

**Jessie Wowk Elementary School
Parent Advisory Committee Meeting
October 20, 2015, 6pm
Venue: Library**

In attendance:

Terri Bains, Rosanne Lee, Carolyn Latu, Lily Wong, Jennifer Jakubec, Cynthia Sy, Min Yan (Michelle) Qiu, Selene Chan. Vistor: Sandra Shewchuk, Public Heath Nurse

Meeting began at 6pm

Welcome and Introductions:

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

Sandra Shewchuk introduced herself as the public heath nurse for Jessie Wowk School. She looks after 9 schools in Richmond for community heath promotion. She is able to present to PACs upon request and will be attending the Welcome to Kindergarten in May 2016.

Approval of the last PAC meeting (September 18, 2015) minutes:

- Michelle put forward a motion to approve
- Lily seconded the motion
- all in favour, approved.

Approval of the proposed PAC budget for 2015-2016

- Lily put forward a motion to approve the budget presented by Cynthia, PAC treasurer
- Terri seconded the motion
- all approved

PAC Events/Fundrasing Update:

Bottle Drive

-Grade 5/6 will be in charge of the bottle drive this school year. All funds raised will be used for the 2017 Outdoor Education trip. This bottle drive will run the entire school year with collection bins located at the front entrance of the school.

Jessie Wowk Website

-the website for Jessie Wowk school has been updated and the PAC minutes will be appearing shortly as well as all newsletters and the school calendar.

Food Day

-Sushi Day is taking place on Friday, Oct 30th. Notices were sent home and students and parents were requested to deposit the order and cheque in a PAC collection box at the front entrance of the school.

Fruit and Vegetable/Milk Program

-Fruit and vegetable day took place on Oct 21st with baby carrots. Thank you to the volunteers for helping to distribute. Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2 also received milk/soy milk.

Graduation Coordinator Update

- hoodie artwork has been voted on & sizes are done. Anne Chen is waiting for the art to come back from the company for the kids to sign and then final screening.

Pizza Wednesdays

- Pizza days are successful and running smoothly. We are averaging 33 pizzas a week and getting an average profit of \$150/week. Pizza profits (with a maximum of \$2000) will go towards the expenses of the graduating Grade 7 class and any and all additional money raised will go into PAC general funds.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

-in November the PAC will launch a cookie dough sale with funds raised going to the PAC general funds.

Gift Card Fundraiser

-a notice was sent home this week with a list of gift cards that parents are encouraged to purchase. Gift cards are sold at face value while the PAC earns rebates ranging from 1% to 10% of the purchase price of the cards.

Hip Hop Dance

-Nov 30-Dec 4, Jessie Wowk and the PAC have organized Hip Hop Dance instruction by Defy Gravity for the whole school. On Friday, Dec 4th a show will be put on in the gym for parents.

Movie Night Fundraiser

-the PAC has proposed a Movie Night for the whole school. A possible date would be November 20th upon approval of Ms. Latu.

School Wide Carnival

-Terri and Rosanne will be meeting with interested parents to see about organizing a spring carnival for the whole school.

Clothing Drive

-November 2-6 Jessie Wowk PAC will be organizing a clothing drive. Please bring your used clothing, bagged in a garbage bag for collection. The bags will be picked up on Nov. 9th.

Administrative Report, Ms. Latu

Halloween fun will take place on Friday, Oct 30th in the gym. Please see the newsletter on the website for more information. Students are asked to bring a hollowed out pumpkin ready to carve. In the afternoon the pumpkins will be lit up in the hallways for display. Students are welcome to wear their costumes to school.

Jessie Wowk students met recently in their T-Wolf groups to work on TEAM work. They will be meeting several times a year with the final one being Sports Day.

Innovation Grant

Jessie Wowk has received an innovation grant of \$2000. Thanks to these funds, Ms. Latu has arranged for a science presentation for the teachers in conjunction with the new curriculum which will be launched in full next year.

Mad Science

An after school science program has been started at Jessie Wowk. 60 kids have signed up for the 8 week program that takes place on Monday afternoons.

Volleyball

Volleyball season is here! A huge thank you to teachers Mr. Angman, Mr. Woo, and parent volunteer, Mr. Suzuki for coaching our boys and girls. There is a full schedule of games for October, November, and December. Please come out to cheer on the Wowk T-Wolves.

We Day

From the Jessie Wowk Website:

“Bright and early on Wednesday, October 21st, 26 eager students, four brave parent volunteers, and one proud principal met at 7:00 A.M. at Lansdowne Canada Line station to begin our We Day experience. We enjoyed a full day of inspirational speakers and learned of many opportunities that can help our school, community and countries such as Ecuador, India, and Kenya. We returned to Richmond ready to get to work! Thank you to our parent volunteers, Mr. Glenn Butterworth (the transit expert), Mrs. Olivia Or (photographer extraordinaire), Mrs. Lily Wong (patient leader), and Mrs. Anne Chen (efficiency expert)!”

Open Discussion

From Anne Chen:

Suggestion for the staff for Christmas....a Keurig machine. Some of the staff are coffee drinkers and some are tea. Keurig does both. Teachers don't have time to make a pot and usually want a fresh individual serving anyway. Last year, they used the band teacher's Tassimo but he is no longer at the school and took it back with him! We can look at that for an early Christmas present with some pods. Costco sells the machines and pods for a reasonable price. Also, some teachers brought their own pods to school before. I heard that the staff room is out of coffee right now and we usually only give them their year supply at Christmas and that's it. So maybe we can look at something like this now. The cost would really be the profit of 1-2 pizza days. Price for teachers to alert and productive...priceless.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

