

## Gray Elementary PAC Meeting

November 23, 2016

7:00 PM

### In attendance

Sandra Baumeister

Amanda Berera

Jennifer Hastings

Ruby Jaswal

Deborah Pettigrew

Sonja Gustavson

Nicole Braid

Terri Burton

Amy Burden

Zena Ray

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

Minutes of meeting from September 28, 2016 meeting will be approved at the January meeting.  
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### Principal's Report

On Dec. 7, 2016, a parent information night will be held in the gym at 7:00 PM. The purpose will be to provide information to parents and give understanding about what is coming home on the new report cards. Helling Elementary parents will be invited. Question was raised: Can we use DPAC grant money for refreshments?

Aboriginal Education will now be referred to as Indigenous Education which is because of the Federal government renaming their department to Indigenous Affairs. A new focus will be on what are the aboriginal ways of knowing in the classroom.

Vice-principal will be leading a committee to articulate expectations of student behaviours in different parts of the school, for example, hallways, assemblies, library, etc. Expectations will be reviewed with teachers first, students next and then with the PAC.

Christmas concert will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> for primary students and December 15<sup>th</sup> for intermediate students. Dress rehearsals will be held each afternoon at 1:30 PM and parents are invited to attend. Parents will be encouraged to stay for entire performance on the night that they attend. There will be a food drive on each night so parents will need a ticket and a food item donation to gain entrance. Terri noted that the food drive items gathered on movie night were donated to a local family that was in need.

Question was raised from Terri regarding the Delta COP volunteers that have been around this week. Terri suggest that they be provided with the feedback that they should be moving around in the hot zones. Volunteers give a report to the school at the end of the week. Terri also noted that Lorraine puts out pylons each morning and feels that it helps with traffic. Zena noted that the school liaison officer is working with the Delta traffic department.

Question was raised from Terri regarding the custodian and is there anything done to provide extra support for custodians. Zena noted that an extra four-hour shift has been added.

Question was raised from Terri regard the Provincial Pac and funding available to schools.

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## **DPAC Report**

Kristin emailed an update on her DPAC, read by Terri. Inserted here.

"At the DPAC meeting there were two key focuses!

The first was a presentation from Rod Allnut, the Director of Human Resources for the School Board. He focused on the recent legal ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada, between the government and the BC Teachers Federation, over the contract negotiation that will take place now that the Supreme Court ruled in favour of the BCTF. So, the current contract (mostly to do with class size and composition) will run out in 2019, and they're hopeful it will be worked out at the bargaining table between now and then, but nothing is likely to happen immediately, nothing that will affect this school year, especially with the provincial election coming up.

The next focal point was from Joanna Agelidis, the Director of Inclusive Learning. She spoke about the shift of segregated special education into inclusion. She mentioned the creation of the Inclusive Learning Advisory Council, and the focus on parents helping other parents as a supplement to the provincial supports.

Some additional notes were:

- the Have Your Say Survey; they encouraged parents to fill it out [engage.gov.bc.ca](http://engage.gov.bc.ca)
- Parent education grant- \$200 for educational events for parents
- only 30% of the population in BC has children in the public education system, so education may not be a big priority in the upcoming election; they encouraged a collective voice to get the word out on why public education matters"

## **Hot Lunch Update**

No update for this meeting.

## **Emergency Preparedness**

No update for this meeting.

## **Treasurer Report**

No report provided. A discussion and motion to spend funds for the playground will be held over to next meeting.

## **Fundraising/Special Events**

Entertainment fundraiser is completed. Estimated profit is \$4,000.00. All volunteers received a free book. Div. 17 won the trip to Skyzone. Randomly drawn winner for all prizes was Ryan from Div. 17. Entertainment representative used random.org for the draw.

Approximately 150 people attended for movie night. It went well and clean was done fast. Approximately \$400 was raised, \$200 of which will go to Grade 7 year-end events.

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Gift card fundraiser has been launched for Christmas. Jennifer Clark and Andrea Mori will look after it.

Bingo Night will take place in the coming months. Andrea and Jenn agreed to organize. Prizes will be donated by parents.

Christmas Fair is currently being organized. There are 15 spots left. The bake sale will be run by Grade 6 students. Concession will be run by Grade 7 students.

Carnival date has been set for June 2, 2016.

M & M Meats had a barbecue last weekend. Gray's fundraising stack is quite a bit higher than other schools.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.