

**Sherwood Park Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting
November 25, 2015
Draft Minutes for Approval**

In Attendance: Joe Campbell ,Anne Lawson, Meredith Briden, Sharon Boglari, Samantha Ball, Karmyn Turner, Gina Madeo, Marina Hartvik, Sarah Stark, Katrina Podmore

Item #	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items
1	Call to order & approve Oct minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. • Motion to adopt the May 27, 2015, moved by Marina, seconded by Gina. Motion carried. 	
2	Art Programs	<p><u>Guest speaker Megan Koch, North Vancouver Community Arts Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Vancouver Community Arts Council (http://www.nvartscouncil.ca/) is a charitable community arts and cultural organization proving the community with exhibition spaces, public & educational programs, community events and community partnerships. Familiar events include Art in the Garden, Art Crawl and Music in the Park. • The council also offers after school art programs and are interested in bringing the opportunity to Sherwood Park. They are currently running programs at Larson, Lynnmour & Ecole André Piolat. • Classes run from 3-5pm and registration fees include supplies and a snack. Classes are held in the school with instructors from the council and can be tailored to French/English. • Classes are affordable (\$125 for an 8 week session) and the registration is handled and coordinated by the Arts Council. • Registration is minimum of 4 /maximum of 12 per class. • Joe and Anne will work with the Arts council to arrange programming for the coming Winter session (Jan to Spring Break) • Information to go out to parents in newsletter or e-mail prior to Winter Break 	
3	Principal's/Vice Principal's Report	<p><u>Joe and Anne Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a new curriculum in place for all subjects K-12. It is a renewed approach at learning overall rather than to content. • Anne is excited about the curriculum changes. • We are leaving a knowledge based way of learning to bigger ideas of learning. Learning experiences will be richer. • Core Competencies are still in place (Critical thinking, Social responsibility and Communications) • There is a new computer information system in place for students. • Currently the implementation in Secondary schools is undergoing growing pains but the problems are not as bad at the elementary level. • New school planning system as well. Schools are no longer being told what to do but are able to develop on their own. • Joe is trying to weave more Aboriginal culture into Sherwood Park. We currently have good connections and an open relationship with the Band. 	

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3	Principal's/Vice Principal's Report Cont.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November/December in the school is very busy with activities. • The grade 6/7 students participated in the Seycove Remembrance Day performance. It is good for them to be able to see one of the high schools they may potentially attend. The high school productions are phenomenal and are good exposure to the opportunities offered at that level. • The Winter Concert is currently in rehearsal and the kids are working hard. • There is a shortage of swings in the playground at the school and they would like to look into the possibility of adding additional ones. Joe will look into and price out the options. 	
4	Budget Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karmyn noted that Trivia Night was a good success but with about half the attendance from last year. Profit was about \$2,000 which was \$500 less than last year. There were fewer sales for drinks. We are able to return any unopened alcohol with the exception of the cases of wine. Excess will be used as Thank You presents for staff over the year. • The Card Project was also successful and we have raised about \$1,300 so far and are hoping the final total will be closer to \$1,500. • Safe Teen has been presented to students. This was a budgeted for expense. Program included assertiveness training and self-defense for the girls and diffusing techniques for the boys (Don't over react, don't under react. Be solid, Be calm and Shut it down) • The technology plan in place with the current PAC is to outfit 2 classrooms per year with computers. This plan will need to be carried forward until all intermediate classrooms are complete. • The Rasmussen Group and Nesters at Dollarton Plaza are sponsoring another fundraiser with proceeds benefiting the PAC. The 'O Christmas Tree Jamboree' will be held on December 5th from 4-8pm • French and English K-3 classes all received new reading material this fall. The current material will become home reading books. Textbooks for the other grades are aging but Joe noted that they are not the resource they used to be. Teachers now use multiple sources for teaching resources such as online material. Many free textbooks are online as well, such as Jump Math. 	

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5	Seycove Auction Update	<p>Marina Hartvik gave an update on the 2016 auction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The auction is held annually and the proceeds provide funding for the 3 Seymour area elementary schools and Seycove. Funds are split for PAC use and scholarship funds. • This year's theme will be Hawaiian Beach Party. Food will be buffet style and the band will be the same as last year. Auction will be held on March 5, 2015 • Auction will be held at Seycove again, as it is more profitable than holding it at Parkgate Community Centre (No facility rental fee) • Attendance has been down from 600 to approx. 400 attendees over the last few years. • Currently a 275 table capacity last year but they are looking to expand that. The event sold out in 2 days last year. This year there will be a late entry option available for the dance only. Tickets are \$50 for dinner/dance or \$25 for the dance only. • The auction does have a committed group of volunteers as well as sponsor businesses but they are looking for more volunteers to take on small roles. Roles to include paperwork, e-mails, prize/auction acquisitions (there is a good list of past supporters as well as looking for new donors) 	
6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karmyn advised that the Sherwood Park school directory is still in the works but progress is slower than expected at the handwritten forms are difficult to read. Carolyn & Sam are editing and Karmyn is trying to get the PDF format out to parents by Friday (November 27th, 2015) • It was noted that class room reps still do not have current class lists and are having to rely on teachers. Is this something that the office staff can assist with? • There was a parent suggestion regarding students being able to promote themselves for babysitting & yard work etc. Joe noted that while this idea is great community building there is a fine balance of safety and ethics to consider. It was suggested that this opportunity could be possibly communicated thru the class reps, shared at a PAC meeting or even a 'Meet the Sitter' night at the school. • Grade 7's are decorating one of the trees at Parkgate. Samantha Ball is coordinating this. • Volunteers are still needed for the Pancake breakfast to be held on December 18, 2015. No tickets but a \$5 suggested donation at the door. Proceeds will go to the Sherwood Park Care Fund. • Update on traffic safety signs – BCAA no longer sells these but Gina has put her name on the waiting list with the district. • Next PAC meeting will be in January 2016 (January meeting was cancelled due to conflict with the District curriculum night) • Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm 	