

ÉCOLE SOUTH PARK ELEMENTARY
PAC MINUTES OF MEETING
January 27, 2016

7:00 – 9:00 pm South Park Library	
Item	Summary
Attendees:	<p><u>Executive:</u> Shanna (Chair), Fannie (Vice-Chair), Terri (Past Chair), Mel (Secretary), Lynsey (MAL), Tami (DPAC Rep)</p> <p><u>Special Guests:</u> Diane Jubinville, District Vice Principal for Aboriginal Education, and Karen McDonald, Aboriginal Success Coordinator</p> <p><u>Other Members:</u> 6</p> <p><u>Administration:</u> Mme Greenhalgh and Ms. Potter</p>
1. Welcome	
2. Special Presentation – Diane Jubinville & Karen McDonald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada recently released its final report that includes recommendations for incorporating Aboriginal perspectives into Canada’s education system. • The BC Ministry of Education is working on incorporating Aboriginal perspectives and knowledge into the New Curriculum, based on the understanding that Aboriginal people are a part of the historical and contemporary foundation of BC and Canada. • As part of the New Curriculum, from Kindergarten to graduation students will experience Aboriginal perspectives and understandings as an integrated part of what they are learning. • Delta’s Newly Developed Document: 10 Ways to Weave Aboriginal Ways of Knowing into the Classroom Curriculum. Natural link to Social Emotional Learning. • BC Education website has a lot of resources related to incorporating Aboriginal perspectives and knowledge into the New Curriculum. A good place to start is the Ministry’s document called Aboriginal Worldviews and Perspectives in the Classroom (http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca). See also the Delta Learns website (https://deltalearns.ca).
3. Old Business and Approval of Minutes from the Last Meeting	Minutes of meeting from November 25, 2015 approved, with two minor modifications to the draft: revisions submitted by Tami in respect of the DPAC information, and corrections to the child-minding stipend for PAC meeting. Terri motioned and Tami seconded.

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<p>4. Chair's Update</p>	<p>PAC activities since November:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Special Foods • Financially supported the Christmas concerts in December and the Family Math Games Night on January 12 • Noon hour activities have resumed – floor hockey, games club & yoga currently • Met with a mural artist to start the process of researching the feasibility of a school mural as a legacy project • Also conducted some initial research into requirements for improving emergency preparedness supplies and materials for individual classrooms <p>Looking forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 more Special Foods • District Revisioning Night – PAC meeting on February 24 • Kindergarten registration event on February 25 – the PAC will participate in welcoming new parents to the school • Teachers considering materials for fidget kits with funds approved at the last PAC meeting • Financial support for hip hop and Silk Road • Spring Fair – May 27 (Leanne Johnson and Colleen Robinson are leading the event this year – thank you!!) • Looking for a new Special Foods Coordinator (thank you Catherine for all your hard work over the last few years!!) • South Park will host the track meet this year (Wednesday, May 11), which means our PAC has the opportunity to operate the concession and keep the proceeds. A binder is passed along from school to school with tips about vendors, what sells and what doesn't sell, etc. to help run the concession - please volunteer to help if you can! As in previous years, South Park will also be responsible for the start and finish lines, so approx. 15 additional volunteers will be required for those duties.
<p>5. Treasurer's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated budget to reflect revisions from the last meeting – available on the school website. • Net revenue to date: \$5124 • Special Foods: showing a bit down and will continue for the remainder of the year due to budgeting issues previously discussed. • Members present at the meeting raised concerns to the PAC and school administration about the frequency with which parents are asked for funds – from PAC and from the school. The administration and PAC members generally agreed that better clarity around requests for funds would help – who is asking, for what purpose, is the event PAC-subsidized, etc. • Members and administration present at the meeting also discussed the possibility of consolidating requests for funds, allowing parents the opportunity to pay a lump sum at

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	<p>the beginning of the year (like Beach Grove for example), among other options and ideas. These options are to be considered as part of the next budget cycle – perhaps in connection with a parent survey at the end of the school year regarding the allocation of PAC funds in the next budget (set in September for the school year). The budget, once set, determines PAC spending for the year so the more PAC members that provide input and participate in the process of determining the budget the better.</p>
<p>6. Members at Large (MAL) Updates</p>	<p><u>CPF Update (Lynsey on behalf of Natalie):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPF-sponsored Charlotte Diamond concert was a success, though South Delta attendance was low this year (North Delta venue). • Annual Concours D’Art Oratoire event in early April • Working with Spring Fair coordinators to determine how to best allocate the \$200 CPF grant
<p>7. DPAC Update and New Curriculum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online safety program Feb. 15 and 16 (one in the North and one in the South) – DPAC and the District are co-hosting. Information in the DPAC meeting minutes and online. • 4 District curriculum nights coming up in April and May. Information via email to register for events. See the weekly updates / school blog for information.
<p>8. Principal’s Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric has replaced the water in the School’s Emergency Preparedness supplies (thank you!) • District Revisioning Project – staff have discussed internally, planning a session to discuss at South Park on February 24 • Deadline for Early French Immersion is Friday! • Leanne working with two teachers on courtyard beautification. Volunteers to help with moving bark mulch are needed – please contact Mme Greenhalgh or a member of the PAC executive if you are able to help.
<p>9. New Business</p>	<p><u>Budgeting for 2016/2017:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider a brainstorming session and survey to obtain feedback on PAC-funded initiatives and ideas for alternative events and initiatives for next year.
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>9 pm</p>