

## Ferris Elementary Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

February 11, 2019 6:00PM – 7:00 PM

Attendees: Naoko Watanabe, Rebecca Soronow, Mrs. Steele (Principal), Mr. Campbell (Vice-Principal), Benjamin Liu, Joanna Xu, Yan Wen, Stacey Yuan, Yuehan Ding, Fritz Ho, Kiersten Moore

### 1. Administrators' Report

Mrs. Steele provided key highlights:

- Welcomed our new Vice Principal, Mr. Campbell
- Importance of connecting with kids: "2 by 10" strategy – 2 minutes of undivided attention for a continuous 10 days resulted in significantly improved behavior in children.
- Pink Shirt Assembly in February to educate the value of diversity.
- International Mother Language Day on Feb 21 – Ferris is proud to have students who can speak wide variety of languages.
- Shared a list of good parenting books
- Teacher's Wish List, funding from PAC: \$2,300 still available in PAC account to be spent; approx. \$500 for Math contests; 1 wobble chair per classroom; DVD external drive (need to be compactable with Apple computer)
- \$7/student field trip subsidy, funded by PAC

### 2. Treasurer's Report

- Lion Dance crew was half an hour late, PAC paid \$160 in the end

### 3. Fundraising Report

- Running total (donations) from contracted businesses: Cobbs Bread (Richmond Centre & No. 2/Blundell) \$25, HoJang BBQ ~\$20, FreshSlice (Saba Road branch) \$26, Blundell Market \$283.40
- Monthly parking bid for February: \$50. The rule for "each family is allowed only 1 month for the parking spot in a 10-month school year" still remains unchanged.
- Curtain (Donation)/Duvet Cover (Factory Cost) private fundraiser by a group of parents: \$782.50 profit
- All fundraising needs to be under the umbrella of PAC. Fundraising promotions need to be clear for parents. Any fundraiser with "Ferris PAC" mentioned need to be discussed and approved by PAC.
- Konstella and PAC webpage are the official PAC communication platforms. Principal's emails and school website are the official school communication platforms.
- Poster summarizing ongoing fundraiser, including monthly parking bid and contracted businesses
- Hot lunches: Feb 22 – Boston Pizza (last day to order and to pay online is Feb 15)
- Spring Carnival on Thursday May 30, 3-5pm - committees have formed
- Teacher Appreciation Potluck Lunch, Friday April 26 – Parents need to sign up to help PAC with planning and to avoid surplus food. (Date change to be considered as Principal is unavailable)

#### **4. Volunteer Recruitment**

Please contact PAC at [ferrispac@gmail.com](mailto:ferrispac@gmail.com) or sign up on Konstella if you can help with the following events:

- Fruits and Veggie days: Feb 28 - 6 to 8 volunteers required
- Hot Lunch: Feb 22 – 15 volunteers required
- Spring Carnival – LOTS of volunteers required.

#### **5. Other Business**

- Bollywood dance lessons begin on March 1; performance on March 7 at Richmond Secondary
- PAC constitution and bylaws have been revised, will be posted on PAC website, voted in March and presented to Richmond District PAC.
- Zumba Night will be on hold due to snow forecast.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

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