



École Ross Road Elementary

North Vancouver School District

**PAC General Meeting
7:00pm, October 24, 2018
Ross Road School Library**

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Call to order (Linda Munro) at 7:07 p.m.
Approximately 30 people in attendance

2. Approval of the agenda
Guy Trotter moves, Laura Bell seconded

3. Approval of minutes from AGM May 30, 2018
Christy Gold moves and Karim Dehestani seconded

4. Vote on 2018-2019 PAC Executive
Introduces the PAC - Linda, Christy, Susan, Janice, Karim, Denise, Barbara, Jennifer, Dana, Nikki and Joulia. Chelsea Bell moves and Heidi King seconded

5. Presentation of the Ross Road School Plan (Principal Susan Owens)
Ministry of Ed requirement that each school have a school plan (available for perusal on school website). It represents what matters to us, what we value. (Susan takes time to explain new logo.) Focus on welcoming, caring and inclusive community. Create culture of engaged learners and critical thinkers. We are responsible and respectful toward others and the environment.

Goals: identify and celebrate what makes RR a kind, caring and inclusive community. Engage in creative, collaborative and inquiry-based thinking and learning. More deeply explore Aboriginal education and our natural environment. Susan provides examples of how these values are applied in the school.

6. PAC Chair update (Chair Linda Munro)

Each parent is a member of the PAC. Main roles are fundraising and enhancing school community. This year, trying to introduce more events. Also, reaching out to other schools in the area, to collaborate and share best practices.

Linda encourages class reps to organize more class socials. In the past, seems only parents of the youngest students do this, but would be beneficial throughout the grades.

Effort to increase safety around crosswalks.

Encourage parents to communicate with PAC, with ideas and feedback

7. Administration update (Vice-Principal Lise Smith)

Basketball and cross country programs underway, thanks to coaches.



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We Scare Hunger underway

Saleema Noon and Jesse Miller presentations booked

7. cont

Redistribution of Mac Minis to intermediate classes

Winter Musical Dec 17, 18, 19

Report Cards available Dec 10, followed by parent/teacher conferences

8. Fundraising update (Jen Bryan and Dana Samis)

a. Movie Night on Nov 9. Food truck available and small concession.

b. Winter Fair on Dec 5

c. After school programs. Starting in January, offering on-site programming every day after school. Girls with Grit, Brainstem, babysitting course, Bricks for Kids. More details to come out in November.

d. Emergency kit sales

e. Ongoing fundraisers (check website)

9. Financial update (Treasurer Janice Sardari) (financials on PAC website)

Assets lower in June 2018 than June 2017, because of money spent on IT (approx \$52,000). Technology is a staff and admin priority for spending.

10. Library (Maria McAllister)

School librarian thanks PAC for financial support for library, for technology and books.

11. Communications update (Barbara Crystal)

Encourages people to sign up for newsletter and FB and Twitter.

12. Survey on after school care (Guy Trotter)

Details personal challenges of finding decent after-school care. Guy also works with District on the Official Community Plan, through which he realized that after-school care is an issue across the N Shore that needs addressing.

Will start with a survey across several schools to determine the extent of the need.

13. Canadian Parents for French update (Alana Prashad)

CPF is a national non-profit run by volunteers. Check out their resources, for Immersion and Core french students. Now going through membership drive, N Van chapter has discounted rate.

Suggestion to get a program to help parents of French Immersion students learn French. Discussion about French camp in the summer.

14. Adjournment [RESOLUTION]

Christy moves it, Susan Neale seconded.