

Thompson Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes for the May 15, 2019 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Jen Dahl, Chair.

In Attendance

Jen Dahl, Crystal Huang, Mimi Wolf, Pavan Padda, Mr. Juhasz, Harjeet Manhas, Liz Ritchie, Linda Wei, and Rosa Maria Salazar.

Approval of the minutes of the April 17, 2019 Meeting

A motion was made by Rosa Maria Salazar to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2019 meeting. Mimi Wolf seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report

Crystal Huang went over the Statement of Cash Flow and Hot Lunch Revenues. Hot Lunch profits are \$4,448.28. PAC Operating is on budget. Teacher allotments to date are low but more are expected to come in towards end of year. Projectors & TV & Whiteboard monies have not yet been used. Government grant application has been completed for the next school year.

Crystal suggested that we provide new families at Thompson with information regarding the variety of lunch options at Thompson (Nova Foods, Hot Lunch Orders, Pizza Days, dropping off, etc). Mr. Juhasz suggested setting up a bulletin in September and/or including the information in a newsletter.

Crystal asked if PAC would like to consider putting some money aside (ex. \$250-\$500) for a future playground at Thompson. It was decided that we would consider this option in September once we see how much extra money we have left in the budget.

Jen Dahl raised the need to replace the coffee urn as it is old and in bad shape. Jen offered to look into a couple of options and Mimi would check Prime for prices. A motion was made by Rosa Maria Salazar to spend up to \$150 to purchase a new coffee urn. Liz Ritchie seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

First Call for Nominations for the PAC Executive for 2019/2020

We received one nomination form for Crystal Huang as Treasurer.

Pavan Padda nominated Crystal Huang for Treasurer.

Liz Ritchie nominated Pavan Padda for Vice Chair.

Crystal Huang nominated Jen Dahl and Harjeet Manhas as Co-Chairs.

Jen Dahl nominated Mandy Lichtmann for Co-Secretary (we are expecting to find another parent to share this role).

Committee Heads 2019/2020

The following will likely hold the positions as listed:

Safe Arrival Coordinator – Maria Camara
Traffic Safety Coordinator – Edna Bevan
Hot Lunch Coordinators – Liz Ritchie, Yvonne Chan, Linda Wei
Fruit & Vegetable Coordinator - Jenny Lai
Special Events Coordinator – Roni Johal
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator – Celine Vowles
Yearbook Committee – Sophia Hsieh/Linda Wei to shadow

Volunteer Opportunities

Harjeet, Pavan and Mimi volunteered to set up for the Sports Day Coffee/Bake Sale on Friday, June 7th. A sign up list for baking goods was distributed.

Family Photo Night interest and logistics to be considered in September.

Saleema Noon (sexual health education) has been booked for next school year - Nov 4th for parent information and Nov. 7th for students.

Principal's Report

a) Parent/Staff Appreciation Lunch

Mr. Juhasz thanked parents for the combined Parent & Staff Lunch. Feedback from staff was to encourage parents and staff to intermingle more. Parents would like to coordinate with the staff organizer next year and to consider ordering extra food (sushi tray/sandwiches) as a back-up.

b) Parent Survey for Reporting Pilot Study

This year, Thompson students have been participating in the Ministry of Education's Student Reporting Policy Pilot (SRPP). The e-portfolio and conferences have been part of this Pilot.

There will be an on-line parent feedback survey regarding sent out to all Thompson parents. It will also be available on the school website. The survey will open until Friday, May 31st.

c) Extra Curricular Activity Update

The Thompson Ultimate Team will be hosting a Tournament on June 5 & 6 for Elementary Schools. Team Canada members will be assisting at the tournament. It might be an idea to put money towards having Elevate come to the school again next year.

Track day is Thursday, May 16th. Students are ready and excited as they have been running since September. Emails will be sent out if track is cancelled due to rain.

d) School Ranking Meeting

Mr. Juhasz reported a positive outcome from the meeting hosted at Thompson with Spul'u'kwuks and Blair parents and administrators. A good discussion about what is a true measure of a school was made.

e) Next Year's Class Organization

Thompson will likely have 10 divisions next year (one down). Class sizes and composition will affect placement of students.

f) Staffing Update

Mrs. Smith will be retiring. There will be two postings for Resource. Ms. Duthie is moving to Vancouver Island so there will be a posting for a new Band teacher.

g) Welcome to Kindergarten Feedback

K/1 teachers were super organized and parents were well represented. Special care was taken to address SOGI concerns including the use of a non-gender specific washroom.

Second Call for Nominations for the PAC Executive for 2019/2020

No additional nominations came forward.

PAC Executive for 2019/2020

The following were sustained by acclamation:

Jen Dahl & Harjeet Manhas - Co-Chairs

Pavan Padda - Vice Chair

Crystal Huang - Treasurer

Mandy Lichtmann & [Open]- Co-Secretaries

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Next meeting September 2019.

Thompson PAC Volunteer Opportunities for May 2019

1. **Sports Day Bake Sale** *Contact person:* Jen Dahl
Description: At the beginning of the day, we sell baked goods and coffee to the parents. We need approximately 5 families to bake goods and donate them to our bake sale. Proceeds go to the PAC.
Time commitment / frequency: Once on Sports Day.
2. **Coordinator Positions for 2019-2020 School Year** *Contact person:* Jen Dahl

Yearbook Coordinator: Coordinates parent reps to take photos, arranges the photos and oversees the production of the yearbook. Works with a publisher. We need someone to shadow our current coordinators to take over Fall 2020.

Safe Arrival Coordinator: Schedules and trains the volunteers that help Mrs. Fung to follow up with parents/guardians of students who are not accounted for. We need someone to shadow our current coordinator to take over Fall 2020.

Special Events Coordinator: Coordinates events such as Terry Fox Run and Staff Appreciation Luncheon with the help of a group of parents. We need someone to shadow our current coordinator to take over Fall 2020.

Parent Education Coordinator: Arranges guest speakers of interest to the school community.

RDPA Representative: Attends monthly meetings of the Richmond District Parents Association and reports to the PAC on items of interest.

Family Photo Coordinator: Arranges and schedules Thompson families for a family photo night fundraiser.