

**PAC Meeting  
January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – 6:30pm**

**In Attendance:** Nota Spencer, Jennifer Woudstra, Patti Parsons, Harinder Parmar, Leanne Johnson, Ross Powell.

Meeting called to order at 6:44 pm

Many other parents joined the meeting at 7:00pm for the general meeting.

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- **Mail, announcements:** None

**Reports:**

**PAC Chair Report:** *Jennifer Woudstra*

- Reviewed rules of decorum for the general meeting. Only items on the agenda to be discussed. New items to be discussed if time permits or will be put on next meeting's agenda.
- Reported on special project ideas (school laminators, E-readers, computer updates)
  1. The district has updated software on the computers, but no hardware. Sperling does not have anything in their budget for computer updates. They would like flat screen monitors for the computer lab (uses less space). There is a new printer for the intermediate wing on order and they would like one for the primary wing as well (maybe next year).
  2. Laminator – This was on the teacher wish list. There is a package for \$1629 for a Sircle Eclipse 27 inch roll laminator c/w four rolls of 1.5 mil film and a heavy duty laminator work station. The individual rolls (500 feet) cost \$26.99 each. Maintaining the film could get costly depending on how much usage there is. Karen to determine if she could supply extra rolls as needed and if there is room for the work station.
  3. E-readers – There is no district support.
  4. LCD projectors – No divisions have these projectors in the classrooms. There is one LCD projector in the school that is used for assemblies or in individual classrooms as needed.
  5. Playground/Swing set – Various companies can provide quotes and have requested some pamphlets from companies. For installation – we decide on a company, the district creates a purchase order (for warranty purposes), have a site meeting with SD maintenance and company to formulate plan for layout & installation.
- Sport Boxes – Daisy Leung to update the sports boxes. They are in need of many items.
- Indoor Activity Boxes – Susan Crossley created these for each classroom. The cost was \$1200.45 and included such items as Monopoly, bingo, Connect 4, decks of cards. Each classroom has approximately six age appropriate games. Master list is in the white binder. Thank you Susan – completed very quickly.

**Principal's Report:** *Karen Floyd*

- Mme Bilton joined us this evening.
- Thanked given for the indoor activity boxes.
- Hycrest parking update & new sidewalk. Design in process. Not sure of timeline.
- Intermediate skiing – 123 students participating (Whistler/Blackcomb). Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Foundation Skills Assessment for grades 4 & 7 will occur this year despite job action.

The [Foundation Skills Assessment](#) is an annual province-wide assessment of British Columbia students' academic skills, and provides a snapshot of how well BC students are learning foundation skills in Reading Comprehension, Writing, and Numeracy.

The main purpose of the assessment is to help the province, school districts, schools and school planning councils evaluate how well students are achieving basic skills, and make plans to improve student achievement. FSA is designed and developed by British Columbia educators. The skills assessed are linked to the provincial curriculum and provincial [performance standards](#)

More info can be found at <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/>

- Kindergarten registration starts February 1<sup>st</sup>. Families can either pick up or download information package from the school district website at [www.sd41.bc.ca](http://www.sd41.bc.ca).
- Indoor Gym Night this Friday January 13th.
- Mad Science coming at end of January. First class already full, so wait listing children. However likely to open another depending on classroom availability.
- First lock down drill held today. Lisa Hall inquired about bathroom use during a potential event. Karen to look into this further.

**Canadian Parents for French Report:** *Patti Parsons*

- Burnaby chapter has collapsed.
- Patti has asked to step down from this position, as anyone participating now will have to participate at board level and meet twice a month.
- Jennifer to repost position and this is likely a good position to have two representatives. (One to attend CPF meeting and one for PAC).

**DPAC:** *Harinder Parmar*, Update from December meeting,

- Bullying was one of the topics covered during the meeting.
- Introduced new council.
- Kids' mental health issues are on the rise.
- Alternatives for Smart Boards
- Conference in May – AGM.
- Union reps talked about job action. Communicated that teachers are accessible – not shut out.
- Next meeting January 30<sup>th</sup> and more information can be found at <http://burnabydpac.com/>

**Misc Reports:**

- Lisa Hall – Presented information about holding a family photo night as a PAC fundraiser. Money raised from sitting fee is strictly funds for PAC. Would include a free 8x10 – no purchase necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Next PAC meeting dates:

Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Executive 7:00pm

Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – General 7:00pm

Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – AGM, General 7:00pm

*May – none*

Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup> – 2012-2013 planning meeting, Executive 7:00pm