# **Seycove PAC Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 18 February 2025 **Time Start:** 7:00 pm **Location:** Library

Members in attendance: Kim Tattrie (Treasurer), Julia Wagner (Secretary), Kara Guedes (DPAC Rep), Wendy Kennedy (Member at Large), Mandy Young (Family of Schools Rep), Meghan Downie (Principal), Paul Ruben (Vice-Principal)

**Regrets:** Lisa Stewart (President), Carla Cove (Vice President)

Agenda Item	Speaker	Discussion	Action Items
Acknowledgment & Announcements	Mandy Y.	We are situated today on the unceded and traditional territories of the Squamish (Skwxwú7mesh), Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəẏəm) and Tsleil-Waututh (səlílwətaʔɬ) First Nations. Reflection on personal ancestry.	
Introductions	n/a		
Approval of	Julia W.		
Agenda	Mandy Y.		
Approval of	Kara G.	Available on Seycove PAC webpage:	
Minutes	Kim T.	https://www.sd44.ca/school/seycove/Parents/pacschoolanddistrict/pacminutes/Pages/default.aspx#/=	
Principal's report	Ms. Downie, Mr. Ruben	-Seycove Turtle Island Legacy Project 2025: Revitalization Project: Honouring the Land & Revitalizing Our Space:Goal \$2500 raised by March 14th, 2025: \$610 raised so farDescription and updates included in school newsletter and available on <a href="mailto:school/webpage">school/webpage</a> : <a href="https://www.sd44.ca/school/seycove/About/TurtleIsland/Pages/default.aspx#/=">https://www.sd44.ca/school/seycove/About/TurtleIsland/Pages/default.aspx#/=</a> Suggestion to send email to school community on Friday when not sending newsletter	-PAC to post Turtle Island webpage link on Seycove Parents facebook page

- -- Coast Salish Nursery enthusiastic to work with school and students.
- --Green Club and Environmental Science class want to help with revitalization.

# -Music Program updates:

- --Mr. Barnes has returned to teaching after parental leave.
- --Mr. Barnes and Mr. Najjar preparing for upcoming concerts as well as music trip in April.
- --Jazz in the Box performed singing Valentines as fundraiser.

## -School Planning:

- -- Next meeting April 23
- --Draft values feedback: staff will complete a feedback form at next collaboration meeting; Mr. Hughes to visit classes to obtain student feedback.
- -Staff and student feedback will then be incorporated to finalize values statement and a communication plan will be developed.

#### -Ski Team:

- --Heading to Provincials in Quesnel (Feb 23-26): only school in Province to field in all four teams (boys/girls ski and snowboard).
- --Excellent team spirit: at Zones in Whistler only team with cheering section.

#### -Basketball:

- --Shout out to Mr. Cardle for refereeing many basketball games when officials don't show.
- --Senior Boys ranked as high as 3<sup>rd</sup> in province.
- --Jr Girls basketball won against  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  ranked Argyle team.

## -Rugby:

- -- Team started last year, still in building phase.
- --Will play exhibition games again this year to build experience, with aim to participate fully in league next year.

		-Coaches: sports rely on parent and community coaches; many Grade 7 parents have voiced interest in coaching.  -Volleyball:\$3000 fundraising target for Sr Girls uniforms and two referee stands and padding: \$835 raised by Dana Passchier, \$500 from PAC, \$335 from a Seycove family and \$335 from community.	
Treasurer's Report	Kim T.	Very little activity in accounts since November.  -Gaming Account still to be reviewed:Cheque for HopeU from Gaming Account to give to Ms.Downie tonightReceived school wishlist for PAC Gaming Account: tabled until next meeting; Kim to review and Ms. Downie to confirm priorities with Maureen Dawe.  -Grad Ceremony fees:PAC paid for Centennial Theatre grad ceremony rental last school year, which allowed school to spend funds on a speakerDiscussion about raising grad fees to cover Theatre rental for grad ceremony:Prior to last year, ceremony was held in Seycove gym but very uncomfortable especially in heat waveMajority of families polled last year voted to have ceremony at CentenniaOther schools charge fee for ceremonyBursary could be available from school for families who need assistanceSuggestion to add "Student-led Initiatives" line to budget.	-Gaming Account school wishlist: Kim T. to review gaming account and Ms. Downie to confirm priorities with Maureen Dawe  -Kim T. to add "Student-led initiatives" to budget.

DPAC Report	Kara G.	-Mandy attended NVPAC meeting.	
		-NVPAC recruiting committee members:	
		Disability Advisory Committee - North Vancouver Parent Advisory	
		Council (NVPAC): http://www.northvanpac.org/disability-advisory-	
		<u>committee.html</u>	
		Anti-Racism Advisory Committee - North Vancouver Parent Advisory	
		Council (NVPAC): http://www.northvanpac.org/anti-racism-advisory-	
		<u>committee.html</u>	
		-NVSD 2024/26 calendar input period has now closed.	
		-BC Office of the Ombudsperson undertaking investigation into	
		students being excluded from learning; more details and	
		questionnaire for affected families available online:	
		https://bcombudsperson.ca/school-exclusion	
		-Gaming Grant Eligible Expenses: The current 2024 PAC & DPAC	
		Program Guidelines will expire in March 2025 and were written	
		when the 2024 Conference & AGM were being held in	
		Richmond. The Community Gaming Grants Program (CGGP) will	
		issue the updated 2025 guidelines (effective April 2025 – March	
		2026) within the next few weeks, which will include amended	
		language regarding the eligible use of funds for conference fees,	
		travel and accommodation. Consider <u>subscribing for CGGP news</u>	
		<u>updates</u> to be notified when the updated guidelines are published.	
		-BCCPAC Conference (May 23- open to all parents/caregivers) and	
		AGM (May 24&25) at UNBC Prince George and online:	
		https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/conference-agm	
		-Next NVPAC meeting: Wednesday February 26	
Family of Schools	Mandy Y.	-Approval of safety crosswalk guards for elementary schools: SD44	
		has budgeted \$54,000 annual salary per guard.	

		<ul> <li>-Parent concern about staff member who was suspended for two months due to professional misconduct now returning to work (not to original school); Superintendent has been looped into conversations.</li> <li>-FoS meeting cancelled again so document created for FoS representative to share updates for future.</li> </ul>	
Social Media, Website and Fundraising Updates	Kim T.	-Auction:Planning meeting was held last week; request for more advance notice for next meetingFacilities bookedVolunteer recruitment critical:Leadership roles need to be filled: Acquisitions, Sponsorship, Bar manager; if no volunteers then may need to hire for leadership positionsEvent day hands-on volunteers also neededNeed to spread the word, promo materials coming soonRequest for descriptions of roles and responsibilities, including estimated time commitmentLisa S. working on décorAuction will likely be online for ca. one month preceding event, winners announced event nightFood: appetizers throughout evening rather than full mealCommunications:Mandy Y. can share via Family of Schools WhatsApp group and ask members to share via their channelsKara G. can share on NVPAC facebook pageEmail from school: Ms. Downie to check policy about school	-All to share request for Auction volunteers.  -Mandy Y. to share Auction volunteer recruitment requests Family of Schools WhatsApp group.
		sending PAC emailsPlanning team may approach School District: auction is largest single event fundraiser in SD44Request for event rentals connections: Lonsdale Event Rentals no longer operating: owned by Seycove FoS parents and in past gave significant discount (i.e. charged less than half of \$8000 of rental costs).	-Kara G. to share Auction communications on NVPAC facebook pageMs. Downie to check policy about school sending PAC emails.

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 7pm in Library			
Adjourned	Approx: 8:07pm		
New Business	None.		
	-TruEarth Fundraiser: suggestion to advertise this Canadian owned business fundraiser	-Kim T. to forward TruEarth promo information from gmail account to Lisa S. to post on Seycove Parents facebook page	
	No date for ticket sales yet.	rentals connections.	
	Need tables, chairs, drapes, flatwear, dishes.	-All to share request for event	

In Attendance: Patricia H.