

Ferris Elementary Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

December 3, 2018, Potluck 5:30PM-6:00PM, Meeting 6:00PM – 6:50PM

Attendees: Daisy Quon, Benjamin Liu, Shelly Ren, Joanna Xu, Yan Wen, Alla Becker, Stacey Yuan, Yuehan Ding, Rebecca Soronow, Naoko Watanabe, Mona Mao, Yan Gao, Fritz Ho, Jenny Ma, Ms Bahd, Vice-Principal

1. Administrators' Report

Ms. Bahd shared key highlights:

- Wavers will be added to all field trip notices, required by school districts.
- Festive Photos Day – raised almost \$1,000 for family in need.
- 1st Ferris Family Night- Dec. 7: 6-7 students have signed up to help; need more volunteers.
- Grade 5 students are currently taking Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) - an education program that seeks to prevent use of controlled drugs, membership in gangs, and violence. Cost is \$18/student (\$32K total for entire Richmond school district). Motion to allocate \$200 from PAC funding to support this program, approved.
- As part of teachers' wish list, 3-day bike safety program, "I Ride", for Grades 4-6. Motion to allocate \$750 to support this program, approved.
- Teacher's wish list is \$2700 this year. In the past, PAC provided funding to purchase school supplies and equipment that teachers see the most needs.
- This year, will pilot e-portfolios: feedback needed from parents to continuously improve.
- Gr. 7 volleyball tournament...was in November at Richmond High
- Lunch hour band played at BC Superintendents' Conference in Vancouver – very well received
- Winter concerts on Dec 12 and 13. Students arrive at 5:30PM, concerts run between 6:00-7:00PM

2. Treasurer's Report

- Two hot lunches in November:
 1. Pizza lunch on Nov 9: raised \$334.75
 2. Boston Pizza on Nov 30: raised \$376.74YTD: \$1484.94
- Gift Cards: \$17,895 sold; net profit to PAC \$781.48 (approximate profit 4.36%); Exceeded goal of \$500
- Poinsettia Flowers: \$2,232 sold, net profit to PAC \$867.50 (38.83%); Exceeded goal of \$500
- Donation Letter: 102 of 380 families have donated total of \$7,654 to date; Exceeded goal of \$5,000
- \$32,820 is our Annual Fundraising Goal, (this includes Gaming Grant of \$12,720) \$27,623.93 has been raised to date.

3. Fundraising Report

- Dec 7 – Ferris Family Fun Night
- Dec 14 - next hot lunch

- Reminder to be sent via Konstella regarding Cobbs Bread Ferris fundraising

4. Other Business

- Ferris WeChat group
78 Ferris parents registered within a month. Open to all Ferris parents (WeChat has built in translation function)
 1. \$707.70 raised through buying and selling of used goods.
 2. Blundell Market – 5% of sales paid back to Ferris, mention “VIP Ferris” to cashiers before scanning any items. Will try out for 6 months.
 3. Shanghai Wonderful Restaurant – 5% off \$50 and \$100 gift cards, 5% of sales to Ferris PAC
 4. Ho Jang BBQ – 10% discount for Ferris families, 5% of spending will be donated back to Ferris PAC – identify as from “Ferris”

These initiatives will be communicated via Konstella and in our school newsletter in English and Chinese.

Request to change meeting time to 6 to 7 pm was put forward. Ms. Bahd will discuss with Ms. Steele.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

Next Meeting: January 14, 2019, 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

**Please note time change from 5:30 pm to start time of 6:00 pm!