

École Qayqayt Elementary School Parent Advisory Council Meeting

March 8, 2023 – MINUTES
Via ZOOM

2022/2023 Executive

Chair: JC Valeros

Treasurer: Andrea Arnold

Vice Chair: Michelle Kennedy

Secretary: Grace Steyn

DPAC Rep: Vacant

CPF Rep: Heather Hansen

Members @ Large: Michelle Bridge, Allison Clavelle, Laura Kwong, Ashlee Reid, Jocelyn Cross

Volunteer Coordinator: TBD

Facebook/IG: Grace Steyn

Principal: Suzanne Cameron

Vice Principal:

School Board Trustee: Danielle Connelly

Community Schools: Rick Bloudell

Call to Order and Welcome | JC Valeros

Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement

Approval of Minutes and Agenda | JC Valeros

Motion to approve minutes by JC seconded by Laura K – approved.

School District Liaison Report | Danielle Connelly

- School Board Meeting last night. Calendar finalized for next school year – 2023/2024 for Professional Development days etc. Individual schools might have different days.
- Still waiting for funding announcement for proposed Elementary School at Simcoe Park.
- Motion was passed to accept creation of Child Care Protocol with the City.
- Programs of Choice Survey went out. Also on the School District website. Closes on March 19.
- There was a hybrid School Board meeting last night – it was unintentional but worked really well.

Community Schools Report | Rick Bloudell

Sends regrets. No update this month.

Principal Report | Suzanne Cameron

Everyone is counting down to Spring Break. Things are going well. Saleema Noon email sent out today with details re: the in-class program. Few responses from parents so far.

Articulation for Grade 5 students who are going to Fraser Middle has started. Teachers talk about every child moving on to Middle School. It gives staff at Fraser Middle good insight into the kids and work on better transitions.

Question from parent re: Vice Principal. Marlene Jack is coming in x2 week to support administration, not this past week. She is helping Mme. Cameron with various tasks. School District is working on getting a new VP for September.

PAC Chair/Vice Chair Report | JC Valeros & Michelle Kennedy

- Art Card Fundraiser - a huge thank you to our teachers, staff, students and families for making our Art Card Project Fundraiser a success. We went through them all and found so many lovely artwork. Parents/Caregivers, please give your children credit for the beautiful art they created. We have many talented kids in our school. A quick update - the Art Project was undoubtedly a massive undertaking, but we did it, they are on their way to Prince George, and we estimate to have them back sometime in April. We received over 200 pieces of art, so our vendor will be busy putting everything together.
- PAC White Spot Lunch on Friday, March 31st - the last day to place your order is on Thursday, March 9th.
- AGM and Elections - our upcoming AGM and Elections night will be on Wednesday, May 10. What does that mean exactly? That's when our term ends for the current Executive team. We will have several positions open and available if you are interested in getting involved as an Officer, a Rep or a Members At Large. You may have noticed we have been sharing PAC information on our social media accounts, if you are not already a member, please join us there to get more information.
- Lastly, please save the date on your calendar, May 31st. That is our Spring Event. If you'd like to be involved and part of the Spring Event Planning Committee. We will have a signup form available.

DPAC Report | Grace Steyn

1. DPAC is doing some advocacy around Official Community Plan and school speed zones with the City.
2. MLA Aman Singh joined and answered questions. He confirmed that he would advocate for free bus service up to age 18. He remains committed and continues to advocate for a dedicated Translink Queensborough Bus to NWSS. He discussed that he continues to wait re: provincial

budget decisions. He encouraged DPAC to continue advocacy through letter writing. Note that many previous letters have been sent.

3. Consultant Brenda joined who is doing the Programs of Choice review. She has a French Immersion background. She is hoping to ask:

What is working well?

What are the concerns?

What are the suggestions?

The Home Learners Program was discussed. A survey will be going out to families and focus groups will occur after Spring Break as part of the consultation process.

4. Superintendent Hachlaf

- Updates re: childcare - Purpose will provide formal application with Fraser Health to move.

- Bullying: question re: process. Reach out in timely manner with school administration or Erase reporting tool. Incident report goes to Safe & Caring Schools Administrator then to school administrator who will connect with family/student. Melanie Smith VP for Safe & Caring schools will be reviewing Codes of Conduct and ongoing conversations with students, curriculum pieces around bullying.

- Demolition at Highschool: question re: timeline. Very slow due to remediation. Getting closer to larger removal. Funding to remove and then put in more of a natural/green space. No sports areas as burial ground.

7. PAC updates – some successful bake sales, Neufelds a good fundraiser, discussion re: recruiting parents to volunteer.

8. Letters will be sent re: speed zones & to Translink re: bus

9. Requests for budget asks for DPAC to advocate for by April 19. Update that School Zone extension request ask will be from 7am – 10pm like Burnaby or 24hr/day like Vancouver

CPF Report & Saleema Noon | Grace Steyn for Heather Hansen

Sends regrets.

CPF: Parents of students in French should have received a survey via email from the School District, who is seeking input re the strengths, gaps and future opportunities for the program. Deadline to submit feedback is March 19th. If they have not received an email the survey link can be found on the New Westminster Schools Website- check it out!

Saleema Noon:

- Parent Session – Talk Sex Today with Julie will happen on March 28, 2023 via Zoom. Joining instructions will be coming out via email.

- The Body Science video library will be available as well for Kindergarten to Grade 2 and more details re: how to sign up will be coming out soon.

Parent Education Team Report | Grace Steyn & Michelle Kennedy

Save the Date for our Parent Education Night which will be co-hosted with Herbert Spencer PAC and is booked for April 19, 2023. The session is entitled 'Safer Space for Adults' with the *Children of the Street Program* through PLEA Community Services Society of BC. This session will focus on online safety.

Treasurer Report | Andrea Arnold

Report provided – see attached.

New Business | JC Valeros

None.

Open Forum | JC Valeros

Ajournment | Motion to JC, seconded by Michelle. Adjournment of meeting

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Upcoming PAC Meeting Dates for 2022/2023

May 10, 2023

June 14, 2023