

Parent Volunteer Group

AT FRASER ACADEMY

PVG Community Meeting Notes

Date: September 20, 2017

Time: 8:00 - 9:15 AM

Welcome from Andrea Potter, Parent Volunteer Group Chair, and intro of PVG Executive:

Erica Johnson, Vice Chair

Belinda Curyer, Vice Chair

Shelagh Cluff, Treasurer and Secretary

Attendance

We had a record-breaking turn out for the first PVG meeting of 2017/18!

Introductions of all in attendance.

Dawn Sells, Marnia Lajeunesse, Michelle Jenkins, Kathy Celallus, Simon Uden, Maureen Steltman, Belinda Curyer, Erica Johnson, Judy Van Halst, Andrea Potter, Shelagh Cluff, Brandy Hughes, Catriona Gordon, Michealanne Dodds, meredith Kaufman, Susie Stewart, Holly Harlow, Nori MacGowan, Caroline Rossitter, Sharon Selby, Anita Perkins, Debbie Heeps, Vivian Cantas, Nicole Heighington, Kirsti Hardie

Update from Head of School Maureen Steltman:

- great start to the year
- caliber of raising the standards of education at school
- accredited by CAIS for the school this summer (really exciting for the school)
- 20 teachers in total were being educated during the summer months at Fraser's facility (14 were Fraser faculty)
- invested in quality of instruction and how to maintain this culture

- eg. staff training developed by Travis and Suzanne during summer months

Zero Waste initiative presentation

Presentation by Cindy Schreyer, Artist in house Residence and Catriona Gordon, Science Teacher

1. To illustrate the environmental waste within our school, Cindy presented a large amount of bottles, containers and plastics that she collected from school waste bins.
2. Plan is to create an art project out of the trash: October 25th all these plastics to be hung in reception on the 1st floor.
3. Fraser Academy is going to get compost bins for the first time, starting in January 2018 - student council to start the process and actual roll out of the bins.
4. Cross-curricular department initiative.
5. A terrific slide presentation was projected on the plastics and their impact on the environment especially in our oceans.
6. Two key elements of the visit to the Metro Vancouver Waste dump: 87% of garbage in the landfill can be recycled - only 20 years left in Delta at the landfill.
7. "Wear your garbage" video was presented.
8. Discussion of encouraging a "litterless" lunch - perhaps the PVG could sell "green" lunch kits, support a zero waste pop-up store (Salt Spring Island has the 1st store, and Vancouver to open one soon): ideas to be further considered by PVG executive.

PVG Website update

Erica walked group through the PVG website, outlining up-coming meetings and advised PVG meetings will run 8-9:15 am this year.

The website also outlines parent-lead initiatives:

Class Parents - team lead is Belinda Curyer

Garden Team - team lead Debbie Heeps

Art team leader who will coordinate fundraisers like art cards

Holiday Baking - team lead Caroline Rossiter agreed to be team lead

Staff Appreciation Lunch - team lead Caroline Rossiter

Class Parent and Socials

- Belinda started a great discussion on the role of a class parent coordinator
- Getting notices and awareness out to the community in each grade
- Social events; Junior social is next Wednesday Sept 27th,
- Middle and Senior school socials will be decided
- Attending the PVG meetings for more info of "what's happening"
- So far the parents are as follows (such a great new way being involved)

Class Parent Representatives 2017 - 2018

Grade 2 and 3- TBD

Grade 4 - Lee Anne Ahrens

Grade 5 - Brandy Brooks Hughes

Grade 6 - Anita Perkins

Grade 7 - Lisa Marcus

Grade 8 - Judy Robertson & Jason High

Grade 9 - Judy Van Halst

Grade 10 - TBD

Grade 11 - Kathy Wolfe

Grade 12 - Cindy Ball

Used Uniform Sales Update

- 1st Sale is going to be Friday, October 13th
- Once a month sale on an early morning
- Another time can be on parent nights/curriculum night
- Roughly ½ of the initial cost of the uniform
- 4 to 5 volunteers have been decided so far

Financials

Shelagh presented a summary of this past year's financials

A report was given on the summary and the past and current donations give to the school.

Fund Raising activities of the PVG

Andrea spoke to the initiatives set out by the school

- PVG recently donated \$6000 to go towards the equipment for the first floor multi-purpose room. This will be equipment used for physical education.
- Purdy fundraising led by Donna Williams to be launched right after Halloween
- Holiday baking
- Arts
- Uniform sales
- New initiatives that want to be addressed
- More will be outlined in the coming weeks on the PVG website

Andrea suggested that she would like to see 100% of parents at the school engaged, by either donating their time, treasure or talent as we are a unique community where we come far and wide. The school has short and long-term needs. Simon spoke to the high-level renovations of the school (5th floor audio and lighting, musical and drama room) and the fundraising of the PVG and the support between the communities.

There was a call out of volunteers from the parents in attendance with many very responsive. Thank you. These included:

Purdys Fundraiser: PVG to get in touch with Donna to see what help she requires but Michelle, Holly, Erica have all volunteered,

Dec 14th: Holiday baking event for teachers

Parent community donates baked goods or money to provide a holiday baking event for the teachers. They can take home a collection of baked goods.

Responsibilities: coordinate communication to parents regarding baking donations, collect baked goods at morning drop off, set up of the tables to display baked goods, parents meet and greet teachers, clean up and package any leftover baked goods.

Volunteers: Maria, Debbie, Christie, Vivian, Meredith, Sharon, Micheal Anne, Brandy and Holly.

Next meeting: Wednesday November 22, 2017 @ 8am