

James Bay Community School

PAC Meeting Minutes

Oct 11, 2017

In Attendance:

1. Welcome & Introductions – Jeff Mitchell, Carrie Peter, Corinne Robinson, Andrea Woodrow, Josh & Chandra Boyd, Laurel Hovey, Bruce O'Hara

2. Approve Agenda & Minutes of Sept 13, 2017 meeting.

MOTION: to accept the Minutes, Moved by Laurel, 2nd by Bruce. Carried.

REPORTS

1. Principal's Report- This is the month of various **practice drills!** (eg. Earthquake, fire, and lockdown drills.) The province is looking at revamping how we respond to critical incidences. Jeff & Lindsay will be attending training for this. Our school will be doing larger earthquake drill later this year, as well as physically practicing a 'Re-Unification' drill involving 'Command Centres' & child pickup by parents in an organized and accountable manner.

Dates to Remember: Parent Teacher Interviews, Oct 18/19; District Pro-D day Fri 20th; Orange and Black Day, Oct 31; Haunted House walkthrough in Mr. Vargas's class Oct 31, as well as being open to the public Oct 27!

2. PAC Chair Report- Welcome to the new parents attending tonight's meeting!

-Thank you to the parents who have completed their Volunteer Checklist forms and handed them back in to the school. We encourage parents to keep the forms coming! Carrie, Laurel and Andrea will work on compiling all the forms to make contact lists of parents interested in helping with specific events.

Victoria Adams – local neighbourhood housing advocate working out of New Horizons has prepared "Housing Matters – James Bay Housing Report 2017". She is now looking for families to share their James Bay housing stories with her. Contact her at: housing@jbnh@gmail.com

We are still looking to hire a crossing guard!!

3. Treasurer's Report- All appears in good standing and good order.

MOTION: to accept the Proposed Expenses 2017/18 Budget: Moved by Corinne, 2nd by Laurel. Carried.

-PAC has agreed to donate \$800 to the school for the purchase of 3 additional Chromebooks.

Old Business-

We need a big think on fundraising ideas and/or community-building school events for the year. Several parents have also been asking if there is a school event to look forward to between the Corn Roast, and the Christmas Concert? At this point in time, there is not. We also need a way for parents to put forth fundraising/school event suggestions outside of meetings. It would be helpful to our planning to look at Community Centre's calendar events to see what they are already offering.

-Possible ideas mentioned for further discussion: Silent Auction, School Cookbook, more bake sales (get kids to help sell; could be themed to season), make better use of our Popcorn Machine, Movie Night, Family Dance, repeat of Cultural Kaleidoscope next spring, big school Garage Sale, school tshirts....

-Laurel and Chandra will speak to Mrs. Swan about the PAC making tshirts to sell with our team jersey logos. This might be an especially popular memento for the grade 5's.

New Business-

-Carrie, Corinne and Mr. Mitchell attended VCPAC's "PAC 101" evening last week, which talked about how to encourage parents to get involved in their PAC, as well as what is involved at an executive level. There are lots of resources for interested parents on the vcpac.ca website. For a small school like ours, we have great turnouts not just at our meetings, but a strong culture of school community at all our events!

Reminder: If you use a Thrifty's Smile Card, 5% of each purchase gets donated to our James Bay Community School Centre!

Meeting Adjourned 7:45pm