

PAC General Meeting
Minutes
Ecole Sperling School
Tuesday, January 17, 2006 6:30pm

In Attendance:	JR Westgate	Chair
	Iva Vincalek	Vice-Chair
	Wanda Pierson	Past Chair
	Luba Banuke	Principal
	Dena Domijan	Head Teacher
	Bettina Charpentier	Treasurer
	Moira Rockwell	Secretary
	Trish Alsop	Speakers
	Carolyn Sluis	Co-Chair Parking and Safety
	Ruby Chow	Lice Control
	Helen McDougall	
	Barry Pointon	
	Azita Saraf	
	Micheline Kamber	
	Sonya Scalione	
	Agnes Fejer	
Rim Slim		

Regrets	Sheri Evans	Co-Chair Parking and Safety
	Ross Powell	Fundraising: Parent Donation
		Emergency Preparedness
	Tony Wong	Web Page Designer
	Yvonne Chand	Hot Lunch
	Karen Hum	Hot Lunch
	Veronica Tsang	Christmas Crafts
	Rob Sawyer	Emergency Preparedness
	Carol Cosco	SPC
	Karen Dalla Tina	CPF
	Amanda Ashton	SPC
	Maureen Mah	YES
	Pat Ratcliffe	Member at Large

Call to Order

JR called meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Announcements

Thank-you to Iva for her work on a very successful skating party, there was an excellent turnout. It appears January maybe a better month to hold future PAC skating party's.

PAC Committee would like to thank previous Fundraising Chair for their commitment to this position. PAC Executive is in need of a Fundraising Chair ASAP. Anyone interested in this position, please contact JR Westgate or Iva Vincalek. Contact information available at the school office.

Monthly School Events Calendars are posted at the end of each month of the Web site and a hard copy is sent home with the eldest student from each family.

Issue regarding MJM Studios School Photo Contract was discussed. Many parents are dissatisfied with the photographs. JR Westgate will call MJM Studios to cancel our contract. Carolyn Sluis will contact Life Touch Photography.

School calendars will try to include monthly assembly.

The next PAC General Meeting will be held on March 21, 2006.

JR will check with School Nurse regarding hand washing signs.

Fraser Health Program – Hand Washing for Grade 2's.

Principal's Report

The Provincial Government has recently released funding in the sum of \$17,550.00.

As of January 10, 2006 Learning Resources order has been submitted.

Additional funding of \$50.00 per student for grades 1 through 7 and a reduced sum for Kindergarten students based on their part-time status will be received. This sum must be allocated by the end of the week.

Teachers submitted the following suggestions.

Dictionaries

Novels (French and English)

Social Studies Books

Reaching Readers – Non-Fiction Material

Reading Materials (French)

Software – Learning Assistance

Home Reading Program (English and French Primary)

Inventory for learning resources in conjunction with Language Arts has been completed. Ecole Sperling is in a great position. It was stated that we are well equipped for reading materials. Math and Science materials will be paid for by the district. We are in a good position regarding Social Studies material for both English and French. Atlases and Teacher Guides will be purchased. Money must be spent by March 31, 2006.

For more details see Ecole Sperling School – Learning Resources document for a full listing of materials to be purchased.

School Goals

Mathematical Language – arriving to find more than one solution to a problem
Social Responsibility – Inclusion of students within the school and their communities.

Motions

Proposal put forward to transfer funds from purchasing dictionaries, encyclopaedias and curriculum support items to consider purchasing Digital Projector and Laptop. **MOTION:** by Wanda Pierson. **SECONDED:** by Iva Vincalek. **MOTION: PASSED.**

Head Teachers Report

Grade 7 Kangaroo 2Y6 Jackets have arrived.
Skiing program is underway
Skating program is underway
Young People concert on Monday

Treasurers Report

Bettina Charpentier stated in her financial report a net sum of \$5,400.00 was raised from Parent Donations. This was well over the targeted goal of \$4,000.00. Well done Ross and Sheri for a successful event.

Computer upgrade Program cost came in @ approximately \$8,400.00. This works out to approximately \$701.00 per computer.

Refrigerator for the gymnasium kitchen has been purchased for the sum of \$506.00. Purchase has been made through the School District and they will fully maintain it.

Parking and Safety

Carolyn Sluis stated that the Parking and Safety committee is in urgent need of more parent volunteers for the Walking Sidewalk Program.

Presentations and Speakers

Parenting Session hosted by Gordon Neufeld at Burnaby North Secondary will take place on January 19 and February 3, 2006. More information is available on the Ecole Sperling Website.

Support our Kids and Teachers

Burnaby Family Life Institute –Hosted by Fran Kammermayer will take place on Thursday February 2, 2006 at 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Cost per person is \$12.00 and \$15.00 per family.

Burnaby School District Learning Support Services Department presents “Calm Down... No! Wake Up !!!” with Cris Rowan on Friday, February 24, 2006 at Schou Education Centre, 4041 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC at 5:30 – 8:30pm.

To Register: Call Schou Education Centre, 604-664-8416

Workshop #02.13 – There is no charge for this event

Saleema Noon

May 16, 2006 – Parents only (6:30pm – AGM to follow)

May 17, 2006 – Children with their parents at 6:30pm

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.