

Agenda  
Sperling PAC Executive Meeting  
December 17, 2004  
1pm – 2:30 pm

**A Very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a Safe  
and Happy Holiday to Everyone**

**Announcements**

Congratulations and thank you to Carolyn Sluis for her work in getting the walking sidewalk underway.

The PAC thanks Veronica Tsang, Karen Hum, Yvonne Chand and the many volunteers who helped make Christmas crafts a success.

An updated PAC Classroom Parent Rep list is attached.

The next Hot Lunch will be Wednesday January 19, 2005.

The Coalition of Community Agencies is featuring a presentation by Dr. Gordon Neufeld on January 11, 2005 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Michael J. Fox Theatre. The goal of the evening is to show support for parents, identify community resources and link parents and resources. Dr. Neufeld is a Vancouver-based developmental psychologist and co-author of the book “How to hold on to your kids: why parents matter”. He will be speaking about the importance of the attachment between parent and child. The cost is \$5.00/person (cash at the door). Parents need to register by January 7, 2005. Please phone the Burnaby Family Life Institute at 604-659-2200.

The Educacentre is offering French for Parents Workshops in January at Educacentre on Laurel St and Ecole Anne-Hebert. For information and registration 1-866-266-6613 or [frenchforparents@educacentre.com](mailto:frenchforparents@educacentre.com)

There will be a meeting on December 14 at the School Board office to discuss the revised long-term plan for FI in Burnaby. Elena Hutchinson will be giving a 10 minute presentation at the meeting.

**For Discussion**

**Sports Boxes – JR Westgate & Karen Hum**

An update on the sports equipment

**Computers – JR Westgate**

An update on the response from letters regarding software sent to teachers.

**Budget – Bettina Charpentier**

We have received \$177.76 from DPAC that may be used for parent education, parent communication, parent support and recognition, parent committee operations.

**Peer Mediator Identification – Wanda Pierson**

Mr. Costain has asked if we could purchase fleece vests for our peer mediators. The nametags students wear are not working to identify the mediators. If we cannot afford fleece vests, he wondered about some type of T-shirt. What are your thoughts on this?

**Comfort Kits – Luba Banuke**

It is time to update our emergency baskets in the classrooms. Should we consider having the children bring a comfort kit from home containing a letter and a photograph and small comfort item to include in the box. Other schools are taking this measure to help students as they wait for parents to come. Thoughts and ideas?

**Request from Burnaby North – Wanda Pierson**

The parents of the Grade 12 graduating class of 2005 are assisting in the organization of a “Dry Grad”. They are asking for donations from all Burnaby North feeder schools. Would we like to send in a donation?

**Writing Workshop – Wanda Pierson & Karen Dalla-Tina**

Karen has received information from Bev regarding the cost. It is suggested that the cost for 30 children would be \$1600 providing a teacher is also present to assist Bev Rempel.

**Parking and Safety Committee – Carolyn Sluis**

An update on the walking sidewalk project.

**SPC Report –****DPAC Report – Barbara Kristos****Web Report – Tony Wong**

There is now a counter on the web page so that the number of “hits” may be monitored.

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