

## Ferris Elementary Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

January 14, 2019 6:00PM – 7:00 PM

Attendees: Naoko Watanabe, Rebecca Soronow, Ms. Steele (Principal), Ms. Bahd (Vice-Principal), Benjamin Liu, Shelly Ren, Joanna Xu, Yan Wen, Alla Becker, Stacey Yuan, Yuehan Ding, Daisy Quon, Mona Mao, Yan Gao, Anupriya Kansal, Bosco, Franny Kang, Elena Langlois, Wen Fei Yang, Kang Chen

### 1. Administrators' Report

Ms. Steele provided key highlights:

- Ms. Bahd will be assuming Principal role at Kingswood Elementary. Her last day at Ferris is Jan. 31. New Vice-Principal will begin Feb. 1
- Importance of connecting with kids: "2 by 10" strategy – 2 minutes of undivided attention for 10 days resulted in significantly improved behavior in children.
- Gr 4 and 7 students – Middle years development instrument (MDI) – UBC online survey e.g. after school activities, emotions, "patterns" that they will take into adulthood; information may be used to inform community services and programs
- Seismic upgrade: Project team is working on phasing and will provide more specific information in the next few weeks; project team will aim to do as much of the work as possible in the summer; however, there will be disruptions during the school year; Ms. Steele will be inviting a rep. to speak at a PAC meeting

### 2. Treasurer's Report

- Fundraising on track
- Dec 2018 Pizza lunch: net profit \$365.11
- No other major updates

### 3. Fundraising Report

- Spring Carnival planning to start soon: tentative date is May 30; committees must be struck; call-out for committee leads and volunteers to be posted on Konstella and school website
- Considering a silent auction (with fewer but higher end prizes), rather than a raffle
- Hot lunches: Jan 25 – Pizza lunch; Feb 8 – Sushi; Feb 22 – Boston Pizza
- Playground: targeting local businesses (9,000 registered businesses in Richmond); letters in Chinese and English have been prepared
- Submitted application to City of Richmond grant for an outdoor concert; up to \$2,500 is available
- Luxury Diamonds – in discussion to donate 3% of purchase price to PAC

### 4. Volunteer Recruitment

- Fruits and veggie days: Jan 24, Feb 7, Feb 28 - 6 to 8 volunteers per day required

### 5. Other Business

- Chinese Lion Dance – Feb. 1 2:15 – 2:40 pm
- Bollywood lessons – begin March 1; performance March 7

- PAC constitution and bylaws have not been updated for 20 years; revised constitution and bylaws will be presented at upcoming PAC meeting
- WeChat "Used Item Donation" group: more than 100 parents registered; almost \$1,000 raised to date

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Next Meeting: Feb. 4, 2019, 6:00 to 7:00 pm.