



École Ross Road Elementary

North Vancouver School District

PAC General Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: February 19th, 2020 at 7:00pm

Location: Ross Road School Library

1. Welcome and call to order

Chair Linda Munro called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. 18 people attended.

2. Approval of the agenda

MOTION: agenda approved as presented - Karim Dehestani/Connie Young

3. Approval of October 2, 2019 PAC General Meeting minutes

MOTION: minutes approved as presented - Beck Williams/Susan Neale

4. PAC Chair update (Linda Munro)

- a. Our PAC is about community building and fundraising. It is a great way for parents to connect with each other. This is our 2nd GM of the year. We will have our AGM in May.
- b. Upcoming events include the Bike to School Week, KM Club, SpringFest, an ice cream social and movie nights. We would like to introduce more events and are always looking at input and ideas from parents.
- c. The Valentine's Dance was a success.

5. Principal's report (Kate Lechleiter)

- a. Ross Road school goals. Every school has a plan that is now on the district website. Each plan is put together by contributions from staff, teachers, students, and PAC. This used to be a set process, but now the process is more dynamic. The school decided to focus on Social-Emotional Learning. The goals of Ross Road are to grow the social emotional competencies of all learners, value diversity, and include the First Peoples Principles of Learning and Indigenous worldview. Kate will try to weave in goals into her Monday Message.
- b. The school has committed to using Second Step to support the intentional teaching of prosocial behaviour for all learners. Curriculum to be taught in the classroom.
- c. Jan 24 was a School-Based Professional Development day. The Social Emotional team was invited and put on a great workshop. It was organized by Joulia May.
- d. The staff explored Second Step during the Jan 29 Staff Collaboration.

- e. Feb 14th was a busy day. Our school had WE Club's Board Games Day, Pyjama Day and of course Valentine's Day.
- f. Today, Feb 19th our school participated in a lockdown drill. The staff and students did an amazing job.
- g. Friday, Feb 21st is our Jump Rope for Heart event. Parents have until Monday to get in their pledge forms. They give 10% raised back to the school.
- h. February is Black History month. There is a lobby display, curriculum presented to each grade, and presentations by students.
- i. Feb 26 is Pink Shirt day. Teachers have created a kindness committee. Over 3 days, students and teachers will be able to give out 'gotcha slips' to recognize an act of kindness.
- j. March 2nd is class photo day.
- k. Report cards will be published on March 6.
- l. Ross Road Musical - The Aristocats will have two shows on March 10 and two shows on March 11.

6. Financial update (Connie Young)

- a. We have a healthy budget. There are three buckets: an operating bucket which is at \$36,000, a savings bucket which is at \$16,000 (this is to be used in emergencies), and a gaming bucket which is at \$17,000.
- b. We apply for the gaming grant from the Provincial Government each year. The amount received is based on the number of kids in the school. The money is specifically for extracurricular items and is not for items that are part of the school curriculum.
- c. Our net income is \$35,000, this is what we made minus expenses. We spent \$40,000 last year on IT.
- d. Teachers' wishlist - items were brought forward by Kate and discussed at our last PAC Exec meeting. A decision was made as to which items would be brought forward for a vote. Anything not pre-budgeted over \$300 needs to come to the parents for a vote.

VOTE: On spending 2019/2020 PAC budget towards teachers' wishlist items

Kiln maintenance (\$500 to \$750)

- Ross Road is one of the few schools to have a pottery kiln at the school, a great resource for art projects with students; however, our kiln needs repairs and maintenance work in order to be functional for our students

Moved by Chair Munro - MOTION CARRIED

Classroom funds top up (approx. \$2,800)

- The PAC has historically provided each classroom with \$200 per year for discretionary spending on classroom resources. This amount has not increased in many years. To keep up with inflation and rising costs of resources for teachers, we propose topping up each classroom amount with an extra \$100 for a total of \$300 per classroom for the school year.
- We will vote to top up the amount for this year and then increase the budget for next year.

Moved by Chair Munro - MOTION CARRIED

Library furniture (approx. \$5,200)

- Furniture in the library is aging and in need of replacement. Last year the PAC funded new tables. This year the PAC would like to purchase some lounge couches as new soft seating for the library.

Moved by Chair Munro - MOTION CARRIED

Primary classrooms furniture: one sand table (\$641.95 + tax & shipping) and one rainbow table (\$517.40 +tax & shipping)

- One kindergarten classroom does not have a sand table and a rainbow-shaped table. The PAC would like to purchase one of each so all primary classes have more equal resources.
- Wiggle chairs were missed from the list that was presented. A decision was made to add back the wiggle chairs to the list for voting.

Moved by Chair Munro - MOTION CARRIED

Math Kits (\$1,000)

- At a recent professional day learning session, Ross Road teachers learned about sets of math kits or math games that help students better understand math concepts. This funding would allow the school to buy sets of mat kits for classrooms.

Moved by Chair Munro - MOTION CARRIED

Four Laptops for the Learning Support Teachers to use with students (\$7,611.52 or \$1902.88 per laptop)

- The Learning Support Teachers feel that having a set of laptop computers with learning resources on them would be a valuable resource in supporting students in need of learning assistance support.

Moved by Chair Munro - MOTION CARRIED

VOTE: on paying the \$600 annual fee for Fresh Schools - a school communication platform that integrates school communication activities)

Fresh Schools app subscription fee (\$600.00)

- Simplifies school communication for parents
- Class lists go online: keep your phone number private, if you wish, but still have messages and information from the PAC and class reps
- Access class roster anywhere using the mobile app
- PAC forms all online-no more paper

Moved by Chair Munro - MOTION CARRIED

- Worth trying for a year and then checking in to see how it is received.
- Suggestion from the floor that a larger amount is needed as the funds are in US dollars. Decision to increase the amount to \$1000

Motion to revoke. Moved by Chair Munro - MOTION CARRIED

7. PAC program and events update update (Jen Bryan)

- a. We have another movie night and ice cream social coming up this year. The ice cream social has been booked for June 11.
- b. The Valentine's Dance was a successful event and we plan on making this a yearly event.
- c. SpringFest is our next big event and is scheduled for May 29. A committee is being formed and parents will be asked to volunteer.
- d. Part of our speaker series, 'Making Sense of Anxiety' is scheduled for March 5 and 'Bullies - Their Making and Unmaking' is scheduled for April 16.
- e. April 22 is our staff appreciation lunch.

8. Adjournment [RESOLUTION] - Chair Linda Munro adjourned the meeting at 8:54pm