

**Jessie Wowk Elementary School
Parent Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, September 18, 2015
Venue: Music Room**

In attendance:

Terri Bains, Rosanne Lee, Carolyn Latu, Lily Wong, Jennifer Jakubec, Angela Zhang, Vivian Yang, Winnie Leung, Christina Cheng, Laura Chan, Kitty Wong, Lisa Cheung, Olivia Or, Anne Low, Cynthia Sy, Anne Chen, Tiffany Zhou, Terri Bains, Bonnie Wong, Jas Sanghera and Bri Davidson.

Meeting began at 8:50am

Approval of the Agenda, motion by Anne Chen, seconded by Lily Wong, all approved.

Approval of the meeting minutes, motion by Anne Chen, seconded by Olivia Or, all approved.

Welcome and Introductions:

Rosanne and Terri introduced themselves as the co-chairs of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC).

-Anne Chen, President of the Richmond District Parents Association, introduced herself and spoke about the R.D.P.A. Jessie Wowk PAC is looking for a parent to attend the monthly meetings and report back to our PAC. Specifically this year will be information on the new school curriculum which launches this year.

Approval of the last PAC meeting (May 13, 2015)AGM minutes:

- Terri put forward a motion to approve
- Olivia seconded the motion
- all in favour, approved.

Discussion of the 2015-2016 school year PAC budget:

Cynthia Cy (Treasurer) and Anne Low (former treasurer) reviewed the items presented on the budget.

-the budget will be amended with the recommended changes and suggestions and presented for PAC approval at our next meeting.

PAC Events Update:

-Anne Low presented a new fundraising idea of selling tubs of cookie dough. Unlike last year's magazine/cookie dough sales, this is a local company selling dough made in Delta. Each tub costs \$16, with \$6 going to the PAC. The turnaround from order to delivery is only one week.

-Christina Cheng discussed the gift card sales that the PAC organised last year. For the sale of each gift card, a small percentage is given to the PAC. Last year Christina estimated that the PAC received \$600. The only comment was that there needs to be more stores on the list including popular ones such as T&T.

-Rosanne spoke about the idea of a school wide carnival in the spring. It would not be a fundraiser, but an event involving the whole community. It could include a cake walk, games, inflatables, food, raffles etc...

This event would rely on the support of many parents including a committee. Rosanne and Terri will poll parents to see the level of support and involvement.

-Family Skate night is booked for December 17th at Minoru Arena

Food Days:

-Jas spoke about the upcoming sushi days. 6 dates are scheduled for the school year and notices will be sent home. Jas has arranged with White Spot to provide food for our school Sports Day at the cost of \$7 for each student. This includes a hamburger, fries and a drink.

Fruit and Vegetable Program:

-Lily spoke about the Healthy BC Schools Fruit and Vegetable program. This month's vegetable is cherry tomatoes with the addition of milk/soy milk provided to K-G.2 students.

Pizza Wednesdays:

-Anne Chen spoke about the success of Pizza Wednesday since the fundraiser began last year. Each Wednesday the PAC and Grade 7 students help sell pizza buy the slice for \$2 in the gym. Money raised goes towards the Grade 7 farewell party/yearbook/sweatshirts etc... and any money above and beyond targets, goes to the PAC.

Clothing Drive:

-Lily spoke about the twice a year clothing drive that will be taking place during the week of Nov. 2nd. Each bag collected will raise \$2.50 for the PAC. Bags will be collected in the north pod of the school.

Family Photo Night:

-this popular fundraiser will take place April 15 &16, 2016 and photos will be taken by Mountain West.

School Wide Tennis Lessons:

-the PAC will be paying for school wide tennis lessons during the first week of January. This will cost \$9 per child (233 students = \$2097).

School Wide Hip Hop Lessons:

-Rosanne presented the idea to the PAC of a school wide Hip Hop lessons. Defy Gravity, a local dance school, would come to Jessie Wowk for a week long session including a presentation to teachers and parents on the last day. The total cost would be around \$2200. Rosanne will contact Defy Gravity for a formal quote.

Administration Report from Carolyn Latu:

Ms. Latu is celebrating her 5th year at Jessie Wowk. There have been many changes at the school this year including three new teachers.

Ms. Pivko is teaching Grade 5 & 6

Ms. Thomas is teaching Grade 1 & 2

Ms. Briscoe is teaching Grade 4 & 5

-all of these teachers come to Jessie Wowk with many years of experience and Jessie Wowk is happy to welcome them.

-this year Jessie Wowk has 36 new Kindergarten students. This is the largest enrolment that Ms. Latu has seen in her years at Wowk.

-Jessie Wowk has had a schedule change.
Monday school is from 8:45am to 1:20pm
Tuesday to Friday, 8:45am to 3pm (lunch has been extended by 5 minutes).

-Ms. Latu spoke about the Richmond School Trustee's on going discussion about the future of Richmond schools. With the declining student population in Richmond, several schools will need to close in the next few years.

A website has been set up for more information including questionnaires for parents:

letstalksd38.ca/our-schools-our-students-our-future

-a new curriculum has been introduced to all BC public schools designed by both the Ministry of Education and BC teachers. Ms. Latu encourages all parents to look at the changes by visiting:
www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca

-upcoming R.D.P.A. meetings will also be discussing the new curriculum.

-On Thursday, September 24th we will have our meet the teacher evening from 5-6 P.M. We will begin in the gym with introductions, then there will be three (3) 15 min. sessions for each classroom. This will enable families with two or three children at Jessie Wowk to visit all their children's classrooms. Also, families with children at Steveston London Secondary will be able to attend their Meet the Teacher, which is at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, September 24th.

-Photo Day is on Monday, Sept 28th. Come to school ready to look your best!

Open Discussion:

-the City of Richmond will be replacing our playground in the near future. Jennifer Jakubec and Mrs. C.J. have been in contact with Jamie Esko, Park Planner, Parks Department and are waiting for an exact date.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am

-motion to end the meeting by Rosanne. Seconded by Anne Chen. All in favour.