

Seycove PAC Meeting: May 10, 2016

Attending:

Executive Council: Daniel Dandar, Laura Wallace, Linda Castagna, Debbie Adams, Birte Hunter, Josie Hughes, Lindsay Witham, Jenny Cleary,

Members-at-Large: Lissa Calderwood, Sam Barker, Langton Lynn, Mag Caron, Ngaire Roberts, Margaret Drewlo, Leah Hickson, Suzanne Siemens, Andrea Musselman, Karen Bradshaw

School Staff and Administration: Principal Mark James, Darcy Grant

Meeting chaired by Linda Castagna and called to order at 7:00 pm

Athletics:

PAC meeting begins with a greeting from Darcy Grant, Seycove's Athletic Director. Mr Grant shares the position with Geoff Russell and together they "have been working hard to improve the school's sport culture, the expectations of our athletic program and the level of competition for all teams at every grade level." Mr Grant & Mr Russell go on to express thanks in their letter to PAC for funding towards uniform replacement and detail their research on replacing equipment in the weight room, which they have described as an area of need.

Mr Grant gave PAC a tour of the gym and recent improvements. PAC also toured the cardio room and then the weight room. Mr Grant points out the need for complete replacement of broken weight equipment.

After the tour Mr Grant describes the weight room as a priority, but in future a score clock would be very useful for all indoor sports, at a cost of app.\$16K. The Athletic department has a phase 1 estimate of \$5K for weight equipment and will itemize a list for review. A total makeover for weight room is estimated at \$8-10K. These requests will be reviewed at the start of the next school year as minimal funds are available for distribution at this time.

Recent funding from PAC will outfit girls' volleyball for gr. 8,9 & 10. Also, senior boys soccer & girls' field hockey jerseys and skirts. Future uniform priorities will be cross country/track and gr 10 boys basketball. (Note: there was a question about the gr 10 boys basketball team wearing girls uniforms, so this prioritization addresses that issue.)

Student/Grad Council :

Trevor Castagna: Current Grade 12 activities include valedictory voting, tickets for grad banquet and boat ride, Grad ceremony/yearbook related write ups and photos, Rafting (dry after-grad), "Capes and Crowns" breakfast and fashion show at school, and Exit interviews. Students needing financial assistance for grad events can see Mr Grant.

Dry-grad: Rafting trip and BBQ organizing are under way, with deposit in place, and just needing a couple more volunteers.

DPAC : Birte Hunter attended meeting on April 27th. Presentations from Vancouver Coastal Health on topics of mental health and school community. Our car culture makes it necessary for people to make extra effort to stay active. Outdoor movement and activity encourages better health and communication for at risk teens. Adult/teen relationships and substance abuse issues discussed. Birte mentions the need for a new PAC member to step in as DPAC rep next year.

Seycove Auction: Jenny Cleary reports on \$30K proceeds from yearly fundraiser. Buying beer in bottles instead of a keg made for easier clean up.

Financials : Dan Dandar presents as draft, April 30th, financials; final financials will be ready for next PAC meeting. RBC clean up proceeds of \$1,500 will be added. Birte offered to organize yearly teacher's appreciation lunch.

Motion: Mag/Lindsay "to provide \$1,100 for the staff appreciation lunch". Carried.

Transportation : Seycove bus incurred \$12K in repairs. Up to now, NVSD has paid for repairs but school was asked to cover this invoice. Discussion about whether and how much of cost to cover from PAC Transportation Fund.

Motion: Dan/Jenny "to contribute \$9,000 from Transportation Fund to school towards recent bus repair invoice." Carried

Principal's Report :

School calendar: planning underway and PAC support required for alterations to the approved District timetable.

Motion: Jenny/Laura "to support school administration request for timetable alterations for CLASS activities, Exit interviews, and six staff collaboration days*" 10 in favour, 3 opposed, 4 abstain. Carried.

* Staff collaboration days are late-start Wednesdays for students and 80 minute collaboration blocks for the staff, including Education Assistants. District calendar for 2016/17 assumes four days, while 2015/16 had six.

Other:

- Mr James remarks on largest grade moving into grad year next fall (140 students). International student count will be 95. Slight teacher surplus, but needs of school will likely even this out.
- New add-on to food program sees a partnership with Save-On Foods and NVSD that started last week.
- A fun, all-grade student VS teacher hockey game took place at Winter Club which students won handily. Thanks to Mr Muter for suggesting and arranging.
- Mr James planning his speech to Grade 12s, which follows that of valedictorian and other dignitaries.

AGM : June 14th, PAC needs to give members two weeks notice. Jenny will chair. Linda and Dan will ensure compliance with by-laws.

Minutes : Motion: Lindsay/Josie “to approve April PAC meeting minutes as circulated.” Carried

RBC Clean -up : Lindsay successfully organized a clean up group, including assistance from District who took away the debris. Outdoor bush area around Seycove cleaned up. Pictures of clean up crew show young helpers. Proceeds of \$1,500 will be added to PAC financials. Thank you Lindsay! To be repeated next year, focussing on an indoor area.