

Sperling PAC General Meeting  
January 21, 2010  
(Final version January 23, 2010)

**In attendance**

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| Heather Marcotte-Chair                    | Bettina Carpentier-SPC       |
| Claudette Angers Sawyer-Principal         | Dena Domijan-Head Teacher    |
| Ross Powell-Emergency Preparedness        | Taco Niet-parent             |
| Sandy Lew-Co Treasurer                    | Tony Wong-Web page (minutes) |
| Kirby Lew-Traffic Safety/Walking Sidewalk |                              |
| Sandra Singh-DPAC                         | Regrets: Leanne Johnson      |

**Meeting called to order** at 6:40PM

**Approval of minutes**

Minutes of Nov 26, 2009 and December 3, 2009. Moved: Sandy, Seconded: Bettina. Approved

**Chair's report-Heather**

- Library open house tentatively week of Feb 15, 2010 (but is during the Olympics).
- Cancel February PAC meeting as it falls during Olympic Games. If an issue comes up, the PAC can discuss by email and vote by email.
- Consider holding some General PAC meetings during the day at 9AM to get more parents out.
- Have contacted the BCTF and have scheduled an Anti-bullying session at 7PM on February 16, 2010 and a session on Supporting Your Child's Learning on March 18, 2010, and April 15, 2010 on Raising Confident Boys and Girls. (Heather to send info to Tony for website)
- Plan an ongoing program or contest to draw more people to the PAC website – Tony to organize
- Christmas Bureau gift drive: Heather participated as a driver this year and was wondering if our school would be interested in doing it. Dena and Claudette advised the school does similar activities already
- Teacher Appreciation event: Veronica and Phyllis will be organizing it this year and would like to know if April is okay
- Heather will follow up with the City of Burnaby on why the Christmas Crafts event did not take place this year.

**Principal's Report: Claudette**

- Winter Concert was really successful
- School did a lock-down drill in December. There was one parent concerned that a lock-down drill is inappropriate in an elementary school.
- Ski day on Jan 22 and 29.
- Torch relay coming to vicinity of Sperling School

- Toonie drive to help Haiti: Donations will go to the Red Cross with matching federal funds.
- Kindergarten switch over is on Feb 1, 2010.
- In September 2010, Sperling will continue offering ½ day Kindergarten. By September 2011, all kindergartens will be full day K. Kindergarten enrolment numbers uncertain for next year, depends on what parents ultimately choose.
- Hand washing station in the portable has not worked out. Children using washroom in school.
- Claudette, Geneen and Heather attended *Rendez-vous* which is the information session for Kindergarten French Immersion parents, held at Cariboo School.

**Treasurer's Report. Sandy**

- Year to date surplus is \$827, however there are some outstanding invoices to pay so will be closer to target of \$500 surplus for year.
- ShopFund\$ netted \$922 year to date.
- Parent donations exceeded target by \$950.
- Expenses under budget by \$3,272 at the half way point through the school year.
- On track in the gaming account.
- Question about the HST and PAC. Need more info and clarity if PAC eligible for reduced rate.

**Traffic Safety. Kirby Lew**

- Would like to purchase a grocery cart to carry traffic cones
- Claudette will order some extra cones

**DPAC. Sandra Singh**

- Will be attending the next DPAC meeting

**SPC. Bettina**

- Will attend next SPC meeting Feb 15, 2010

**PAC Website. Tony**

- Steady but small number of visitors to the website
- Add promo material for BCTF presentations
- Mention that February meeting is cancelled

**Emergency Preparednes. Ross**

- Continue storing items previously in backpacks in kiosk
- Multiple teachers will have keys to kiosk
- Have had tarp stringing exercise in December, need to repeat exercise
- Continuing to stock up on emergency food and supplies in the kiosk
- Intention is to be self-sufficient for minimum of 3 days in catastrophic event

**Round Table**

Parent concerned about lock-down drill, messaging from the school, and ensuing playground chatter that left daughter traumatized. Parent would like to see more detailed procedures from the school district on how schools handle pre- and post-briefing of children when practising a lock-down and information on how/when/why these drills are appropriate. Would like to see more information going to parents. School representatives noted that school attempts to keep lock-down drill low-key so as to not raise children's anxiety. Lock-down drill is another drill along side fire drill and earthquake drill. School needs a method to keep children in the school building or classrooms in the event there is danger. The lock-down drill ensures children know what to do in the event there is danger. Suggestion that parent continue follow-up with School District.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM**

Next meeting is PAC Executive in March 18, 2010