

Parent Volunteer Group

AT FRASER ACADEMY

PVG Meeting Notes Nov 9, 2018

Date: November 9, 2018

Time: 8:00 am to 9:15 am

Location: Fraser Academy, 5th Floor

Present: Andrea Potter, Shelagh Cluff, Brandy Hughes, Maureen Steltman, Mie Tam, Susie Stewart, Michealanne Dodds, Kimberley Handley, Judy Van Halst, Vivian Cantas, Anond Rampersaud, Doug Paul, Julianne De Witt, Meredith Kaufman, Aranda Broderick, Caroline Katz, Veronika Larson, Lesya Anna Adehl, Nori MacGowan, Robin Morrish, Gisela Escher, Debbie Heeps, Zanna Downes, Anita Perkins

1. Welcome - Andrea Potter

Thanks to the parents for socials. Both Junior and Intermediate/Senior were a great success! Grade 12 Grad Parent social coming up on November 15th.

2. Update from Head of School - Maureen Steltman

We encourage parents to keep the kids on track for getting to school in a timely manner, as students tend to get more tired in November.

Colleen Chow – Director of Learning Services at Fraser Academy and Orton-Gillingham tutor trainer, is being invited to educate us at the speaker series in the coming months. She will present on the brain and dyslexia, and how the brain processes language.

There were 50-60 guests at the Open House on November 8th. The student tour guides and panel were representatives from middle and senior grades. The students were exemplary representatives of the School.

Matthew Jenkins has been named head student of student council and has received early acceptance at StFX University.

At the Board of variance meeting, the sports pad is designated as an athletic place for the next 7 years. The school is planning on a more semi-permanent structure costing up to \$400,000. This indoor sports pad can be transferable to another location at a later date. This is inclusive of flooring and bubble. Mrs. Steltman stated that this is very realistic for the sports pad to be up and running by September 2019. The proposal will be presented at the Fraser Academy Board Meeting for Board approval before proceeding. The school will be reaching out to parents who have skills that can be beneficial to bringing this project to fruition, including Doug Paul, Anita Perkins and Judy Van Halst.

There was a discussion on the early start time for the school day at Fraser Academy. Mrs. Steltman advised that we cannot adjust the end time because of sports commitments and the early time has proven over the years to provide great structure and stability for the students. Many parents reported that there is a settling in period for new students, but over time they adjust as do the families. The early start time allows for a greater number of hours of instruction.

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3. Financial update – Brandy Hughes

Total: \$37,000

Expenses: we are waiting for the expenses from the parent socials to be submitted.

Entrance cost to the winter and spring music concerts was discussed. As this is a school decision and not a PVG decision, this was turned over to Mrs. Steltman. She indicated that the winter concert would not have an entrance fee, but she would bring it up with the fine arts department for future consideration.

Art cards were explained by Andrea Potter. The printing is done through the VSB. The cost to produce the cards is low and therefore the return on investment is high. The winter and spring concerts are a good place to sell the cards. Thursday December 13th is the night of the winter concert. The Junior show is at 6pm followed by the Senior school at 7:30 pm.

The Holiday Baking event for the Fraser staff is planned for Monday December 17th.
Art Auction is planned for Thursday February 28th.

Parent Advisory Groups are able to apply for Gaming Grants through the Lottery Corp. Fraser Academy PVG received the gaming grant for the 2018/2019 school year which is approx. \$5400. Schools have 2 years to spend the money. Both the monies raised from the PVG and the gaming grant are separated for ways to achieve proper dispersants and allocation.

Veronica Larson brought to light another passive way to raise money through a Pasta revenue generator. Veronica was asked to submit the information to the PVG email address for review.

4. December events: winter concert fundraiser, Purdys and holiday baking – Andrea Potter.

As the events were discussed during the budget review we will need team leads for the December events.

We need another parent for the Purdy's fundraiser at this time to take over from Donna (whose child is graduating). **Veronica Larson** volunteered.

Holiday Baking event. They will be required to gather volunteers to help decorate (existing decorations are located at the school- Erin at reception will know their location) on the 5th floor with holiday cheer. The team lead will also need to organize runners for parents dropping off baking (in labeled personal containers) on the morning of Monday December 17th, and finally set up and cleanup.
Lesya Anna Adehl volunteered for team lead.

5. Zero Waste – Anita Perkins

Andrea, Anita and Cindy met earlier this fall to discuss this very important aspect of school life. There is no policy set in place for zero waste at the school as of yet. Anita spent some time on campus to witness the coming and goings of Fraser middle and senior students who buy food off campus. Anita discovered the wastefulness is all about FOOD; Chocolate cake in plastic containers, Coke in plastic bottle, gummies in plastic, and donuts. Another noticeable is single use plastic cutlery. We would like to initiate change through education and volunteers initiating policies. A lot of impact can be made through the "Parent Handbook." It was discovered as well that Schools are fined if there are no different waste bins set up on site. There was a discussion about custom Fraser container and water bottles, that are available for purchase and locker kits that include reusable cutlery etc.

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Relationship with IGA has to be nurtured in order to further the investment in the initiative. A discussion about setting apps for ordering food wrapped in PAPER. This one was a suggestion from Judy Van Halst. It was decided to have a PVG statement on Zero Waste that mirrors the school philosophy and to encourage the community in small ways to continue to move to zero waste.

6. Annual major art gala - Vivian Cantas (team lead)

Date is confirmed: February 28, 2019

Location: MNP Tower, Main Lobby 1021 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

Location is central to public transportation with lots of near by parking.

Maximum capacity is about 200 people.

Save the date cards need to be communications need to be generated and distributed before and after Christmas. Some of the monies raised from this event will go to a school wish list; Landscaping, Library, Sports Pad, Washroom and cleaning stations to name just a few. This will be voted on in future meetings.

The 2018 Art Gala raised money for the art department.

Art Graduates are being asked to contribute to the 2019 Art Gala. Some of the staff's relationship to these alumni might be able to offer up communication here.

Parent Volunteers: Michelanne, Meredith, Zanna, Julianna, Robbin, Caroline, Susie, Lesya Anna, Brandy, Debbie, and Nori have offered to help here.

Note: if any other people would like to volunteer please contact Vivian Cantas

7. New Business

It was noted that the Staff Appreciation lunch team will start the planning after the Art Gala, but Doug Paul - team lead, asked for ideas related to the theme of the event. It was mentioned that the teachers really appreciated the casual atmosphere at the 2018 lunch.

2019 Location will be at the Creekside Community Center - June 20, 2019

2018 Beach Blanket Bingo (Creekside Community Center)

2017 When in Rome (Creekside Community Center)

2016 Outdoor food truck picnic (sports pad at Fraser Academy)