

Sherwood Park PAC Minutes

Meeting date: April 27, 2016

In Attendance: Kamryn Turner, Samantha Ball, Carolyn McEachern, Meredith Briden, Sharon Boglari, Gina Madeo, Joe Campbell, Anne Lawson

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

Motion to adopt the Feb 24, 2016 moved by Gina, seconded by Sharon. Motion carried.

Traffic Safety:

Carol Sartor is the Community Outreach Coordinator for North Shore Safe Routes Advocacy and came to speak with the PAC about the options and possibilities for improving the traffic safety issues we face on Dollar Road. North Shore Safe Routes Advocacy (North Shore SRA on Facebook) or (programs/workshop tab on <http://hastebc.org/>) was established in 2014 by a group of schools in the Handsworth area. Their aim is to build strong communities through active transportation.

Carol visited our school in January 2015 to observe the traffic flow in the morning prior to the first bell and she noted that her perception is that the issues we face are behavioral and not based on infrastructure problems.

North Shore SRA has school zone signage kits to purchase for \$135. PAC agreed to place and order for some to start using before the year end as well as during a traffic safety push in the fall.

Suggestions to improve the traffic safety in a positive way include: Walk & Wheel events with prizes, school assembly focusing on the issue, week long awareness blitz,

Hot Lunch presentation:

Potential new vendors, Brian and Michelle from Foodie Kids presented a proposal and brought food samples to the PAC attendees. Foodie Kids is a local company, located in West 1st by the Auto Mall in North Vancouver. They have been in business for 3 years and all food is made in a nut free facility. 99% of the food is made from scratch, such as dressings and sauces and is of very high quality. Gluten free paste, wraps and sushi available and there was a positive response from the samples that were taste tested. Samples included sushi, butter chicken, chicken and vegetable quesadillas, chicken fingers, brownies, snickerdoodles and other items. Food is delivered sorted and labelled by division for easy distribution to classroom and could be ordered using the current Munch a Lunch ordering system.

Consideration points are: Potential mark up on food – is it comparable to current and is the profit for the school there without making the lunch prices too expensive? Volunteers would be needed to take on this new vendor and facilitate the lunch deliveries, this has proven difficult in the past.

After school computer program presentation:

Daniel and John from UME Academy presented an opportunity for after school computer programs. The programs are based on the ones they currently run at the West Vancouver Community Centre for ages 6-13. UME Academy has been in operation for a year and both Daniel and John have past teaching experience. Program focus is on game design using the STEM principles of science, technology, electronics and mathematics. Reinforces curriculum such as math concepts like decimals & negative values and physics principals like gravity, inertia and bounce. Learning is hands on and not just thru videos and books. Students analyze games into components reinforcing systemic & critical thinking.

10 week session is \$200. Classes run for one hour and can be offered before or after school. Registration is thru the UME website and class size is limited to 12. UME supplies 12 laptops to be used in class and students would be issued their one USB stick. Unable to use iPads at this point.

Principal / Vice Principal report:

Joe spoke about Dream Box, which is a math program that will be piloted in the intermediate classes after Spring Break. Participation is up to the individual classes to jump on board as it is not mandatory. One of the major benefits is that parents are to view their child's results online.

Renewed curriculum will be implement K-grade 9 in September 2016. It involves a change to all curriculum as well as how the material is taught. Sherwood Park will send a team of 8-10 teachers to discussion seminar. There is no word yet from the ministry on how reporting for the new curriculum will be done but it will be re-designed as well. Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) will also be changed.

Over all the school is busy with activities such as soccer, art programs, basketball and volleyball. Jump Rope for Heart is also happening and students are excited to be involved. Hip Hop and drumming are upcoming in the spring and Joe is looking into the possibility of planning an evening Hip Hop performance at Seycove for parents to attend.

Carnival:

Carnival will be going ahead and the scheduled date is Friday June 3, 2013. Canvassing for sponsorship is underway and a budget will be put into place over Spring Break. PAC newsletter will be used to communicate details and secure volunteers to assist with the event.

Seycove Auction:

Marina Hartvik gave an update on the upcoming Seycove auction on March 5, 2016. Donations for the auction baskets are ok and there is money in the fund to supplement. Still looking for volunteers on the day of the auction and next year there will be a bigger call for volunteers as many of the current core volunteers have children graduating out of the system.

New Business / Discussion:

Sarah Stark mentioned 1Girl / 1Boy self-esteem workshops and wondered if they were the same as the Safe Teen program. Joe and PAC executive noted that currently the Saleema Noonan sexual education program is run every 2 years with Jessie Miller /Safe Teen (grade 6/7) on the alternating years.

It was noted that with the departure of Jennifer Butterfield that the beautification project for the school has fallen thru the cracks. There is money in the PAC budget each year for this but a volunteer to run this is required.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm

