

Sherwood Park PAC Minutes

Meeting date: January 24, 2018

In Attendance: Sanjeet Johal, Kelly Curry, Meredith Briden, Anna Morrison, Beth Rossiter, Natalie Lai, Sara Wilkinson, Gina Madeo, Chris Ricard, Sharon Boglari, Karmyn Turner

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Motion to approve the November 15, 2017 minutes made by Meredith Briden and seconded by Natalie Lai.

Principal's Report – Sanjeet Johal

- Introduced new Vice-Principal Kelly Curry. Kelly has been teaching for 22 years, and has worked as an elementary teacher, special educator, and clinical counsellor, most recently with the Argyle family of schools. She has 5 boys, between the ages of 14 and 27!
- Staff collaboration Day January 21: An occupational therapist will be talking to staff about how physical space affects students' self-regulation, and will provide tips on how to create classrooms and learning spaces that are conducive to self-regulation
- Athletics: There was not enough interest among Grade 6/7s to make up a volleyball team this year. However, we are running co-ed intramural volleyball at lunchtime, open to grades 5-7.
- iKid/iGirl/iGuy: These empowerment workshops are funded annually by the PAC.
 - Feb 7: iGuy/iGirl for Grade 4
 - Feb 8: iKid for Grade 2
 - After Spring: iGuy/iGirl for Grade 6/7
- Hip Hop: The popular hip hop program (funded by the PAC) will run Feb 19 to Feb 26, with a performance for parents on Feb 26 at the Seycove Gym at 7 pm.
- Outdoor School and Long House at Cheakamus Centre:
 - Grade 6 Outdoor School: Feb 13-16
 - Grade 4 Outdoor School: Feb 28-Mar 2
 - Grade 3 Long House: April 9-10
- Grade 7 transition to Seycove and Windsor has started.
- Report cards will be sent out March 9
- Student-led conferences: March 12 and March 15 (early dismissal at 2 pm on both those days). More information to be sent home via email closer to the dates.
- Card Project: Teachers are running a fundraiser for the school using students' artwork. Samples will be sent home April 6. Order deadline is April 18. Orders will be delivered May 4.

Upcoming events:

- Seycove Auction coming up on February 24. Tickets are on sale now (seycoveauction.org).
- Family Spring Dance Party at the Sherwood Park gym on March 9th.
- Carnival June 21

Traffic:

Traffic continues to be an issue at drop-off and pick-up, with many parents making illegal U-turns, parking in the drop-off zone or cul-de-sac, and not obey speed restrictions. These behaviours not only cause frustration for other drivers but are also unsafe.

A number of options were discussed, including:

- Soliciting parent volunteers to help move traffic along in the drop-off zones
- Starting a traffic safety club at the school (requires a parent volunteer)
- Placing cones in non-parking zones
- Publishing a map of the alternative drop-off locations (ie top of Roche Point Drive, Fairway Drive near the trail, Drive to 5 locations)

Thank you to those students and parents who volunteer for the school crossing guard program – this has been instrumental in helping to make our school environment safer.

Parent evenings:

The Screenagers screening offered by the NVPAC was sold out, and PAC discussed whether we should partner with our family of schools to pool our resources and offer parent information evenings once a term, perhaps using Seycove as a venue. A parent volunteer would be needed to liaise with the PACs at Dorothy Lynas, Cove Cliff, and Seycove. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please contact the PAC.

Suggested topics include:

- Aboriginal education
- Digital/media awareness
- Multi-cultural awareness
- Social/emotional learning
- Dealing with anxiety
- BoySmarts

Volunteers:

A couple of long-term volunteers are “aging out” of Sherwood Park and would like to create a succession plan to help train new volunteers in the following roles:

- Hot lunch co-ordinator
- Treasurer
- Carnival project manager

If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact the PAC.

Budget review:

There is currently \$53,655 in the PAC account, as of January 24, 2018.

Pancake Breakfast raised approx. \$1,850 for the Sherwood Park Care Fund to support families in need in our community.

Swings: Unfortunately, we have been unable to source an accessible swing or playground equipment for the budgeted amount of \$4,000. One bank of two regular swings is \$10,000 and a second bank of two more is an extra \$2,000. The 2016/17 grad class will also contribute approx. \$800.

A motion was raised to increase the total budget allocated for new swings from \$10,000 to \$12,500 in order to install two new regular banks of 2 swings each.

Proposed by: Meredith Briden / Seconded by: Natalie Lai

Motion was unanimously approved.

The idea of a parent work party was raised to help with installation of the borders and wood chips, however this is not allowed under the School District rules.

Sports Program: Each year PAC usually funds a sports program (in the past, this has included football, gymnastics, and tennis). There was no budget allocated this year due to the anticipated reduction in PAC funds due to the uncertainty around whether the Seycove Auction would go ahead. As the auction will now proceed and PAC can anticipate additional funds, a motion was raised to approve up to \$5,000 for a sports program to support Grades K-7.

Proposed: Meredith Briden / Seconded by: Anna Morrison

Motion was unanimously approved.

Mr Johal will consult with staff to determine the most appropriate program.

Beth Rossiter, who is the after-school programs co-ordinator, is investigating alternative outdoor programs through Mount Seymour and Deep Cove Kayak as potential future after-school offerings. Stay tuned!

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Next meeting: April 11 @ 7pm

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