

Seycove PAC Meeting: December 8, 2015

Meeting called to order 7:35pm

Birte Hunter is Chairing in absence of PAC President

Attending: Daniel Dandar, Laura Wallace, Linda Castagna, Debbie Adams, Birte Hunter, Magali Caron, Roxy Campbell, Josie Hughes, Principal Mark James.

Motion to approve November minutes: Birte Hunter, second Laura Wallace. Carried

#### Student Council/Grad Council

Nothing to report

#### Positions

Positions remain open on PAC Executive, but PAC responsibilities currently being carried out by Executive Committee.

#### Treasures Report: Dan Dandar

Financial position reviewed and published in earlier e-mail to all school families. As indicated in published memo a motion will be put forth by PAC to reallocate designated funds (see below).

Discussion around accumulated transportation fund; this has been in place to support the school's vehicles, namely maintenance, insurance and future replacement. The existence of vehicles for exclusive use by Seycove is convenient but in the long term it may be more practical to follow the model more typical of other schools which is to make rental transportation arrangements as needed. In future, funds still in place may offset the per user cost of alternate transportation costs for teams and academies. Consider getting away from practice of using PAC money for long term funding and future capital costs.

Large project fund has been established and has been established and will continue gym improvements. Past years have seen PAC money used for basketball winches; wall cladding and will soon provide new padding. Bleachers have been a point of discussion but the expense of replacement will continue to be deferred as a large project and the possibility exists that the school district may at some future point be involved in replacement.

**Motion:** By Birte Hunter to move \$17k from the transportation fund balance to General funds, leaving a remaining balance of \$23k held in the Transportation fund. Second by Dan Dandar. Carried

**Motion:** By Birte Hunter to approve a total of \$27k in spending from General funds (of which \$3.5K from large project) and \$18K from Gamin funds as detailed in the accompanying schedule of requests, leaving a remaining balance of \$34K held in total funds. Second by Dan Dandar. Carried.

Principal's report: Mark James

Boat Cruise for Grads went very well. Was impressed with the crowd.

Report Card Differences this year: Grade 8 and 9's will see letter grades only. This change is in alignment with the BC Ministry of Education grading guidelines. Cumulative grading will be the practice for the whole school. Tracking a student's progress will be calculated by looking at report cards cumulatively over the year.

DPAC Report: Birte Hunter

On Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> attended a presentation from Distributed Learning. DL's beginnings, expanded course offerings and philosophy were very interesting and a pilot project is underway with some classes offered at elementary levels. One parent of a grade 7 student mentions her son's math online course as a huge success.

Other Business:

Debbie Adams has researched and arranged a presentation by Brittany Palmer for Jan 14 tentatively Titled 'Finding Hidden Money for Scholarships' Ms. Palmer is well regarded as a great source of information for parents and students. Venue is possibly the cafeteria, details to be published in an e-mail to school population. Information to go out before Christmas.

Motion by Birte for PAC to pay \$400 for the presentation. Second by Dan. Carried

Next PAC meeting Jan 12/2016. Linda will Chair. February meeting moved to Feb. 16y due to Family Day Holiday. Josie will Chair.

Meeting adjourned 9:15pm.