

**PVG Meeting Minutes** November 15th  
Fraser Academy, 5th Floor Multipurpose Room  
8:00 - 9:15 am

1. Sign in and welcome: Andrea Potter

Andrea Potter called the meeting to order at 8:07 am.

2. Welcome and update from Head of School, Maureen Steltman

Mr. Kanavos announced that the school is shifting from fall to winter sports, and discussed the overall satisfaction with how the school year has gone so far. He noted we still have staff working outside on traffic supervision, which has helped immensely with traffic confusion. We are also working with St. John's School and will hopefully be collaborating with the City to make further traffic improvements. Ms. Van Halst noted she and Mrs. Steltman had met with a City engineer, more updates on that meeting were expected to follow in the coming weeks.

Mrs. Steltman discussed the results of the New Campus Parent Survey from the previous Spring, noting the strong engagement rate. Some of the key takeaways from the survey were the desire for a gymnasium, larger classrooms and a lunch space.

Mrs. Steltman then announced to the PVG that Mr. David Eby, the MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey would be visiting the school in the afternoon to do a presentation for the Grade 12 Social Studies Class. Mrs. Steltman highlighted the importance of forging partnerships with the Provincial and Civil government. She went on to explain that the Ministry of Health has a history of funding Special Education schools, and Fraser Academy wants to articulate the social impact and value we provide to the greater community. With regards to articulating Fraser Academy's greater societal reach, Mrs. Steltman informed the PVG that they were planning to partner with MNP to complete a social and economic impact study. They estimated it would be complete in 3 to 4 weeks.

A parent suggested collecting different families' stories outlining how they adjusted when their child began attending Fraser Academy and Mrs. Steltman noted that would be very helpful. She wanted to shed light on the fact that FA is of a greater service to the community at large and works to support the population who needs it most. In addition to the day school, this is done through teacher training, professional development, and FAX, the afterschool for programs for students who cannot attend FA during the day.

Mrs. Steltman discussed Fraser Academy's exciting recent partnership with the

strength-focused organization Made By Dyslexia. Ms. Potter suggested the school try to obtain Made by Dyslexia shirts for the students. Mrs. Steltman also discussed the school's likelihood of hosting a Made By Dyslexia Summit in the spring of 2020, more information on which will follow when details are confirmed.

### 3. Landscaping Update: Judy Van Halst

Ms. Van Halst presented a few items that were being considered for the front of the school; a recycling and garbage bin, a table to wrap around the flagpole. The items will be ordered within the next month and the estimated delivery is 6 to 8 weeks, but the holidays could delay this.

### 4. Purdy's Fundraiser: Kiley Lunden

Ms. Lunden was not present at the meeting but a few other PVG members updated the group on the status of the Purdy's fundraiser. The booklets have gone out to staff, Ms. Curyer is set to do a class update and the goal is to raise \$3-4k. The Staff email had been sent out for ordering, and the deadline to order is November 25th. It was noted that people may have missed the email due to Apple iPhone updates.

### 5. Holiday Baking: Kirstie Hardie

Ms. Hardie announced the Holiday Baking event would occur December 16th, where the PVG and parents provide holiday baked goods to teachers and staff, who can bring a tupperware on the day and fill it with goodies. Communication will be sent out to get volunteers for set up, clean up, making baked goods, and monetary donations. The group advised that Ms. Hardie wait until the Purdy sale is over before sending out info on the Holiday baking, as to avoid confusion or overlap.

### 6. Used uniform updates: Debbie Heeps & Belinda Curyer

Ms. Heeps and Ms. Curyer noted that recently they have only sold \$300 worth of items, and they are running low on stock. They noted they would have to send a message out to students to donate used uniforms; it was suggested that Ms. Gibson, Marketing and Communications Manager could handle this communication. A parent noted that the used uniform sale is a great first point of contact for new families within the Fraser community.

## 7. Grade Social Events: Belinda Curyer

Ms. Curyer began by stating she is hoping to encourage more class events in order to build school community and connect parents who don't live near the school, so that the parent community is cohesive for events such as Graduation, and forging strong Alumni relations down the road. During Professional Development Days, activities like basketball games, rock climbing, and bowling are viable options; Ms. Curyer suggested a Parent Pub night so that parents have an opportunity to mingle and become more well-acquainted. Ms. Curyer asked if the PVG could provide feedback on what has worked well so far.

## 8. Screenagers 2: Andrea Potter

Ms. Potter proposed the idea of organizing a screening for the movie Screenagers, a documentary on the effects of screen time on teenagers. Ms. Potter wanted to gauge the interest level among parents before moving forward. A parent suggested the PVG use the auditorium at Kitsilano Secondary School; they rent it out for a reasonable cost and it has 500-600 seats. Ms. Potter also suggested the students could follow up in small groups after the screening to discuss what they had learned.

## 9. Social for Feb 2020: Andrea Potter (on behalf of Vivian)

Ms. Potter announced they would be tabling this discussion until there is more information about combining this event with a school sanctioned event.

## 10. Any New Business

- "Can we film community education nights for people who cannot attend?"
  - Mrs. Steltman discussed that the school could not justify the cost of getting a professional videographer - Ms. Potter made a note to look into if any parents who would be willing to volunteer to film.
- Discussion regarding how the parent community could organize group activities for their children on Pro D days.
  - The group discussed creating a Facebook page for parents to discuss possible activities on Pro-D Days
  - Mrs. Steltman noted the dates of our Pro-D Days are strategic and offer both critical professional development as well as mental health breaks for both the students and teachers.

- Mrs. Steltman informed the PVG that enrolment would be changing from annual to continuous; families will now only have to submit enrolment forms once, and students will remain enrolled year to year, on an ongoing basis, until the family would like to opt out.

- Payment due date will be in February so we can know how many spaces we have and how many we need to be filled. More information will be sent out in a notice the following weeks.

With no other business being presented, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am