



Canyon Heights Parent Advisory Council

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P.A.C. MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2023

7:30 pm- 8:45 pm

(Multi-purpose Room)

Present at the Meeting:

P.A.C. Executive:

Chair: Kendra Low

Vice Chair: Vanessa Mitchell

Secretary: Sonia Gadtke

Treasurer: Erin Alexander

Fundraising: Mona Tavassoli

Communications: Saman Hamidi

Canyon Heights Administration: Principal, Kevin Ward, Vice Principal, Kammi Clark

Meeting members: There were approximately 5 additional parents in attendance.

Kendra Low called the meeting to order at **7:30pm**

Land Acknowledgement – Kammi Clark

1) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Annual General PAC Meeting (November, 2022)

- Erin Alexander motioned to approve the minutes; the minutes were unanimously approved

2) School Update: Principal Kevin Ward

- Grade 4s and 6s went to outdoor school and had a great time
- Kammi and Kevin went up to visit
- Hip Hop performance with Jessica Heaven went very well; note the PAC sponsored the dance lessons in the school.
- Great to have the parents in the building again
- Kids had 3 dance workshops with Jessica, hoping to have more next year
- Report cards have been posted
- Parent-Teacher interviews are this week
- Longhouse trip will happen in May for the grade 3 students
- We've had to split them into 2 groups because the grade 3s are such a large group
- Track and field is starting after spring break
- Swangard is currently closed for the 2023 track and field season so there will not be a large meet there this year
- The method of grading of students will be changing come September 2023
- There will be information on the new Proficiency Scale being sent to parents after spring break

3) PAC Chair Update: Kendra Low & Vanessa Mitchell

- Kulvir Mann has joined us tonight
- Kulvir is a school district trustee and former parent of canyon heights students
- She is a great advocate for safety in our area and around all schools
- Traffic issues around Canyon Heights have been exasperated
- We are looking at Canyon Heights being the pilot school for the Walking School Bus initiative
- Canyon Heights applied for a sustainability grant for \$4000 to encourage active transportation, we were successful in this application! Thank you to the District of North Van!
- March 30th is our Special Community Safety meeting – please attend and tell your friends to attend.
- Neighbours within a 2-3 block radius of the school will be invited to the meeting to express any concerns they may have about parking and safety issues
- We will have a number of guests at the meeting: North Vancouver RCMP, District of North Vancouver staff and councillors, North Shore Safety Council, ICBC – Road Safety, North Vancouver School District – Sustainability & Facilities, North Vancouver School Board Trustees, Canyon Heights Elementary School Administration
- There is a short survey to get information about how people get to school, suggestions on how to improve safety around the school
- We are expecting a large turnout at the Community Safety meeting
- We have many concerned parents and neighbours about the safety and parking issues around our school
- All the PAC chairs in the Handsworth family of schools have been invited
- March 30th at 6pm – mark your calendars

- Big ‘Thank you’ to Melanie Wong and her family for taking out the traffic cones every morning and bringing them in every afternoon
- Our website is up as well as our calendar
- Safety is our major focus with the meeting at the end of the month
- Year End BBQ June 15th 4:30pm
- More info will be on our website and Instagram
- Gala will be in spring 2024
- Anyone with ideas can contact Vanessa on Instagram or via email co-chair@canyonheightspac.org
- Open positions: Safety Committee
- Hot Lunch, we need two people to help with this position, one person to be in charge and one assistant.

4) Budget

- Hot Lunch is going to make an estimated \$30,000 this year
- Big spends: I-Pads - 30 for the school
- 3D printer was purchased this year
- \$7000 in classroom supports provided.
- Young Actors Group will be coming in May
- Hip Hop Instructor: Jessica Heaven
- Outdoor Upgrade is on the list of future spends
- The courtyard is in need of a re-fresh and new paint
- We are hoping to get the re-fresh done this year, but may be postponed to next school year.

5) Fundraising Updates – Mona Tavassoli

- Our Fall Market we raised \$1000 and it was so great!
- Kids were making the most purchases at the Fall Market
- We will do it again next fall
- Chinese New Year Fundraiser
- The Card Project is coming up
- Cookies for Easter – Baking You Happy
- Bottle Drive – April 29th
- Kids Books – first 2 weeks of May
- Ongoing Campaigns: Krave Culture, Cobbs Breads and Nelly’s
- If you want to sell anything on our website or if you have a business that you would like to feature, please contact Mona at fundraising@canyonheightpac.org

6) Upcoming Events

- Community Safety Meeting – March 30th at 6pm
- Year End BBQ – June 15th

- Afterschool Programs, we do not get a kickback from the afterschool programs it is more for the parents of the school
- We would love feedback from the parents to make sure our afterschool programs offer something for everyone!
- All events are saved under HIGHLIGHTS on our Canyon Heights PAC website
- If you go on our school calendar you can actually press subscribe and everything will go directly into your Samsung, Galaxy, I-phone

7) **New Business**

- We are still searching for volunteers to be class rep for **Division 2 (Mr. Dumont)** and **Division 3 (Mr. Beck & Mrs. Clark)**
- The biggest and most fun role of the class reps is to collect from parents for teacher appreciation gifts at Christmas time and again in June.
- Anyone interested in becoming a class rep for either of these two divisions, please email secretary@canyonheightspac.org

Next meeting: Safety Committee Meeting, March 30th

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm