

Date: Nov 3, 2020	Location: online (zoom)	Start Time: 7:30pm
Chair: Shandelle Skaley	Recorder: Avishai Weissberg	End Time: 8:30 pm

Membership	Role	Attended
Bridget Ford Ashley Hansen Shandelle Skaley Avishai Weissberg Joel David	Treasurer Co-chair Co-chair Secretary DPAC rep	Y
Peter Woo	Principal (Non-voting member)	Y
Other members or participants	Peggy Chen (from the Community School Program), Denis Ryan, Jennifer Durham, Sara Richter, Lyndon Price, Lilibeth Price	
Next Meeting	Dec 1, 2020 at 7:30 pm online (zoom)	

1. Welcome and Introduction of Executive and Parents

There were no new members.

2. Update from Community Schools Programs

Peggy Chen, from the Community School program, attended as a guest.

The Community School Teams are an initiative of VSB, connecting communities with schools ([more info](#)).

They collaborate, for example, with Mt Pleasant Neighborhood House and community center, they support transition of grade 7 students to high school, they provide after school programming such as More Sports, art and cooking programs, and summer/winter break programs. These activities are intended for students that may not be normally be able to participate (due to financial/behavioral circumstances).

Peggy announced that after-school programming is getting started again. DLG has been selected as one of the schools for this.

Generally the approach is to go slow and steady. Safety is a priority. At first, programs will be once a week only. It is recommended to start with intermediate grade students, sports.

Questions

Bridget: what would the registration look like? There's usually a line outside the school.

Peggy: It's different this year. Registration is year round, free of charge, and **referral based** (invite only, not an open program). This is in order that the children with the highest needs are accepted. If we don't get referrals, we might reconsider this approach.

Bridget: How many children will be accepted.

Peggy: We will start with one program, once a week, with 2 staff members (1 for sports and another existing staff member for emotional support). We will accept 10~15 students.

Bridget: Will the children be crossing cohort boundaries?

Mr Woo: Divisions 1+2 (grades 6, 7) are a single cohort anyway, and those are the ones we're targeting. The emotional support staff is going to be Mr Brian Lidsky.

Shandelle: If it goes well, will it be expanded?

Peggy: Potentially yes.

Ashley: if we have 8 cohorts but only 5 days in a week, how will you be able to expand?

Peggy: This is a good question, we don't know yet.

Bridget: Does this include the annual walkthrough (or intro evening) of Churchill Highschool?

Mr Woo: This normally happens around Feb/Mar. In any case, it will probably happen virtually this year. It's not up to Community School Teams.

Shandelle: Will you be keeping covid protocols?

Peggy: We will be keeping the same protocols as in the school.

Ashley: What other programs are there?

Mr Woo: Young Rembrandt, but it has different funding

Jennifer: My child used to be in Young Rembrandt, they do them online now

Peggy: My contact info: pichen@vsb.bc.ca / 604 250 6039. Thanks, everyone!

Last Meeting Minutes

Avishai: Unfortunately the list of attendees is incomplete, I was unable to obtain it.

The minutes were approved, pending correction of the attendee list. Motion raised by Ashley, seconded by Bridget.

Principal's Update

Thank You from Staff

Thank you parents for a wonderful Halloween event. The staff and students had lots of positive comments about it and really appreciate the organization and hard work to make Halloween as festive as possible during COVID. A special thanks to Ashley for being the lead organizer.

Teachers also want to thank PAC for funding each teacher \$100 per FTE. They are very appreciative.

Outdoor School Funding

Mr Woo has applied for \$18,000 worth of funding from the recommendation of Ashley Moller (parent) and Nathan Moes (staff).

Seismic Update

Fencing will go up soon with a target date for the removal of portables beginning November 9, 2020.

The basketball hoops by the library fire escape stairs and the east hoop on the full size court will be removed. Two basketball hoops will remain (West hoop on full court and hoop by the amphitheatre).

Bridget: With regards to the Seismic update, what is going to happen with the cohorts and play areas?

Mr Woo: The gravel field remains open for now, and so are the 2 playgrounds. The worst case scenario is that they'll close some area for a while, and then we might open up the gym. I don't think 57 kids are safe in a gym, even if they're in the same cohort. It might break the school board rules. It also requires a change in gym scheduling (which is more complicated). We might have to go back to teach how to play games that are safe.

Shandelle summarized of our meeting with Kent. Work is supposed to start soon, and is scheduled to end in 2022

Option 4 Students (At-Home)

Currently there are 74 students who are Option 4. We have 9 returning, leaving 64 on Option 4.
B: the links in the weekly newsletter don't work

DPAC Update

Joel:

Similar to the last update, there was a lot of focus on Long Term Facility Planning. There was some discussion of what we want the school of the future to look like.

Otherwise, there were some protocol changes made: Previously, groups (delegations) were allowed to come in and present VSB decisions. In the last 2 months, they changed the related rules. Now you have to go through a few stages, and are only allowed to make summary statements. This is making it harder to present to the VSB, and we are trying to find ways to make it better, to make sure that we are being heard.

Financial Update - Bridget

Bridget:

In our General Account, thanks to the money made from selling Halloween bags, we had an income of \$635, after purchasing goods for Halloween.

We had one expense for Teacher disbursement, \$2180 (\$100 per teacher).

We got our annual grant In our Casino Account (\$20 per child), about \$7000 altogether.

Shandelle: Do we have to spend all the Casino grants this year, or is this within the 3 year limit?

Bridget: 3 years. We do have to spend about \$3000 that we received 3 years ago, within this year. We usually spend that on engravings and scholarships.

Mr Woo: We have some spare money from our substitute teacher budget that we can spend.

Bridget: In that case, the school can pay for the pumpkins and the paint that we bought on Halloween.

Mr Woo: Grade 7 teachers are considering not doing the engravings this year due to their high cost. We'll probably print certificates instead.

Denis: If we're giving all the teachers \$100 each, why did the total end up as \$80 per teacher?

Bridget: That's because not all teachers get 100% of it (e.g the music & resource teachers).

See email from B

Purdy's Fundraiser update

November 25 is the deadline, December 2 will be the delivery date. We have to distribute the purchases by Dec 4.

Other Business

Calendar

Halloween Event

Shandelle: Ashley did all the legwork, thank you so much. We originally wanted to spend 500\$, but the gift bags covered the cost which was great. We had a couple of parents donate pumpkins etc. It felt like a normal Halloween day.

Other events

We still have 2 events planned: Virtual Movie Night in December, and a Virtual Amazing Race in the spring.

Bridget: Are we doing gift cards (as a fundraiser) this year?

Shandelle: "shop Funds" are available. Some people are really keen on it.

Tents purchased

Tents were purchased as planned in the previous meeting.

Set next Pac Meeting Date

Ashley put forward a motion to set the next meeting date to December 1, seconded by Avishai and approved.

Any other business

Mr Woo: Teachers have given me a wish list for classes' own sports equipment. Can it be purchased using the casino fund?

Avishai raised a motion to give \$3000 for sports equipment, seconded by Ashley and approved.