

**École Crescent Park Elementary School –
Parents’ Advisory Council Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting on Monday, January 11, 2016

In attendance:

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| Jackie Vuilleumier | President |
| Katherine Botelho | Vice-President |
| Erin Mazza | Co-Treasurer |
| Laura Langton | Co-Treasurer |
| Pam Robertson | Secretary |
| Mr David A’Bear | Principal |

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| Hilary Gottschalk | Lisa Shao | Jenny Kepler |
| Melany Barnsley | Ally Ulmer | Kathy Matty |
| Katy Messcu | Valerie Wallace-Tarry | |

1. Welcome

Meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m. PAC president Jackie V. welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the table.

2. Minutes from the December 2015 meeting

Motion was made by Laura L. to approve the minutes from the December 2015 meeting, seconded by Jackie V., motion passed.

3. Principal’s Report

Grade 7 Bottle Drive and Tree Chipping Fundraiser

Thank you to the grade 7 students, parents and teachers for a successful fundraiser. The students raised somewhere in between \$1,600 and \$2,000. We are just waiting for final numbers. A special thank you to Dione Costanzo and Theresa Ackles for your organization behind the scenes.

Christmas Hampers

The admin staff of Riverdale Elementary, Leah Christensen (Principal) and Gary Loosemore (Vice-Principal) would like to thank the Crescent Park community for your generosity. I have cards from Riverdale that have been passed on to the PAC. The families were overwhelmed by our school’s generosity and so appreciative.

- Jackie V. added that the PAC has also received a couple of thank-you cards from the families, and she passed them around the table for parents to read.

Christmas Concert

On a related note, Mr. A’Bear asked parents for any feedback on the Christmas concert. The idea this year was to keep it nice and simple and keep the focus on the kids. Erin M. noted that pairing the older students with the younger ones worked really well, and general consensus around the table was that the concert was very enjoyable and fun, and that simpler concerts tend to be more inclusive and easier to manage than large productions.

- One parent noted that next concert there could be better information supplied about bringing younger students to the evening concert to take part even if the parents are not attending; e.g. communicating to parents any plans for how the kids will be looked after at the school, and what time and where they should be picked up.
- Another parent asked whether the student-led conferences could happen earlier, to avoid that really busy week before Christmas break. Mr. A’Bear says the timing of the conferences depends on a number of factors, such as when grades or other reports are expected in from the teachers, how the dates fall at the start of the term, etc., and they have to happen according to the academic calendar.

Foundational Skills Assessment

FSAs will begin in the next couple of weeks for students in grades 4 and 7. The assessments are in Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

- Hilary G. asked how the tests are administered and how students are prepared for them, particularly grade 4s who may not have much experience with that sort of testing. Mr. A’Bear said that he prepares the students ahead of time by going into the classrooms and going through samples of past tests with them, doing practice runs, etc. He also conveys to the students that the tests are not timed, and extra time is available for any student who cannot finish in the allotted time. There are two components: a written booklet and an online portion that will be done on laptops and iPads.
- One parent noted that there is lots of hoopla around the FSAs with certain agencies using them to “rank” schools, but in the end, and as Mr. A’Bear confirmed, the results are very important to the school, in looking at what our school needs to work on and for planning purposes.

ELL Peer Support

We have just started a new Peer Tutoring program to support our English Language Learners (ELL). Students (Tutors) in grades 5-7 read with ELL students three times per week, 30 minutes each session. The session includes reading a book together and creating conversation together from the topics discussed in the books. The overall goals of the program are to increase English fluency, provide leadership opportunities and strengthen student community. The program will also involve one day a week of games outside.

Crescent Park Annex

As you know our Crescent Park Annex has gone through some changes for this year. There are Adult ELL classes happening upstairs on Monday to Friday mornings and we have a new preschool program downstairs, beginning in January. See attachment [attachment appears at the end of these minutes].

Plans have begun for next year and we will be offering a Multiage experience once again (with a commitment of numbers) but with a shift to K/1/2. This will help us align with the early learning program that will begin in

January. Two information sessions for parents will take place on January 27th (1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.). The information sessions will take place at the Annex.

Dates to Remember:

January 18th - K registration at 8:00 a.m.

January 25th - Late FRIM registration at 8:00 a.m.

4. Treasurers' Report

Erin M. presented the monthly treasurers' report:

| Crescent Park Elementary PAC | | |
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| 2015-2016 | | |
| January 2016 PAC Meeting Treasurer Report: financials for Dec 31 | | |
| Prepared by: Erin Mazza & Laura Langton | | |
| Bank Balances | | |
| Gaming Casino Fund School Grant | 31-Dec-15 | \$ 5,478.17 |
| Crescent Park PAC | 31-Dec-15 | \$ 10,278.75 |
| GIC Invested in 1 year term at 1.5% (Mar 30, 2015) | 31-Dec-15 | \$ 15,637.33 |
| District Held PAC | 31-Dec-15 | \$ 1,476.45 |
| | | \$ 32,870.70 |
| Activity: to Dec 31, 2015 | | |
| PAC General Account: Dec 31, 2015 | Income: | Expenses: |
| Hot Lunch | | \$ 4,232.73 |
| Spirit Wear | | \$ 4,633.00 |
| Books for library | | \$ 727.23 |
| Donation - Christmas hampers | \$ 520.00 | \$ 600.00 |
| Movie Night | \$ 406.63 | \$ 2,176.90 |
| Surrey Eagles | \$ 200.00 | \$ 1,400.00 |
| Christmas Gifts (Crossing Guard, Janitors, Monitors) | | \$ 160.00 |
| | \$ 1,126.63 | \$ 13,929.86 |
| Gaming Account: Dec 31, 2015 | Income: | Expenses: |
| Hair Dryers for Drying projects | | \$ 17.90 |
| | | \$ 17.90 |
| Profit on recent events: | | |
| Movie Night | \$ 1,350.27 | |
| Surrey Eagles | \$ 700.00 | |
| Spirit Wear | \$ 1,678.00 | |

A couple of notes from Erin:

- December was a busy month with our hampers and with trying out some new fundraisers. We had great success on all fronts, including the movie night, the Surrey Eagles tickets and Spirit Wear sales.
- At the end of March we will be transferring our GIC into our general account – as discussed at previous meetings, we've been trying to spend previously fundraised funds to, rather than holding on to such significant funds year to year. We expect our current and upcoming fundraising to support next year's spending, but we also need to guarantee we have a certain amount of money available at start-up in September. Depending on the rest of our fundraising this year, we can consider whether it would be worth buying another GIC or other product down the road.
- Hilary mentioned that while we may not use up the money allocated for emergency preparedness in this year's budget, costs may be significantly higher next year when the bin is updated, so we should keep that in mind and perhaps hold those funds aside.
- Erin mentioned that in addition to the Saleema Noon workshops, any support for Chinese New Year or heritage celebration(s) happening this year could be covered under student education.

Then Erin very briefly went over our current spending and the updated budget sheet [which appears at the end of these minutes].

5. Spring Fling Update

Spring Fling coordinator Ally U. reported that plans are in full swing, and there's a great team putting the fundraiser together – but there's always room for a few more volunteers! The focus right now is on auction donations and businesses are being contacted. Pam R. mentioned that it would be good to start getting the call for donations out to school parents, a main source for auction items. We will look to get something into the PAC newsletter soon. We hope there will once again be a classroom art portion of the auction, and Mr. A'Bear will be talking with teachers about that possibility. Discussion shifted to the idea of doing some sort of cheque-writing campaign like other schools do, to give parents the opportunity to donate directly, but the general consensus was that it might be best to wait for September for that, rather than adding it to the Spring Fling. It was also noted that we should once again look into the possibility of taking credit cards at the fundraiser, as options may have changed since we last checked.

The next planning meeting for the Spring Fling team will be happening **January 26th at 7:30 at the Legion** – please come if you'd like to help out! Or contact Ally at aulmer99@gmail.com.

6. Other Business

- Jackie V. passed along the sad news that a teacher who used to work at Crescent Park, Ms. Jennifer Wadge, passed away over the break. She will send a card on behalf of school parents.

- Jackie V. followed up on the installation of a display board we purchased for a teacher last year. Mr. A’Bear confirmed that there was a miscommunication with the Facilities people but that was all sorted out and the board would be installed shortly.
- Lisa S. updated the PAC on plans underway for the Chinese New Year celebration happening February 5. The primary wing students will be served four different types of food this year, samples of Korean money will be handed out this time, and the hallways will be decorated with lanterns, etc., as they have been in the past. Additional parent volunteers are needed to help prep and serve the food.
- Erin M. confirmed that the Fun Fair is planned for June 4, and there are a number of key volunteers in place for the organizing team but we are still looking for an overall coordinator. She also noted that while the Fun Fair is not really considered a school fundraiser, it does usually bring in about \$1,500. Discussion arose about whether we should actively look at increasing the Fun Fair’s money-making potential, but general consensus was that the school/community focus and smaller scope is more important to parents than turning it into a bigger fundraiser. Jackie V. suggested that an easy add-on would be to have some sort of raffle at the event.
- Pam R. asked about Bingo Night – Mr. A’Bear said that planning is underway and it will be happening mid-February.
- Jackie V. mentioned that we should have one more movie night before spring break, maybe the week before. She will look into movie and date options. We will try to arrange for ticket pre-sales if possible.
- Pam R. mentioned that Saleema Noon’s Sex Talk, No Sweat in-school, grade-specific workshops have been tentatively booked for June 21 and 22, and Mr. A’Bear will talk with the teachers about whether those dates will work. She also noted that the iGirl workshop we have hosted at the school as an afterschool program in the past is also scheduled to happen at the Ocean Park Library on February 27 and 28 – see http://www.saleemanoon.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/iGirl_poster_winterspring-2016.pdf for more information [poster also appears at end of these minutes].

Motion to adjourn made at 10:20 a.m. by Jackie V. and seconded by Laura L. Minutes recorded by PAC secretary Pam R. Note: these minutes are posted for early reference but will not be adopted until the next meeting. Our next meeting will be Monday, February 1, at 7:00 p.m., in the school library.

[budget sheet, Crescent Park Annex preschool program info sheet and Saleema Noon info sheet follow this page]

| CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY - PAC | | | |
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| 2015-2016 Budget - Dec 31 | | | |
| Category Description | 2015-2016 Current | Actuals Dec 31) | Difference (Current-Actuals) |
| INCOME | | | |
| Fundraising Income | | | |
| BBQ's (Meet the Teacher Night) | \$ 200.00 | \$ 216.32 | -\$ 16.32 |
| Family photo night | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Movie Night Minions | \$ - | \$ 1,350.27 | -\$ 1,350.27 |
| Surrey Eagles | \$ - | \$ 700.00 | -\$ 700.00 |
| Spirit Wear | \$ - | \$ 1,678.00 | -\$ 1,678.00 |
| Fun Fair | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Spring Dance | \$ 12,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 12,000.00 |
| TOTAL Fundraising Income | \$ 13,200.00 | \$ 3,944.59 | \$ 9,256.41 |
| Hot Lunch | | | |
| Hot Lunch Income | \$ 60,000.00 | \$ 26,889.91 | \$ 33,110.09 |
| Hot Lunch Expenses | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ 15,892.98 | \$ 34,107.02 |
| TOTAL Hot Lunch | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,996.93 | -\$ 996.93 |
| Grants & Misc. | | | |
| Gaming Grants | \$ 7,100.00 | \$ 7,100.00 | \$ - |
| Income Interest | \$ 100.00 | \$ - | \$ 100.00 |
| Income Other | \$ - | \$ 500.00 | -\$ 500.00 |
| TOTAL Grants & Misc | \$ 7,200.00 | \$ 7,600.00 | -\$ 400.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$ 30,400.00 | \$ 22,541.52 | \$ 7,858.48 |
| | 2015-2016 Current | Actuals Dec 31) | Difference |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Administration | | | |
| Administration exp. including bank fees | \$ 400.00 | \$ 113.68 | \$ 286.32 |
| Hospitality | \$ 400.00 | \$ 168.81 | \$ 231.19 |
| TOTAL Administration | \$ 800.00 | \$ 282.49 | \$ 517.51 |
| PAC Programs | | | |
| Emergency Preparedness | \$ 900.00 | \$ - | \$ 900.00 |
| Gift Account - Leaving Teachers | \$ 800.00 | \$ 160.00 | \$ 640.00 |
| Scholarship Elgin & EMS | \$ 900.00 | \$ - | \$ 900.00 |
| Integration Room Supplies/Special needs | \$ 250.00 | \$ - | \$ 250.00 |
| Sports Day Snack | \$ 200.00 | \$ - | \$ 200.00 |
| Grade 7 Grad Donation | \$ 250.00 | \$ - | \$ 250.00 |
| Student Education Programs | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 2,000.00 |
| TOTAL PAC Programs | \$ 6,300.00 | \$ 160.00 | \$ 6,140.00 |
| School Programs | | | |
| Computers & Technology | \$ 6,340.00 | \$ 6,247.63 | \$ 92.37 |
| Field Trip Expense 374kids/\$15 | \$ 5,610.00 | \$ 5,610.00 | \$ - |
| Fine Arts Performances | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 295.00 | \$ 2,705.00 |
| Library Fund | \$ 1,800.00 | \$ 1,740.72 | \$ 59.28 |
| Fine Arts Supplies | \$ 500.00 | \$ 17.90 | \$ 482.10 |
| PE Equipment | \$ 1,120.00 | \$ 839.52 | \$ 280.48 |
| Sports (tennis, gymnastics, inline skating) | \$ 3,600.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 2,600.00 |
| Classroom Improvement Fund | \$ 500.00 | \$ 276.98 | \$ 223.02 |
| Garden Maintenance | \$ 200.00 | \$ - | \$ 200.00 |
| Teachers Fund \$250/13 divs+Music+FSL+LST+IN | \$ 4,750.00 | \$ 4,750.00 | \$ - |
| School Mural (left over from 2014-2015) | \$ 3,720.00 | \$ 2,520.00 | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Library Commons (left over from 2014-2015) | \$ 3,048.30 | \$ 801.32 | \$ 2,246.98 |
| Intermediate Fieldtrip (2015-2016) | \$ 3,100.00 | \$ 3,100.00 | \$ - |
| TOTAL School Programs | \$ 37,288.30 | \$ 27,199.07 | \$ 10,089.23 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 43,388.30 | \$ 27,641.56 | \$ 15,746.74 |
| NET (Income - Expenses) | -\$ 12,988.30 | -\$ 5,100.04 | -\$ 7,888.26 |



Crescent Park Elementary Annex

A creative, engaging and activity-based early learning opportunity for preschoolers of the Crescent Park community

Parents and caregivers of pre-school aged children are invited to come and enrich their child's learning through a variety of play-based activities.

Together we invite children to wonder, invent and explore the beauty of the world around them as we:

- Build positive peer relationships
- Promote social, emotional and intellectual development
- Develop and enrich oral language

Amidst the beauty and inspiration of the Crescent Park Annex environment, the program will seek to use this unique site as a source of inspiration, adventure and delight as well as a home and companion for all young learners.

Program Hours: Tuesday / Thursday – 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
OPENING – Tuesday, January 12, 2016

For information, please call Crescent Park Elementary School at 604-535-9101



iGirl is a lighthearted, two or three-day workshop that prepares 9–12 year old girls for the multimedia pressure-cooker they'll soon encounter. Saleema Noon and her iGirl team tackle topics including puberty, safety on the internet, healthy body image, and how to be assertive in even the toughest situations.

outline

i am my own BFF

Celebrate your strengths and feel great about your unique self.

i think my body's a beauty

Magazine bodies are make-believe. We'll help you see how all of us are gorgeous in our own way.

i know the facts of life

Learn the real deal about periods, pads, breasts, bras, baths and showers ... no boys allowed!

i get the 'net

Facebook, sexting, and safety online ... we've got you covered.

i have healthy relationships

Friends, family, and [sigh] dating someday — let's make sure you know what you want and deserve.

i am the best i can be

Get the low-down on what you need to do to reach your personal best, both now and when you're 90.

i expect respect

Stand up to bullying and peer pressure in a way that works using — you guessed it — "i" statements.

Smart decisions start here.

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schedule

November 28 and 29: Vancouver, Croatian Cultural Centre

February 27 and 28*: Surrey, Ocean Park Library

April 23 and 24**: North Vancouver, Capilano Library

June 4 and 5: Vancouver, Jewish Community Centre

cost

Two-Day Session: \$179

- \$20 off if you register a month or more before, or
- \$25 off if you register with a friend

Price includes GST, one discount per participant. Limited sponsorship available.

Programs run 10am-3pm unless otherwise specified. Participants must bring a packed lunch.

***Due to library hours, this program will run 11:30am to 4:30pm on Saturday, February 27 and 1pm to 5pm on Sunday, February 28.**

****Due to library hours, this program will run 11:30am to 4:30pm on Saturday, April 23 and 10am to 3pm on Sunday, April 24.**

