

PAC Meeting

English Bluff Elementary School Minutes

October 25th, 2016

Present: Carey-Ann McKee, Patty Nobbs, Linda McDonald, Kathleen Moore, Heidi Surman, Kristina MacLellan, Kristina Starr, Matt Wood, Allison Wood, Raegan Robertson, Shawn KhunKhun, Iain Lancaster, Xinjun Ku, Karen Chang, Martha Davis, Christine Bilodeau, Christine Young, Andrea Vance, Andrea Raye, Michelle Smith, Linda Neilson

Part One Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda made by Christine Young and seconded by Andrea Raye. Carried.

Part Two Playground Refurbishment

1. Corporation of Delta Fund Matching Presentation and Discussion

Guest Linda Neilson w/ PWP Presentation (refer to attached pdf for more info)

- Traditional vs. Natural playgrounds- Traditional limits imagination. Natural incorporates nature into play, encourages cooperation, utilizes the imagination, increases attention, and increases fitness. Research is encouraging more risk and challenge in play, allowing children to learn boundaries and problem-solving skills. Examples are Terra Nova and Garden City Parks in Richmond.
- Community Cost Sharing Policy Table (refer to PWP)-for Traditional Delta's contribution does not exceed \$35 000 and needs to be matched by the PAC. For Natural, with a "significant PAC contribution" (ie. \$20 000), \$45 000 will be donated by Delta along with \$5 000 towards a landscape architect. The City will recommend a Landscape Architect but the final decision of what company to use is the PAC's.
- The Delta Fund matching is decided on a first come first serve basis. It is recommended to send a letter to the Parks Department with intention to apply in January 2017, in order to have approval by the Parks Commission for their 2018 budget. The School District has EB on the 2017/2018 Reserve List to build their playground.
- Cost- Large price range for Natural Playgrounds, since there is room for creativity and donation of natural materials. Traditional have a set cost and tend to be \$85 000 plus. The PAC installs Traditional with the help of volunteer parents, supervised by the playground company.
- The School District contributes by removing any previous structures and grooming playground area. Also maintains equipment.

- Safety-CSA (Canadian Standards Association) has created playground safety guidelines. Natural play spaces still work towards safe fall standards. Research by Dr. Susan Harrington shows kids act more “risky” on traditional equipment because they think they are safe and are used to the equipment.

2. Playground Fundraising Presentation and Discussion- Andrea Vance

- EB PAC currently has \$20 000 aside in a contingency playground fund
- Timeline- Apply to Delta Parks with letter in January 2017 for 2018 Funding. Build in summer 2018. Currently gathering information.
- Playground Committee created-Andrea Vance, Shawn KhunKhun, Iain Lancaster, Andrea Raye, and Carey-Ann McKee
- PAC will look into Parent Education Night around research on risk and play
- Fundraising Ideas- Gala/Casino Night, Xmas bottle drive, Spring Carnival
- Student involvement encouraged- ie. once we have 2-3 sample playgrounds we will have a vote
- It was suggested that parent information sessions on Traditional versus Natural should be held, once we get further along in the planning stages.

Part Three Executive/ Committee Reports

1. Communications

Let the PAC know if someone is not receiving EBPAC emails. Brainstorming for online parent communication forum ideas (ie. Blog). Discussing possibility of a short, weekly PAC communications board for pick up area. Please let the PAC know if you have ideas or if this interests you.

2. Treasurer Report- Andrea Vance

- Copy of 2016/2017 budget distributed and reviewed. Approved by Linda McDonald and Seconded by Kristina MacLellan. Please email EBPAC if you would like to view the PAC operating budget.
- Gaming Account- BC Lotteries Corporation gives small amount per student to go towards student enrichment. Granted \$3 400 this year. This amount will go towards busses and field trips, and the PAC will supplement additional costs. We have approximately \$6300 in gaming expenses planned for this school year.
- Planned activities for school year- Parent Social, Family Photo Night (\$625 was raised), Movie Night, Spring Carnival, Christmas Wreaths, Hot Lunch, Spell a Thon, First Aid for Grade 6 students, Grade 7 Farewell (\$20/student given by PAC), Richmond Oval and Golf Lessons, IGirl/IGuy, Reading Club Parent Education Speakers, Freezie Fridays.
- General PAC expenses for the year are estimated at \$12 000, not including the field trips that will be added. Questioning whether PAC can give additional \$6 500 to playground fund that is now in unallocated funds.

3. Hot Lunch- Christine Young

Idea was proposed to return to weekly Hot Lunch starting in January. In order to make this happen, the PAC needs 1-2 more parent coordinators to assist with the weekly organizing of this, on a rotating basis. The goal is for each coordinator to organize one Hot Lunch a month. Contact us if you are interested.

4. PAC Funded Field Trips/ Student Enrichment

Mary-Ellen Glicksohn not present at meeting but in process of organizing. Meeting with Michelle Smith in near future. Considering "Day at the Oval" for primaries and four golf lessons at Beach Grove for Intermediates. IGuy/IGirl being booked for older grades along with Parent Information Evening.

5. Parent Social/ Carnival- Allison Wood and Raegan Robertson

- Parent Social was a great success and raised approximately \$1 300. About \$300 from food/drinks and \$1 000 from games. About 45 parents showed up.
- Carnival Committee started- Allison Wood, Kirsten Langdon, Kristina Starr, Susy KhunKhun, Christine Bilodeau, Nicole Bullen, and Kathleen Moore. Planning to meet this week to discuss theme, roles, and bookings. Carnival tentative date June 1st. Thursday rentals cost less. Sponsorship initiatives will begin in January.

6. DPAC Report- Heidi Surman

Has attended two meetings on behalf of EB so far this fall. Curriculum Timeline and Reporting Process Redesign have been discussed. Last school year was a trial phase for the K-9 reporting template and it is being implemented this year on a school-by-school basis. Letter grade discussion coming in February DPAC meeting- new reporting template has letter grades only on the final term report cards and still will not be used for K-3. English Bluff, along with 1/3 of the schools in the district, will not participate in the new trial report card process this year. See website links below and attached documents for more information.

7. Christmas Fundraising- Raegan Robertson and Andrea Aird

- Andrea Aird not present. Christmas Wreath fundraiser planned for Thursday, November 24th. Notices/Order Forms will be sent home Wednesday, November 2nd.
- Christmas Movie Night- Kristina Starr volunteered to coordinate
- Raegan Robertson hosting Christmas Bake Sale Friday, December 9th 9-5. Extending hours this year to accommodate more peoples' schedules and to leave open to general public. Will do cupcake carts again but need more people to make cupcakes this year.
- Christine Bilodeau brought up The Card Project fundraiser where student artwork is put on cards or other items. PAC will research.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 made by Patty Nobbs, seconded by Allison Wood

link to the District website for parents wanting info on the new curriculum and reporting order: <http://www.deltasd.bc.ca/content/resources/newcurriculum>

link where parents can give feedback on new reporting process and also sign up for community meetings on the reporting project: <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress/en/home/>

link to the website with the new pilot reporting template: <https://deltalearns.ca/cslpilot/>