

PAC Meeting

25 April 2019

Ecole George Jay Library

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Attendance: Angela, Kim, Leila, Lilli, Melanie, Joy, Alicia, Andrea, Maritia, Lisa, Shannon, Sam

Principal's Report: Presenter Melanie

- Staff package submitted, allotted 27 division
 - No staff layoffs
 - increase of .1 administration time,
 - increase of library time
 - priority for staff is to keep the music room allowing for teacher prep time in their classrooms
 - we will be losing the parent room to classroom space
- 1-2 portables will be added there is currently one available, likely to be placed near the front of the school
- Queens Street play area will be repaved adding to the accessibility grant
- 2020/2021 school year George Jay will have a daycare
- Negotiations are happening with before and after school care, perhaps portable will be installed for 2019/2020 school year to be used as a classroom
- JonPaul from the district will build accessible sandbox at cost
- Literacy week was a huge success and well embraced by students. Thank you to Mme. Rebecca and Kathy Carter for spearheading the project!
- PISE is coming and playing/teaching world cup soccer with students during recess
- Track will be starting up

Financial Update: Presenter Kim

- \$500 will be used for the emergency box to buy tarps and other necessary supplies

City Update: Presenter Angela

- George Jay is the only school in Victoria that will take part in Ready, Set, Roll
- Intersections at Chambers and Bay, Cook and Princess, and Chambers and Princess will be fitted with lighted cross-walks

- Discussed having a flexible barrier on Queens St. To help facilitate a drop and go zone
- Mayor Helps is considering expanding the school zone to improve student safety
- Efforts to reinstate police liaison program are happening
- Councilor Dubow will come and do a walk around the school to discuss safety issues and concerns
- We are getting a lot of support from the city

Health and Wellness Update

- Longer lasting veggies are being chosen. Staff says that they are running out and it is very popular with students.
- Cutting schedule may be needed with parent volunteer sign-up sheet
- There has been confusion over where funds come from, \$500 from PAC +\$1000 from Optimists Club (through PAC) + \$1000 from Harbourside Rotary for Parent Education
 - Action: Lilli will go through past PAC minutes and review financial decisions to determine which accounts will cover expenses
- Motion to make Health and Wellness would like to be a subcommittee
 - Action: approved
- H &W would like more opportunities to fundraise beyond Fundscript to help expand programs
 - Motion to add SPUD fundraiser (this will not interfere with Good Food Box program)
 - Action: Approved
- Administration needs information on fundraising opportunities
 - Action: H &W will send info to admin to be emailed to parents and added to newsletter
- Fundscript fundraiser will be split 50/50 between H&W and PAC
- SPUD fundraiser will go directly to H&W budget

French Movie Night: Presenter Kim

- Make \$31
- Librarian was not pleased with the condition the library was left in
 - Action: facilitator will take picture before set up and ensure that library is returned to original state
- French parent needed to volunteer to continue French movie night – perhaps a member at large position

- Action: French teachers will be emailed to send info out to all French parents and request a volunteer for this position

English Movie Night: Presenter Kim

- There will not be another movie night for this school year

Grade 5 Grad: Presenter Kim

- Motion for \$250 for 3rd Dragon Boat if needed
 - Action: passed

Lego Night: Presenter Angela

- Staff needed for May Lego night, Mme. Rebecca has volunteered for June
- Would like to continue next year, 1st Wednesday of each month
- Admin. Askes that we please consider 2nd Wednesday of each month
 - Action: to be discussed at AGM

Inclusive Playground Concerns: Presenter Lilli

- We still have over \$15,000 available for inclusive playground equipment
- Currently, there is very little for wheelchair bound children to participate in on the playground
- We should consider attaching tactile toys to the railings next to the basketball courts as these are lower in cost and beneficial to those with mobility issues as well as children with sensory issues

Monks Fundraiser: Presenter Kim

- No fundraiser has been established for this year, this will leave a huge hole in the PAC fundraising
- Leila will not have extra supplies for students in need
- We are still waiting on district approval of supply lists, we had it in February of last year
- Sarah, our Monk representative is working setting it up. We have typically had supplies delivered by the end of the school year but there is not enough time for that to happen this year
- Motion to have supplies delivered at the beginning of the 2019/2020 school year
 - Action: Passed

Gym Equipment: Presenter Angela

- The gym needs new basketballs and soccer balls as well as cones
- Could we apply for a Canadian Tire Jump Start Grant? Grants can be applied to between Feb. 1st through Nov. 1st.
- Lilli will talk to Kirby's for discounted rate

Budget and AGM Discussion

- \$250 allotted to each class for field trips, it has already been voted into the budget. We will ask Gill which account this is being held in
- \$6000 is needed in the budget to start the new year and have enough funds to host the back to school bbq
- Will there be a deadline for nominations to PAC positions?
- A synopsis of all positions and nominees as well as absentee ballots will be available on the PAC board in front of the office
- Gill and Bonnie will be the members at large who will count the ballots

Multicultural Week: Presenter Leila

- Events will be held in the classrooms this year rather than the gym

Other Items

- Screen time workshop will be available to parents on May 7th from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Screen time workshops will be held in individual classes as well
- June 4th is the volunteer appreciation tea

Next PAC meeting will be held on the 30th of May, elections will take place for PAC positions