

Seycove PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: 15 October 2024

Time Start: 7:00 pm

Location: PLP Room

Members in attendance: Lisa Stewart (President), Carla Cove (Vice President), Julia Wagner (Secretary), Meghan Downie (Principal), Paul Ruben (Vice Principal), Kara Guedes (DPAC Rep)

Regrets: Wendy Kennedy (Member At Large)

Agenda Item	Speaker	Discussion	Action Items
Acknowledgement & Announcements	Lisa Stewart		
Introductions	everyone	-Mandy Young was previously Windsor Family of Schools (FoS) rep for Lynnmour Elementary: met monthly to coordinate activities/scheduling -Motion by Lisa Stewart to create a FoS rep position on Seycove Executive. Seconded: Kim Tattrie, Kara Guedes. -Carlie Parkinson to propose FoS rep at Cove Cliff Elementary.	-PAC members/parents to reach out to FoS elementary schools to propose reps for each.
Approval of Agenda	Kim Tattrie Lisa Stewart		
Approval of minutes:	Kim Tattrie, Lisa Stewart	-September minutes were posted on school website and on Seycove Parents facebook page	
Principal's report	Meghan Downie, Paul Ruben, Peter Cardle	-School Planning Meeting, November 20/24: narrowing down goals, opportunity for parent input along with staff and students -Olympic Medal Rower guest speakers: successful first whole school assembly; thank you to PAC for financial support -Library Learning Commons: furniture delivered today; painted with school colours; carpet cleaned; catalogue/book collection being updated	-Ms. Downie to email Planning Meeting invitation to PAC; Mandy Young would like to participate

		<p>-School Painting: exterior painted; rainbow crosswalk refreshed; vandalism over weekend including crosswalk, NVSD repainted Tuesday morning</p> <p>-Drama Program: --light and sound motherboard needs to be replaced, quoted \$13,000, not easy to source because of age of system, may request support from PAC; --set building and costumes support welcome, as well as donations of costumes, props, etc; --one act comedy in November: tickets will be available for tickets presale on School Cash Online</p> <p>-Peter Cardle, Athletics Director: --try to get as many kids as possible involved in sports, especially at Gr8/9, at as high level as possible; AA – one of smaller schools; --Fall: girls volleyball and boys soccer (2-3 games left) and field hockey (playoffs next week); --Winter: basketball (ideally will have 2 Gr 8 boys teams, may need coach; some trips planned for Senior team) and skiing (Mr Earl has been coaching for many years, may need new coach next year), gymnastics; --Spring: Track and Field, possibly Ultimate (coaches Mr. Muter and/or Mr. May, coed, need enough students – about 15; may be only one team Gr8-12), girls soccer, boys volleyball, boys rugby (started again last year, hope to have Jr and Sr team, probably exhibition league, maybe competitive next year); could do girls rugby (need 15 girls or could do 7s team; would probably need another coach) --Volleyball and Basketball: need to buy new game balls because BC School Sports has signed agreement with new company</p>	
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Treasurer's Report	Carla Cove	<p>-\$11,300 Gaming Grant funds were deposited to the Gaming account on October 2, 2024</p> <p>-Finance Committee met on October 8. Thank you to teachers and administration who provided a wish list so promptly! The committee will seek further information prior to finalizing purchase decisions.</p> <p>-BCCPAC annual \$100 membership fee is being paid from the Gaming account and Carla will complete an application with NVPAC for their annual grant (\$75 or \$100 TBD)</p> <p>-T3010 Charities Return is due to be filed by October 31, 2024. Carla will mail a paper copy to CRA.</p> <p>-MunchaLunch program ended in June, 2024</p> <p>-Waterloo Math Contest \$175 fees: PAC will support</p> <p>-Kim Tattrie inquired about hours required for Treasurer position</p>	<p>-Carla to connect with Kim Tattrie about Treasurer position</p>
DPAC Report	Kara Guedes	<p>-NVPAC September newsletter: NVPAC (northvanpac.org)</p> <p>-September meeting was PAC 101: slideshow available on NVPAC website</p> <p>-next NVPAC General Meeting is October 30 (virtual)</p> <p>-next Anti Racism Advisory Committee (ARAC) meeting is October 24 at 7pm (virtual)</p>	<p>-Kara to invite Linda Munro (School Trustee, Seycove FoS rep) to next PAC meeting</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ideally NVPAC would like rep from each PAC on Anti Racism Advisory Committee (ARAC) and Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) -- Mandy goes to Disability Advisory Committee when possible --Carla has been going to ARAC meetings -email from School Trustee Linda Munro, rep for Seycove FoS: can come to PAC meeting and answer questions; Kara to invite to next meeting -NVPAC Meet & Greet November 6 (7-9pm, Education Services Centre, 2121 Lonsdale Ave): if anyone would like to attend, Kara can share Registration link; may be maximum of 3 attendees from each school? 	
Social Media, Website and Fundraising Updates	Lisa Stewart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Seycove Parents facebook group: Lisa posting minutes and meeting notices and answering questions; will share TruEarth fundraiser information; all parents can contribute; -Seycove FoS Auction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Tree and Kim have spearheaded auction last 6 years – funds Seycove scholarships and FoS PAC; --looking for new Chair(s) for this year; Tree and Kim will help with acquisitions --elementary schools have already reached out to Tree to inquire about Auction plans; --check in about date with Chris Barnes so not in conflict with Cabaret (June 7); --week before spring break best to space out auction requests; --Meghan to check about alcohol policy -Deep Cove Winter Market, Saturday November 23: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --organized by school parent and supported by community partners; --50 artisans mostly from North Van, junior makers from Seycove FoS; --school community volunteers, PAC receives \$1000 grant; --Seycove Grad Council is using Seycove PAC table; --ticket info to come 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lisa to post TruEarth fundraiser information on Seycove Parents facebook -Ms. Downie to investigate NVSD alcohol consumption/permit policy for auction planning -PAC to reach out to FoS parents to find new Auction chair(s)

<p>NVPAC Anti Racism Advisory Committee (ARAC) Report</p>	<p>Carla Cove</p>	<p>ARAC Purpose:</p> <p>To provide a safe and brave space where parents, caregivers and guardians of children currently attending a NVSD school can engage in meaningful and respectful dialogue about race, privilege and equity, in an effort to better understand the impact of racism within our educational system.</p> <p>To gather information, collaborate and advise NVPAC on anti-racism issues and where it affects our schools, our children and families. To gather information, collaborate, raise awareness, advocate for change, provide support, recommend resources and advise NVPAC on anti-racism issues.</p> <p>A place where we can all stand together in solidarity to ensure we are educating ourselves and each other for the betterment of our children.</p> <p>The SD44.ca website has a Calendar of Significant Dates and Events: https://www.sd44.ca/Calendar/Calendar%20of%20Significant%20Dates%20and%20Events.aspx#/=</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Many schools have Inclusion Boxes: display case of artifacts of diverse celebrations. -Carla has Diwali decorations that school could use. -Seycove Library/Learning Commons a possibility for a dedicated space for cultural expressions, with opportunity for students to create displays. -Food suggested as a ‘hook’ for students to celebrate cultural diversity, including students sharing recipes and/or Foods teachers involvement: All activities/events involving food at the school need to be planned with student safety in mind. -Morning Music: three students selecting and introducing music that represents themes relevant to NVSD Calendar of Significant Dates, played each morning at end of morning tutorial/before first class. 	
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New Business	Kim Tattrie	-Kim would like to organize a Trivia Night as a social event (not a fundraiser) for parents.	ACTION:
	Kara Guedes	-Grad Council student email about PAC support for casino/gambling fundraiser event. -Suggestion for grad committee parent rep to connect to with PAC.	
	Tree Cleland	-One Day to Make A Difference, Sunday December 1, Downtown Eastside: parents and kids volunteer, make sandwiches and bring donations of coffee and hot chocolate, blankets and warm clothes -Sun Run water station, April 27, 2025: students volunteer hours, \$300 honorarium to school	
	Lisa Stewart	-Funderwear: donations of underwear and socks to women’s shelter twice/month; opportunity for school community to contribute; Lisa and Meghan to coordinate timing	
Adjourned	Approx: 9:00pm		
Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday November 12 at 7pm in Library			

In Attendance:

Peter Cardle (Athletics Director)
Tree Cleland
Felicity Lawong
Carlie Parkinson
Peter Shih
Kim Tattrie
Mandy Young