

Minutes
Sperling PAC Meeting
April 12, 2007
Meeting called to order 6:35 p.m.

In Attendance:

Wanda Pierson	Chair
Claudette Angers	Principal
Bettina Charpentier	Treasurer
Micheline Kamber	CPF
Ross Powell	Emergency Prep
Tony Wong	Web Page
Josie Young	Fundraising

Regrets:

Pat Ratcliffe	Vice Chair
Moira Rockwell	Speakers and Presenters
Kirk Rockwell	Media Relations
Trish Alsop	Secretary

Announcements

Many thanks to Josie Young for her excellent work organizing this years Millennium March. We raised approximately \$9000.00

Teacher Appreciation Day will be April 20, 2007. Invitations have been sent to teachers.

Sports Day will be June 15, 2007

Volunteer Appreciation Tea will be Friday June 8, 2007

No PAC Executive Meeting on May 10, 2007

Attachments

March Financial Pages

For Discussion

Millennium March

It was a very successful event raising approximately 9012.00. There was some concern raised by parents about the route, and children walking on Broadway. It was suggested that the route be changed so that younger children (primary) would walk along Adair, Cliff, Halifax and Sperling. Older children (intermediate) would walk/run the usual route. This would remove some of the congestion on Broadway where the sidewalk seem narrower and the traffic can be heavy and fast.

The importance of having enough volunteers to “man” each corner and other critical point was also discussed. Next year, Mme Anger will ensure there is advertisement in the school newsletter to encourage parents to come and participate in this event.

Budget

The March financial page was reviewed.

There is currently enough money in the budget to begin the library project.

The books for the new classroom were ordered approximately 2 months ago. Mme Angers will look into this expenditure as it still does not appear as a debit.

Josie will inform Bettina about the amount of money from the Millennium March requiring tax receipts so that this money can be transferred to the school account.

The application for next year’s gaming account money has been sent in and funds should arrive in September.

Money Management

The school is not a secure facility and it is important that large sums of money not be left in the building. Money must be counted on the date it is indicated as due and the money must be deposited into the bank the same day. It is the responsibility of the individuals organizing an event to be responsible for not only counting the money, but also for making the deposit.

For the Fun Fair Mme Anger has suggested that a counting crew be organized and several runs be made during the duration of the event to deposit money into the bank. Bettina also made mention that money from the raffle must be transferred to the Gaming Account.

School Photos

Individual photos have been taken. It is important that parents understand they are under no obligation to purchase these photos. Mme Anger will include a feedback form regarding the spring photos in the next newsletter. Some parents have already indicated that they would prefer to have photos taken only in the fall.

The panorama and school team photos have not yet been taken. There is currently an insurance issue regarding the panorama photos being resolved within the District. The panorama photo will be taken once the insurance issue has been settled.

Year End Grade 7 Events

There is \$500.00 in the budget for the parents’ event and the Grade 7 class trip. The Grade 7 parents organize the event for students and there is a discussion forum available on the website. The class trip is usually decided by the students. In the past they have gone to Playland and Cultus Lake Waterslides.

Sports Day

Karen Hum will be renting a BBQ grill and propane for sports day to BBQ hot dogs. The cost will be \$120 and Karen will pickup and return the grill to save the \$50.00 delivery cost. The cost of the grill should be recovered that day by the concession sales etc. The BBQ would be situated at the front of the school outside the gym kitchen doors

so it would not be in the way of the kids playing area. Karen will limit students to 2 hotdogs each. There may be a veggie or chicken dog option.

Sports Day will be "go" no matter the weather. There will be an inside plan if necessary.

Positions

Open positions for the 2007-2008 school year

Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary
Student Directory
SPC (1 position)
Treasurer
Sports Box Co-ordinator

The following individuals have agreed to stand in their current positions.

CPF rep	Micheline Kamber Sonya Scaglione Steve Meighan
Fundraising Co-ordinator	Josie Young (Parent Donation & Millennium March)
Hot Lunch	Karen Hum
Media Relations Co-ordinator And PAC Newsletter	Kirk Rockwell
Web Page	Tony Wong
Walking Sidewalk	Alice Yuan
Speakers and Presenters	Moiria Rockwell
Emergency Preparedness	Ross Powell
Christmas Craft Co-ordinator	Rene Lobozer
Head Lice Committee	Veronica Tsang
Yes Co-ordinator	Maureen Mah
School Supply Contact Person	Maureen Mah

And the unheard from group

DPC

SPC

Information about the open positions will be placed in both the school and PAC newsletter. Wanda will ask Tony to post on the website as well.

It will be important to advertise the next meeting in May in both the PAC and school newsletters.

A note will be placed in both newsletters regarding the change of PAC meetings to a minimum of 8 per year.

Fun Fair Update

Sonya Scaglione and Micheline Kamber will have displays of items that can be won during the book fair and student-led conference week. It was suggested that pictures of the larger items be used.

There have been several meetings and Mme Angers feels that the event is coming together well and will be highly successful.

Currently, there is no master list of organizations and companies that have been approached for donations. Micheline is trying to put one together. Tony Wong has graciously set up several Web discussion groups to aid in organizing the Fun Fair. These can be accessed by going to the PAC's web page (<http://sperlingpac.envista.ca/>) and clicking on the "discussion group" link by the Fun Fair text (next to Agnes' picture). Included is a "Planning-Donation Gathering" discussion group wherein parents can list the names of merchants they have approached for Fun Fair donations. This will prevent several parents from approaching the same merchants.. Micheline has been gathering information and to the best of her knowledge has posted the names of all merchants who have been approached.

Library Renovations

Mme Angers, Pat Ratcliffer, Vesna Kanjer and Wanda Pierson will be meeting on April 16 to discuss the library project. It is important to identify what the school board will allow us to do. It was felt by members of the PAC executive that we should not be purchasing lighting or carpeting, but that shelves or scatter carpets are appropriate. Mme Angers indicated that the school does have a budget of \$5000.00 for the purchase of desks, chairs etc., but that budget is quickly used purchasing necessary supplies.

School Supply Packages

“Teaching Things” is currently working on the teachers’ final supply list. Teachers will be able to review their package forms shortly. After this, “Teaching Things” will prepare the order forms for distribution to the parents. The date for return will be mid-May so as not to interfere with the Fun Fair. Parents who wish to opt into the school supply package after the deadline can do so directly through the company. Order forms and supply lists will also be included with the report card in June.

We will not be going with the agendas this year as it could not be translated into French on time. This will happen during the summer so that we can preview the French agenda next year.

Principal’s Report

Enrollment—the school is full. The population next year is anticipated to be 425 students.

Teacher Appreciation—the teachers are pleased that the teacher appreciation and volunteer tea have been separated into two events.

Dr. Millar a childrens’ anxiety specialist is speaking at Marborough on April 25 at 7 pm. Parents wishing to attend should call Mme Aungers.

Wish List—teachers are currently developing a wish list to provide some direction to PAC regarding the use of funds.

Internet safety—Mme Anger has recently attended a conference where one of the speakers spoke about internet safety. It was suggested that parents should go one myspace.com and set up an identity and enter a chat group for the experience. On-line bullying is a growing problem.

CPF Report

Mme Angers spoke about the high caliber of student participation and achievement at the recent Concours. All Burnaby schools except for Seaforth participated.

The next CPF meeting is April 19 at Seaforth. Claudio Morelli will be present to answer questions regarding a FI high school in North Burnaby.

Speakers

Maira has been working on booking Saleema Noon for an intermediate day next year.

Fruit and Vegetable Program

At this time it would seem that we were not accepted for the program.

Web Report

SPC Report

Mme Angers will place some information about the SPC in the next newsletter.

DPAC Report