who have been part of the PAC Executive Committee or taken a leadership role for one of the many PAC initiatives this year and are leaving to pursue new projects:

- Wendy Young and Karen Nordquist have put many hours of work into the hot lunch program, and they did an excellent job. A few months ago they started working with Velda Williams and the fundraising team who have taken this responsibility on and will be managing the program next year.
- Some members of our social committee will not be continuing in their roles - Marnie Carsky, Barb McLean, Leigh Lee and Yasmeen Van Bylandt did a wonderful job of coordinating our social events this year.
- Karen Nordquist and Michelle Tice are not planning to return to the School Planning Council next year, but the work they did this year to provide input to the school plan was appreciated very much.

We would like to thank all the staff at Canyon Heights, in particular the administrative staff

that support the PAC and answer our many questions:

- Mrs. Howick and Mrs. Lawson – we have enjoyed working with you this year in your new roles as Principal and Vice Principal. Thank you for your constant support and for always coming to our PAC meetings to give us an update on what's happening at the school.
- Mrs. Anderson and the office staff – thank you for always being there to help us!

Finally, thank you to all the children, parents, family, friends and neighbors who help to make Canyon Heights such a wonderful place for our children to come to school!

**Michelle Wruck and Kulvir Mann
Canyon Heights PAC Co-Chairs 2013-2014**

7. PAC Executive Election Results:

By a unanimous vote the following executive positions were filled:

1. Co Chair – Kulvir Mann
2. Treasurer – Nancy Adie-MacKay and Marnie Carsky
3. Social Team – Kelly Brooks and Kyla Maaker
4. Parent Education – Joyce Johner and Lorna Williams

*****Note:** the Secretary Role was not filled and is still vacant

The following 2 roles were voted on by a Secret Ballot:

1. DPAC Representatives – Nana Collett & Sue Bilbey
2. SPC – School Planning Council – Sara Sutcliffe, John Lee and Alice Tao

PAC would like to thank Susannah Howick and Anne Lawson with assisting us to count the secret ballots for the DPAC and SPC positions. The ballots were unanimously voted to be destroyed at the end of the election.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

Next PAC Meeting will be on Monday September 8th, 2014 @ 7:00pm in School Library.

