

**ROSS ROAD PAC  
GENERAL MEETING  
October 25, 2017  
Minutes**

**AGENDA**

1. Introduce the PAC Executive
2. PAC Communications
3. Fiscal Update
4. Principal Update
5. Canadian Parents for French
6. Calendar Events
7. Fundraising Opportunities
8. New Business

Number of parents in attendance: 30

Meeting commenced at: 7:07pm

1. Introduce the PAC Executive/Approval of May AGM Minutes

- Susan welcomed everyone and introduced the Executive
- Approval of minutes from May AGM
- Susan made a request to approve the May AGM minutes
- Motion made by Laks Kutty and seconded by Chelsea Bell-Eady
- All present voted in favour of passing AGM minutes
- No one abstained nor refuted motion

2. PAC Communications

- Newsletters and Facebook ,Twitter accounts maintained by Laks and Chelsea
- Social coordinators – Bingo night, Parent social at Toby
- Card Project – thank you to parent Nicole for taking on this project
- Challenges with getting class lists and parent emails – PAC has a better system in place for next year

3. Fiscal Update

Review of 2016/2017 Financial statements – see website

Operating budget is \$27, 000 – this includes all programs through the school that are funded – eg. Kilometer club, speakers, theatre presentations

This amount we will keep aside as an operating budget contingency fund

Surplus funds available are approximately \$30,000

Spending options:

- i) Sound field Systems 12 x 1,725 or total of \$23,184
  - ii) IT purchases – 15 new Lenovo computers approx. \$6,000 – put aside money in IT fund and vote in May on purchasing – Pac will wait until enough \$\$ to buy 30 and then will buy 30
  - iii) 2 Mac minis \$1320 for new portable classroom
  - iv) Buses for Intermediate choir to Park Royal \$600
- Susan Neale made a request to spend \$24,000 on the sound systems
  - Caroline Leonard made a motion and Joulia May seconded the motion
  - Two members opposed the motion, no one abstained and the remaining members voted in favour to purchase sound systems. The motion was carried
  - Bettina Harris made a motion to purchase 2 Mac Minis and Mirjan Demmers seconded motion
  - No one opposed, no abstentions and all members voted in favour of purchasing 2 Mac Minis
  - Chelsea Bell-Eady made a motion to pay \$600 for buses to Park Royal, Bettina Harris seconded the motion
  - No one opposed, no abstentions and all members voted in favour of \$600 to pay for busses to Park Royal
  - Christy Gold made a motion to put \$6000 into an IT fund, seconded by Nicole Dahl
  - No one opposed, no abstentions and all members voted in favour of \$6000 to be put into an IT fund

#### 4. Principal update

- Thanked PAC and parents for new school yard equip
- New Mac minis being used a lot
- Susan Owens recognized the difficulty of not publishing list of parents contact for class reps
- Grade 7 parent fundraising dance this Friday at NSWC
- Value in Quebec trip supports what kids have learned culturally and linguistically – provides an authentic language experience
- Work done over summer on school – painted, new black top to smooth out area, new painting for hopscotch, 4 squares, parking lot, waxed floors 4x this summer
- Exceptional teaching staff and support staff at our school – wonderful community
- Grade 7 parent meeting tomorrow night – look at what is ahead – already did hike together
- Fire inspection – all issues addressed, solid fire safety plan

- Teachers appreciate classroom fund
- Sound field systems and access to technology have been great in each classroom
- Environmental Club started with Grade 6 students after coming back from outdoor school
- Difficulty with PA system so didn't have a big shake out drill – will postpone it until later in the year – spring??

#### 5. Canadian Parents for French

- Lisa Birrell spoke about Canadian Parents French
- Ross Road needs CPF rep
- 3 jobs - Apply for socio-cultural grant, help with Film Festival organization with teachers, put together certificates for Gr 7 students
- Doing a drive to increase membership in CPF

#### 6. Calendar events

- Reminder of events
- Winter Fair – need volunteers – 1 parent so far
- Parent social in Feb
- Ache Brazil to perform
- Axis Theatre to present
- Speakers – Safe Teen, Saleema Noon

#### 7. Fundraising Opportunities

- Emergency kits – Oct 29<sup>th</sup> last day to order
- Card Project available on line tomorrow for purchasing – Nov 5 deadline if you want cards by late Nov, otherwise you will get cards on Dec 10th
- Brainstem courses
- Grouse Mtn – 15% back to PAC
- 2 Rivers 15% back to PAC
- Spud 25% on produce bins

#### 8, New Business

- Argyle Fund  
Susan Neale introduced - explained what other schools are doing – Upper Lynn \$1000 per year, Boundary \$750  
Will check with Argyle PAC  
Argyle is a replacement project – therefore carrying over used furnishings – request was made to purchase new furnishings for the school  
Confusion about what is being covered in terms of furnishings for the new school

PAC will get clarity on this before presenting at next GM

- New logo and jerseys – Susan Owens reported that Jordan Gallie will charge \$500 to design a Ross Road logo
- Proposal to sell Spirit wear as a fundraiser
- Susan Neale requested to approve spending \$500 for the cost of designing a school logo
- Laks made a motion and Chelsea seconded spending of \$500 for this
- All members and parents voted in favour of passing the motion
- No one abstained and no one refuted the motion
- Christy Gold will form committee of parents and admin to approve the logo design
  
- Open Floor
  - Ski day – one day or after school
  - School supplies – can teachers buy in bulk for students
  - Request to use PAC funds to purchase/refurbish a piano and place outside undercover