

# Brentwood Elementary PAC

## Meeting Minutes November 24th 2015

### Opening

The meeting of the Brentwood Elementary PAC was called to order at 7pm on November 24<sup>th</sup> 2015 in the Brentwood Elementary School Multi Purpose Room (MPR) by Michelle Martin.

### Present

Michelle Martin – PAC President  
Kelly Hoffman – Past President  
Amanda Beck – Recording Secretary  
Eva Jaycox

Zandra Paul – First Nations Rep  
*School/Administration Staff*  
Shelley Hardcastle - Principal  
Leila Sinclair-Wise – Vice Principal

### Approval of Agenda

**Motion** to approve October agenda (KH, AB): **PASSED**

### Approval of Minutes of last meeting

**Motion** to approve September minutes (KH, AB): **PASSED**

### School Administration report

Shelley presented the School administration report – copy attached.

Craft night coming up Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:45-7:00pm. Swim Club (grades 3,4 & 5 – must be able to swim a length) will start in January on Thursdays at 3:15pm. Cost will be \$4.50/student per session. Course is run through Island Swimming.

There will be 2 extra Non-Instructional days in the current school year to accommodate teacher training for the new curriculum coming in September 2016 – dates not set yet but they probably be in spring 2016. SH will advise when we know more.

### Treasurers report

SR was ill so could not attend this meeting. Actions carried over to next meeting as follows:

A third party should be auditing our financial (in the bylaws). This should be done annually. **Action:** SR to arrange via a bookkeeping service or possibly a swap between COPACS.

Two people should be printing bank statements. Other suggestions include cheque presentations at the meeting for a clear picture of who is being paid etc. **Action:** SR to do this for next time.

Gaming fund spending should be addressed at a separate finance meeting? Especially important after the large donation. **Action:** MM/SH to sort.

### Correspondence Secretary's report

Auto response to be added to [office@brentwoodpa.ca](mailto:office@brentwoodpa.ca) to say if no response in 48 hours, call or text Michelle's cell. **Action:** AB

### Volunteer/Class Rep report

No report.

### PAC Events/Discussion

B-Kind total sales \$361 – profits approx \$100.

Reflex Math donation button added to website.

Fun lunch Reflex Math donations \$115 this month. Fun Lunch Pizza day to stay for now.

Wine night cancelled due to lack of interest. Feedback is that so much else going on this time of year. Plan to run next year when nothing else is on.

Earthquake purchases were discussed. Email discussions will continue and a decision to be made in January. Document to go up on website and comments from parents.

**Action:** AB.

### New Business

Discussion about hampers and cooperation with Sidney Lions. It was felt that this might diminish what was given to families already signed up with the Lions. Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6-8pm is proposed as the packing night in the MPR. **Action:** MM to send class rep email asking for volunteers and boxes/wrapping paper. Empty boxes to be delivered to LSW class to decorate and disseminate to the different classrooms.

Safe K.I.D.S. program not offered any more but they are happy to run it for us separately. Schools are needed for the pilot program of new courses. KH has emailed to ask for details. **Action:** KH to follow up.

Forgotten Lunch. A parent had queried if the program was still running. A child had apparently gone without lunch and the teacher had given them food from the forgotten lunch box. The program is still running and lunches are made each day for forgotten lunches. There is also a snack box in each classroom. **Action:** SH mention in staff minutes to reiterate.

Vancouver Island Parent Conference in Colwood, Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup>2016. KH asked for sponsorship for attending. Flyer attached to these minutes. **Action:** KH to send blurb to MM - MM to send to class reps. February 10<sup>th</sup> is the cut off for early bird price of \$80 per person.

Gary Moss is offering to run an age-appropriate, family school dance. Suggestions were to run it in February – either Valentines or Family Day. Email discussions to continue – will talk more at the next meeting.

LSW reported that PISE want to do a pre/post assessment in January. Maybe get him to come to a PAC meeting to report? **Action:** LSW to ask Chris to attend the January meeting at 7:30pm.

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm by Michelle Martin. The next general meeting will be at 7pm on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, in the Multi Purpose Room (MPR).

Minutes submitted by: Amanda Beck

Approved by: Michelle Martin

**PAC Meeting - November 2015**  
**Principal Report**

- Today, members of the Saanich Fruit Growers' Association (Vern Michell, Harold McCarthy, Phil Holloway and Tom Scott) presented a cheque to Brentwood Elementary School for \$30,000. What an amazing donation! The association began almost 100 years ago and was a co-operative association of large and small farms. The farmers shipped strawberries and loganberries for fresh market sales and wine making. In the past, the farms belonging to the Fruit Growers' Association provided family and community employment at the central processing location, "the fruit shed" on Keating Cross Road in Saanichton. It also provided seasonal work during harvest season until the late 1970's for many of the local residence. Many of the members of the Association either attended Saanich Schools or have grandchildren, cousins, or other family members currently enrolled in Saanich. The Fruit Growers are clearly part of strong Central Saanich "roots" in caring and sharing, and I extend a very warm thank you to them for their kind and extremely generous donation.

Joining us in great thanks for these funds are Bayside Middle school and Keating Elementary school who have also received the same generous donation. Over the next couple of weeks, all three schools will be working together to come up with a plan to thank the Saanich Fruit Growers' Association. We will be certain to share this plan with our community when we have a date, time and place.

We look very much look forward to consulting with the Brentwood School Parent's Advisory Council along with the School Budget Committee on how to best spend these funds, in order to enhance our school community. This has been a most exciting day at Brentwood Elementary School!

- Soccer Jamborree at Panorama next Wednesday – students being transported by bus -parents welcome to attend to watch and cheer
- Bench and Tree now planted to honour Mr. Wong. Waiting to get a plaque inscribed and attached. Will then have a small gathering to acknowledge and will welcome his family.
- Chad Solomon – Author and amazing story teller was here last Friday and spoke with all classes – wonderful experience for all students and staff
- girls and boys club continue to support our students twice a week during the noon hour playtime – we so appreciate their presence in our school
- thank you to Kelly who attended the recent Policy 1100 meeting – presentation about curriculum changes and implementation coming in 2016
- reports to go home on or before November 30
- School Wide Assembly – community building on Monday @ 12:45
- Festive Hat Day and Winter Assembly Dec 17



# 2016 VANCOUVER ISLAND PARENT CONFERENCE

PARENTS AND EDUCATORS LEARNING TOGETHER

## Launching the Framework: Changing Our View of Education

Saturday February 27, 2016

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

**NEW LOCATION! Royal Bay Secondary School**

3500 Ryder Hesjedal Way in Colwood

### OUR FEATURED SPEAKERS

**Yong Zhao | Rod Allen | Jeff Hopkins | Shelley Moore**

Advances in the science of learning have shown us that we need to see every child as an individual to be served, encouraged and supported. Technology and globalization have driven us to redesign the education system.

Our conference speakers will challenge our traditional view of education and propose a new paradigm aimed at cultivating creative and successful learners.

Our afternoon will feature interactive discussions designed to generate an action plan for a successful launch.

**Registration: \$110 includes lunch and refreshments**

Early bird rate: \$80 if registered by February 10<sup>th</sup>

For info updates or to register visit [www.vipc.ca](http://www.vipc.ca) or email: [info@vipc.ca](mailto:info@vipc.ca)  
Presented by District Parents' Advisory Councils of Greater Victoria, Sooke & Cowichan Valley

