

# James Bay Community School

## PAC Meeting Minutes

Dec 13, 2017

**In Attendance:** Jeff Mitchell, Corinne Robinson, Bruce O'Hara, Melissa Haines, Carrie Peter, Laurel Hovey, and guest SD61 Liaison Diane McNally

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approve Agenda & Minutes of previous meeting, Nov 8, 2017

**MOTION: to accept the Minutes, Moved by Melissa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carrie. Approved.**

### REPORTS

#### Diane McNally – guest attendee

Carrie asked about district-wide crossing guard shortage, and hopes that SD61 can discuss the challenge of filling the role. Perhaps they could take it on as a paid district position to make job more appealing? Diane agrees this needs to be moved forward, and is happy to bring this up at her next trustee meeting!

Diane wanted everyone to know that there is an 'Aboriginal Nations Educational Library' in the Tolmie Building (556 Boleskine Rd.), which is newly expanded, and open to all members of the public to visit, and sign out resources.

**1. Principal's Report-** Report cards go home this Friday.

-Grades 1- 5 walked to Royal Theatre today to enjoy the Naden Band concert

-School Winter concert next Thurs 21, at 1:00pm and again at 6:30pm. Parents urged to come to afternoon show if possible, as evening is packed!

-New face in school: Mrs. Keane is back, to fill in for Ms. Smart's kindergarten maternity leave!

-Changes coming in the New Year: We will have Positive Action Ticket "Spirit Awards", which will have specific animal 'character' attributes. (Catches kids being good. ☺ ) All kids who win this award will have their name entered in the weekly Friday book draw.

-Our email Memo newsletter will only come out every 2 weeks starting January. This will hopefully increase readership.

## **2.PAC Chair Report-**

Mayor Lisa Helps would like to attend one of our meetings to hear what PACS' concerns are....Corinne will email her our 2018 meeting schedule.

Spirit Wear ordering very successful (approx. 120). Shirts will be arriving very soon. People have expressed interest in a second ordering run. PAC plans to set up an ordering table with sample sizes, at the Cultural Kaleidoscope.

**3.Treasurer's Report-** We are doing well, everything is in good order for this time of year. Order money has come in for school tshirts, but the cost for that has not gone out yet, nor has the Chrome books that Jeff has on order.

## **OLD BUSINESS-**

**Winter Concert, Thurs Dec 21:** PAC will have a 'By Donation' Sale Table, with gingerbread man & kids art cards, and some leftover craft items from Dickens Fair. Laurel to organize, and we will be at both afternoon and evening concert.

**Cultural Kaleidoscope** – Stephanie and Denyse have offered to work on that, and plan to have it during first 2 weeks of March. We need to check with Centre for available gym dates. Denyse is ok having 50/50 raffle at the same time, IF we decide to combine the two events then Bruce could apply for license in Jan. There was some discussion as to whether it would be too much to combine them both, but agreement that 50/50 should be held at event where people are moving around (like Cultural Kaleidoscope) as opposed to sitting down at a concert.

**Silent Auction** – We would like to have one as a fundraiser, but without conflicting with the timing of donation pool of Community Centre's annual June Silent Auction. Laurel talked to Darcy, who was supportive of the school doing one too. It was decided tonight to plan one for February 2018, with a combination of business-donated items, as well as donated items from school families. (eg. for a 'Family Friendly' themed donations baskets)

-Each classroom could even pull together a themed basket. It may not be a lucrative fundraiser, but is fun, and would get families involved.

Melissa has been busy contacting 10+ local vendors for donations (eg. Heron Rock Bistro, Thrifty's, Breakwater Café, Helijet, Harbour Air, Empire Donuts ...will try Rec Centres, Chapters, Flying Squirrel, Pharmasave etc.)

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**MOTION: to approve \$220 funding request for butterfly larvae for Ms. Shemilt/Fraser/Matheson/Chavez/Smart's classrooms....Moved by Laurel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corinne. Carried.**

-Corinne will update our school website's PAC link to include our PAC Constitution & Bylaws, as well as Executive Roles & Responsibilities.

-Jill Rockwell has generously **donated her entire Winter Village** set to the school! Laurel & Mr. Vargas and any interested volunteers will begin setting it up in the library, starting tomorrow.

**-To be Added to 2018 Parent Volunteer checklist:**

- 1) Someone to set up Winter Village set in Library each year
- 2) Help with Silent Auction

**Meeting Adjourned 7:50 pm**