

# Parent Volunteer Group

## AT FRASER ACADEMY

Date: January 17, 2018

Time: 8:00 - 9:00 AM

### **Attendance.**

1st Meeting of 2018 was held in the Junior School Music room which provided a great new setting for the ever-growing community within the PVG.

Simon Uden, Maureen Steltman, Belinda Curyer, Judy Van Halst, Andrea Potter, Shelagh Cluff, Brandy Hughes, Susie Stewart, Anita Perkins, Debbie Heeps, Vivian Cantas, Doug Paul, Kirsti Hardie, Cass Tuck, Mie Tam, Gisela Esher, Cindy Schneyer, Nori MacGowan, Sheila C., Siobhan Devine, Cindy Ball, Erin Kline (guest appearance)

### **1. Welcome.** From Andrea Potter

- Andrea made mention of a couple of items to get us started from two events from December 2017. The first item was the explanation of why we could not perform the 50/50 draw at the winter concert. The way our PVG is structured disallowed us, for the time being, to offer raffles.
- A huge shout out was given to Caroline Rossiter who organized the baking event for our teachers. In keeping with our school's Zero waste initiative, all the teachers used non throw away containers for the event. Thank you to Caroline. It was also mentioned how Caroline's family is moving to Toronto. This comes as a great loss to the PVG as she was an absolute legend when it came to our year end party for the staff at Fraser Academy.

### **2. Update from Head of School Maureen Steltman.**

- Maureen reported that the school is in great shape going forward especially with the Strong Minds initiative.
- Maureen introduced the Assistant Head of School – Teaching and Learning, Erin Kline so that she may discuss further this program. Strong minds as it coined for now is the 3<sup>rd</sup> pillar under the umbrella of building cognition. The other two pillars being Executive Functioning and 3C Thinking. The idea is that it will include play and rest which will build positive relations for wellness and healthy lifestyle for rest of student's life.
- Erin further discussed the speaker coming to the school on February 6th. Dr. Shimi Kang will be talking about “Raising Balanced Kids in an Unbalanced World” to the parents and faculty. She wants to share her research and experience; to further provide a roadmap for our kids in this challenging and unlinked time.
- Another speaker is coming to the school May 2, 2018. Sarah Ward will be coming to discuss social and emotional wellness.

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## 3. Fundraising Update

Upcoming art fundraiser

- our team lead Vivian kindly shared all the recent efforts in brainstorming for a cocktail reception art fundraiser celebrating the artwork of grades 2-9 at Fraser.
- a number of student art creations will be on auction. Proceeds from the evening will go towards fine arts equipment and supplies such as easels, dress forms, USB drives, tripods, various materials and the largest ticket item, a laser cutter (valued around \$15k). The art department is an amazing one as it really brings to light a cross section of subjects. The students are able to express their understanding of topics through art in subjects such as science and socials. This idea of visual learning is brought to light in this capacity.
- there are 30 pieces in total made from various mediums (4 large, 2 smaller ones and 22 white tiled pieces)
- the dates has been set for February 22nd. A save the date email will go this week.
- a committee is needed to help. So far the committee is strong with Belinda, Debbie, Lisa, Mie, Judy and Susie but more volunteers are welcome
- there will be parking across the street from Andrea's Gastown accommodation, where the event will be held.
- caterer has been selected with a maximum capacity of 100 guests
- there was a discussion of calling on music teachers or the like to support with their music for the event or to hire a quartet.
- plan to use Eventbrite for ordering tickets and a mobile unit on site to collect monies while at the event
- 3-4 gifts baskets are being considered in addition to the art work
- Brandy recommended an "Art/Wish Tree" for those that want to donate other than the artwork being auctioned. The idea behind this form of raising money is that a tax receipt. Student/teacher wishes for something and their "wish" comes true.
- an idea of engaging an audience with the use of FACEBOOK for showing off the artwork while in progress. Each week Art teachers can post how the work is coming along as there are many stages to the process; creating, glazing, firing, finishing. Belinda has kindly offered to stage this on FB. This use of social media will generate excitement thought the photos of the working process
- a discussion was had on how some can contribute without being there? Which leads to the call out for wines, beers and sparkling waters in the event that someone knows a supplier or such that might want to donate for this event or ones in the future (i.e. staff year end party)

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## B. Passive fundraising - SPUD update

Susie Stewart reported on opportunities from SPUD commenting on how they have 2 ways in which they can raise monies. 1 is throughout their food baskets where the school receives 25% back and the second is through Gift Certificates where we would receive 10%. The baskets program will be changing mid-February. Susie recommended us to wait on the outcome of these changes and to proceed from there.

## 4. Financial update

Shelagh was able to share a few items of monies coming into the account; Holiday Baking brought in \$718.99. Simon was able to confirm that \$820.15 came in from the Winter Concert. Shelagh hopes, to have at the next meeting, a literal projection of the monies coming in and out of the account for everyone to see. Those that have any questions regarding these monies are invited to do so. We are at a healthy balance of \$20,188.72. More monies came in just yesterday from Purdy's fundraiser to make a total of \$3,448.54 net revenue.

## 5. Used Uniform

Vivian made a shout out for more inventory needed for another February time for selling used Uniforms. February 6 before the community speaker and February 15th are possible times for nights to sell.

## 6. Grade 12 Grad Photos - Belinda working on finding a volunteer from the graduation class

## 7. New business

Andrea closed off the meeting at 9 am. Thank you to everyone for joining us and sharing their great ideas.