

Seycove PAC Meeting March 8, 2016
7:00 PM Seycove Library

Attending ; Daniel Dandar, Laura Wallace, Lindsay Witham, Lisa Calderwood, Sam Barker, Karina Hvid, Roxy Campbell, Debbie Adams, Birte Hunter, Josie Hughes, Mark James, Jenny Cleary

Lindsay Witham as chair, starts meeting at 7pm

Approval of minutes from February, Dan motions, Laura seconds, all for.

Treasurer's Report. Only change in statement is payment made to school board.

Seycove proceeds not tallied yet.

Principal's Report; On the return trip from March 3rd's provincial ski racing event in Fernie, the **Seycove bus** carrying the school ski team broke down. Repairs are estimated at 7 k; mechanical problem related to fuel pump. Discussion about using the transportation funds for this expense or would district cover the bill. The 2009 vehicle's mileage is only 55K, is warranty still viable? Group discussion around a small user fee (toonie) possibly established to supplement maintenance or would that inhibit contributions made at outset of school year.

Mr James shared details of the recent staff meeting highlighted with "Seycove Celebrates". Performances by senior basketball, both girls and boys, as well as the ski team were commended. New staff members were welcomed. On curriculum day teachers looked over new curriculum; challenges and needs of teachers were shared and discussed.

Engagement Survey was reviewed. This survey that provides grade by grade results of questions posed about social engagement, connection, and school valuation.

Scheduling adjustments were discussed with reference to allowing for advisory time slots throughout the weekly class schedule.

End of year Grad trip This non school sanctioned event is in planning stages; fund raising efforts have yet to be announced. Approximate cost per student is \$220 plus fees. Money includes twelve adult chaperones, extra parents wishing to attend will need to cover their own costs. Next grad meeting is April 20. PAC will invite a member of grad and student council to bring updates next month on all matters related to grad.

Seycove Auction 2016 The March 5th annual event has concluded. The "Aloha Beach Party" themed event succeeded with the help of many volunteers. Returns are being calculated. Jenny Cleary estimates the proceeds to be similar to last year's 40k profit. Clean up efforts went more smoothly thanks to additional student volunteers on Sunday plus Ray and Chris; our regular school custodians.

DPAC Birte attended the Jan 26th meeting which featured a new curriculum forum. Teachers, principals and BCPAC made a presentation to an audience of parents. A brief history of PAC throughout BC was presented. The AGM will be held in Kelowna this year on April 20th. Info available at BCCPAC | BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

Presentations from local schools focussing on systems for sharing information; Larsen School PAC communicates through social media. Cleveland Elementary has a specific person providing 'Parent Services' to new parents to the school especially K parents.

Other business Executive positions such as president and secretary still aren't fully occupied other than a rotation of members filling in month by month.

Lindsay Witham will apply for permit to allow for exterior clean up by volunteers. RBC has a clean up program which awards schools with grants for such efforts. North Vancouver School district has announced a new superintendent effective July 1st 2016; Mark Pearmain.

Meeting adjourned 8:30. Next meeting April 12 / 7pm.