

École Beirsto Elementary

Parent Advisory Council Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 (6:30pm) Location: Beirsto Library

Chairperson: Mandy Pretty (President)

Call to order: 6:35

- 1) **Presidents Welcome**- Acknowledgement of what a privilege and honor it is to live and work on the traditional and unceded land of the Syilx nation
- 2) **Attendance**- Moira Manthorne (No vote), Amanda Pretty (Vote), Rob Lauman (Vote), Jordan Badke (vote), Liz Larsen (Vote), Jessica Tanner (Vote), Chelsea Haines (Vote), Jenny Small (Vote), Janna Johnson (Vote), Monica Martin (No Vote), Sue Heinzlreiter (Vote), Dionne Martyn (Vote), Shannon Sakakibara (Vote), Adrienne Alexandre (Vote), Nakita (Vote), Karen Smith (No vote), Dawn Ansdell (Vote), Sheridan Pimson (Vote), Sam Nagel (Vote), Chupak (No vote), Karyn Godard (No vote), Erik Nielson (No Vote),
- 3) **Approval of previous minutes and adoption of Agenda**

Dawn moves to approve previous minutes and adopt the agenda, Dionne Seconds, motion passed.

4) **Reports-**

Presidents Report, Mandy

- a. This year's goal has been to increase communication to parents. We have worked hard and have made ground in these areas: Website updates to create more transparency. Parents can now access our PAC Bylaws, Agendas and Meeting minutes, Fundraising and Hot lunch info, and Parent Volunteer sign up on our newly revamped website. We have a Social Media page via Facebook: École Beirsto PAC and a PAC email newsletter. Everything we do is attempting to help make it a better school experience for our kids, our teachers, and for us as parents, whether through helping the lines of advocacy be more clear, help with hardship funds or any other questions we are always here. We have an email address: ecole.beirsto.pac@gmail.com and our website ecolebeirstopac.com

Treasurer's Report, Dionne -

- a) Annual Report - 3 year spread
- b) Operating Cash Flow - Total Operating Expenses \$13,889.40, Total Operating Income \$13,088.63. Opening Bank Balance \$3,373.52, Projected Year End Account Balance \$2,572.75
- c) Gaming Cash Flow - Total operating expenses \$13,014.45, Opening bank balance \$13,230.10, Projected Year End Account Balance \$215.65

Fundraising Report

- a) Hot Lunch - \$5,593.23
- b) Purdy's -\$3,260.58
- c) Davidson Apples - \$475.25
- d) Zelaney's Farms - \$700.00
- e) Vaz Art -\$567.00
- f) Shuswap Pies - \$575.00
- g) Greenbush Greenhouses - \$719.99
- h) Ongoing fundraisers: Butcher Boys, Mabels Labels, Tru Earth, COBS Bread
- i) Events - movie nights, donation jar at PAC Spring Picnic

Sheridan Pimson - DPAC Rep

- a) Meeting May 1- Vernon Teachers Associations, Dave McKenzie discussing teacher bargaining starting again next year. There will be local bargaining and provincial bargaining and they are looking for support
- b) Discussion about diverse learners - an explanation was given to DPAC members about how the funding is distributed amongst the schools; Dave McKenzie is hoping for a review of this process.
- c) They are now on the 3rd reading of the budget for the school district. The DPAC feel that the trustees are being good advocates for the district
- d) DPAC president was involved with the interviews for the new superintendent this year, however DPAC was not impressed with the level of involvement they were given in the process
- e) Cell phone restrictions in schools; Ministry says school districts need a code of conduct. Our district's code is available on the sd22 website and is as follows: *"Personal Digital Device" means any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as a cell phone, tablet, smart watch, and IoT ...Use of student personal digital devices during hours of instruction is for instructional purposes and digital literacy. Digital devices may be used to support students with diverse abilities as outlined in student's support plans and Individual Education Plans. Use of personal digital devices is appropriate to a student's age and developmental stage. Personal digital devices may be approved from time*

to time to support medical necessities outlined in a safety plan.; The PAC is asking for the administration's opinion on this new code of conduct and whether there is a need for further advocacy from parents. There will also be a survey sent out to parents to gain a clearer idea of our parent body's opinion; If you have an opinion on the matter we are encouraging parents to email our board of trustees sd22_trustees@sd22.bc.ca

- f) Gaga ball - there is an access issue because of locking. Question: is the lock necessary?

Principals Report - Moira Manthorne

- a) Thank you to this year's PAC executives. You are creative, so kind, thoughtful, energetic, vibrant, smart, reflective and supportive. I've been fortunate to work alongside this group.
- b) Saleema Noon, the district pays \$500 the school pays \$600, we get access to the body science lessons online. The package does not give us a code to give parents access but we recommend parents go to the Saleema Noon website. Dawn questioned why \$10,000 of funding divided by 14 schools only yields \$500 to Beairsto. If divided equally, should be more than \$700 per school.
- c) School supplies. Next year the office will supply the duotangs and expo pens, Erik Nielson also has been working on School Start online purchasing system which is shipped directly to your home
- d) Our Late French immersions are both moving over to Beairsto; administration is working on shifting our recess schedules to accommodate extra grade 6s and 7s. This adds 60 kids to the school, bringing Grade 6 and 7 numbers to 200 students.
- e) Daycare - Seamless K is happening for one more year, early childhood educators working within the kindergarten rooms and before and after care for familiarity
- f) 3 Kindergarten classes and one K/1 class next year
- g) We will be adding gr 1-7 after school care, possibly in the library.
- h) Mme Doucet is going to Seaton to teach French immersion, Mme Lypchuk is going to VSS.
- i) Total number is 665 students for next year
- j) The district has assured us that they will not be capping our Kindergarten enrollment at less than 4 classes
- k) Early learning childcare brochures are available at the office
- l) Cell phones: Our Code is available on the sd22 website. Question from Jenny Small asking whether social media education is part of the curriculum? Yes. Question from Dionne regarding changing sd22 email password for kids and implementing it as part of digital safety discussion. Moira to follow up on how students can change passwords.
- m) New dress code available at sd22 website and is as follows: *Parents have a*

responsibility to support appropriate dress for the school and the workplace. Clothing should be comfortable and allow a student to participate safely in activities such as physical education, science experiments, and/or shop projects. Clothing should demonstrate a respect for the school community.

- n) Retirement celebration in the library June 10 for Mme Allen, Mme Baturin and Mr. McLean
- o) Moving some rooms. We need more office space due to more SLP (Speech-Language Pathology) time and more NOYFSS time. Using the second floor book room and room 208 for additional office space. Moving the shelving and contents of these rooms downstairs to the change rooms which are no longer in use.
- p) Gardens - using the Feeding Futures Grant funding. We had a plan for the front garden area, the Grade 7 garden and an Indigenous garden. Progress has been slow but we will finish the Grade 7 garden this year. We will get a shed behind the portable and rain barrels and spout for watering.
- q) Mural will be started on June 10, it will be children in canoes
- r) Teachers and class placements - this year it was just one question sent out to parents. A lot of thought is put into placements in trying to create the best learning environment and teaching environment, while matching friendships and student dynamics
- s) Lots happening in June, a calendar will be sent out from the school. It kicks off with the PAC carnival, then the retirement party, grade 7 trip, outdoor day for kids, French Advisory Committee meeting, Dress up to Celebrate You day, Indigenous celebrations, Seaton grads walk through, Gr 7 celebrations, Primary Fun Day with the ice cream truck, year end assembly, talent show, the passing of the benches to next year's grade 7s.

Election:

- a. Mandy nominates Dawn Ansdell for Vice President - all in favour, Dawn is voted in
- b. Mandy nominates Dionne Martyn for Treasurer - all in favour, Dionne is voted in
- c. Mandy nominates Shannon Sakakibara for Secretary - all in favour, Shannon is voted in
- d. Mandy nominates Brittany Wright for Events- all in favour, Brittany is voted in
- e. Mandy nominates Jordan Badke and Chelsea Haines for Fundraising, all in favour, Jordan and Chelsea are voted in.
- f. Mandy nominates Adrienne Alexandre for communications, all in favour, Adrienne is voted in
- g. Mandy nominates Sheridan Pimson for DPAC, all in favour, Sheridan is voted in
- h. Mandy nominates Liz Larsen, Brianna Kerr, Jessica Tanner, and Dayna Lauman for Member at Large, all in favour, Liz, Brianna, Jessica and Dayna are voted in

8) Open Floor

- a) Dawn question - is kindergarten enrollment down in other schools across the district? The answer is unknown. Eric mentioned a promotional video that they are working on.
- b) Sam - Is there anything parents can do to make sure we don't lose funding for EAs; answer, Moira: next year we will be sharing a French EA with Seaton and we will be getting an additional EA out of general funds. Parents can keep a close eye on what happens at the district board meetings for advocacy opportunities
- c) Karyn - concerns about enough space in the school given the new additions of LFI, as well as lack of access to gym time and spaces for prep. She encourages parents to come down and see the space. If parents have concerns, they should email the Trustees.
- d) Sam - question about whether numbers were a factor in the decision to move LFI to Beirsto. Moira's answer: there were two things, one was numbers, Harwood's enrollment numbers were going up and they knew that we had an empty classroom and our enrollment numbers were going down, additionally our outgoing superintendent felt that having all of our French programs under one roof would be beneficial.
- e) Adrienne asked a question about how close we are to capacity for washrooms and fire code Answer: Moira - update on the washrooms on the first floor and second floor that will change to non-gender stalls, as well as increasing each washroom by one stall each. There is no official occupancy number associated with our fire code.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:19