

Walnut Road Elementary School
PAC Meeting Minutes - May 17th, 2017

Start time 7:03PM

1. **Special Thank You:** to exiting PAC President, Marsha Pike for all of her contributions, hard work, and leadership over the past 4 years.
2. **Principal's Report** (Ms. Stacey):
 - Running Club – great turnout this year including students and parent volunteers.
 - Teacher Appreciation Tea – coming up May 24th; thanks to PAC for organizing
 - Special needs track meet took place Wednesday, May 17th; Sandi attended and it was a great experience with lots of participation.
 - Learning Surveys – Grade 4 & Grade 7 participating; survey codes went home to parents and surveys are currently underway.
 - YE (Young Entrepreneurs) – will take place June 1st in the gym; everyone is encouraged to come out to participate and see what great items the students have created.
 - Track & Field – taking place June 7th; practices are happening now
 - Volunteer Appreciation Day – will take place Friday, June 9th
 - Grade 7 Camp – June 19 – 21st; special thanks to Marsha Pike for large donation of \$14K towards the fees for camp, making it possible for all students who wanted to go, to be able to attend and lowering the cost per student for the camp this year.
 - Audit – taking place in Surrey Schools by the Ministry
 - New Floors – over the summer, new floors will be installed in the school in all classrooms; new carpet will be installed in the office and library.
 - Court Ordered Restored Contract Language for BC Schools – SUMMARY:
 - Contract language returns back to what we had back in 2002
 - Impacts class size – overall size goes down per class; Primary = max 22 children; Intermediate = max 29 children
 - This means one more division will be added to our school (going from 27 divisions, up to 28 divisions)
 - The Music portable will be turned into a regular classroom to make room
 - **There will no longer be any Grade 6/7 split classes** due to class size restrictions:
 - Children in Grade 6 now MIGHT keep the same teacher IF their current teacher will be a Grade 7 teacher for the coming school year
 - Mr. Guzman and Ms. Grewal are leaving
 - 2 more teachers have been hired for new school year
 - Round 2 hiring will be for Grade 5 & 6, and few a Music Teacher
 - Any placement requests from parents should have been turned into the school by Friday, May 19th
 - Proposed School Budget for PAC Funds for 2017/2018 presented to PAC for review and consideration
3. **Treasurer's Report** (Bob Gill):

The organization checking account has \$13,907.14 and the gaming account has \$32,649.60.
4. **PAC Updates:**

For the 2017/2018 school year:

 - **VACANT** – President (still open & looking)
 - Bob Gill – Treasurer
 - Mike Leschyson – Vice President
 - Pam My – Secretary

5. Questions and Comments?

- Discussion was raised about changing demographics of the school community and how this impacts how PAC and school participation works:
 - Ideas to promote canvassing parents to provide \$ (over volunteering) to support PAC activities for students
 - Suggested that assigning tasks to parents may work better / increase response over asking for volunteers
- Hot lunch – discontinuing Subway hot lunch (low response); New ideas for hot lunch – try samosas? Pita Pit?
- Sports Day this year will have ‘Canada 150th’ theme.

Meeting end time 8:20 PM

Next Meeting: 7:00 pm Wednesday, June 21st, 2011

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