

KHASA MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Aly Dahl, Erin Young, Soja Urzinger, Ceilidh Fear, Amber Aitchison, Kate Guthrie, Cedar Payne, Tricia Oates, Mary Lynn Heron

Regrets: Melissa Braun, Keely Kastrukoff, Craig Morton, Naomi Nichol

Approval of Agenda: Motion to pass agenda by Caleigh Fear and seconded by Sonja. All in favour. Motion passed

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve last meetings minutes by Kate Guthrie, seconded by Cedar Payne.

REPORTS:

a) Administrative Update:

- Seismic upgrade is coming along
- Library to be moved to the District Resource Office in June, should shave 3 months of project
- Moving forward with accessibility issues
- Lots going on:
 - iRide coming next week
 - CLICK
 - Choir
 - Cross Country is well under way
 - Bayside Band coming this week
 - Charlotte Alcock leading the grade 5 farewell
 - Welcoming New kindies (77 new FI kindies)(18 new English kindies)
- Configuration update to come next month
- **Nathan Hudon Requesting to present at next meeting on Sexual Orientation and Identity.**
- Overview on lock-down. Meeting with Constable Joyce who led the Bayside lockdown. Issues around medical emergency of kids under lock-down. Communication from inside the building to outside the building should not occur. Need to maintain a sense of calm with children who have difficulty settling down under normal circumstances. There could be many reasons for a lock down. It is all about the children's safety. Kids just need to know that they will be safe under any circumstance. Message to be sent out to parents.
- Staffing is under way for next year. Recruiting and retaining teachers is always a competition with other districts.
- Electrical issues to be sorted out by the District. Hopefully the issue with fuses blowing will be fixed one day soon.

- KOSC portables to move to lower parking lot. Space where KOSC is will become play area and maybe additional parking.
- b) Co-President's Update**
- We will be looking to fill the President, Vice-President and Treasurer roles next year. Will check with Melissa and Keely to see if they will continue for one more year.
- c) **Vice President** – No Report
- d) Treasurer:**
 - a. Operating Account Balance \$49,867.70
 - b. Gaming Account Balance \$6,263.36
- e) **Co-Secretaries:** No Report
- f) **Fundraising** – No Report
- g) **Healthy Schools & KAM** - No Report
- h) **Fruit & Veggie** - No Report
- i) **Hot Lunch** -
 - Sushi day coming up.
 - Never enough parents sign up, but it always works out.
 - Sonja will continue hot lunch next year with the help of Jennifer Alan.
 - 2 more hotluches left for the year.
- j) COPACS**
 - In a teacher's crunch all Victoria area districts
 - Teacher's on call are at a shortage, (SD 63 short 21 teachers one day in particular)
 - Afterschool programs are getting cancelled due to no coverage
 - BC does not pay adequate. Between low wages and cost of living makes it hard for teachers to work in the Province.
 - Polled PACS, to see how much they were funding academics. It was aprox. \$300,000
 - Lochside PAC, every meeting someone comes, regarding internet safety. They have been asked to bring it up at BCCPACS.
 - Elementary school and high schools have the same filters for internet. Lochside is looking for other parents to come on board to help.
 - COPACS looking for a President and a Treasurer for next year.
 - COPACS looking to have a parent education coordinator for next year.
 - Also looking for an Emergency Preparedness leader (suggesting Farah may be a good candidate). Farah will contact Ashely at COPACS to discuss.
 - Ceilidh and Ashley will be going to the BCCPAC and will be representing COPACS.
 - COPACS AGM – May 10th – 7:00 District Resource Centre
- k) CPF**
 - K-12 gift exchange took place last week.
 - Cindy Lister MC'd the event
 - Article in Peninsula News review to come out next. Will raise awareness about the lack of French teachers'
 - CPF AGM – May 10th at Keating Library

- Looking at doing French Film Festival in June at the Star Cinema. Open to all French and English students. One theatre to have short films and the other theatre to have a longer film.

OLD BUSINESS:

Music Program Update: Julie and Amber

- Julie has looked in to options and has met with Amber (Bayside) and Norbert (Stelly's) to discuss option
- Amber, Norbert and Julie met to see what Keating had to offer to a music program. Amber says there is more than enough musical instruments to create a music program.
- Saanich no longer has a music teacher that goes around to all the schools to teach music.
- Some school have started to hire people to come in and teach a music program
- If we are willing to fund, there is a real possibility to do a music program at Keating.
- Would benefit the Bayside music program as they currently have approx. 40% intake from Keating when the move to Bayside. Would be beneficial if they had elementary music program before they start middle school music program.
- Johanne Brodeur, Victoria Conservatory – a full year program would be given more priority.
- Would need to start scheduling with Conservatory in early May
- ORFF style program (playing with everything in the room). Would learn how to read the music and know the notes, etc. Hopefully with Georgina Craig
- Guestimate 60-70 Grade 5's, that could be split in to 3 groups for a half hour lesson each per week, so 1.5 hours per week. Victoria conservatory of Music rate \$65/hour, plus \$7 or \$9 for mileage. Cost would be about \$105.00 total for the 3 groups. (A full year would be aprox \$3,675).
- Looking for outside music teacher as PAC cannot fund a teacher to do a program at the school, which is why they went to Victoria Music Conservatory.
- Space is limited at Keating due to seismic upgrade, so would be difficult to find a space that would allow for a music class.
- Need to approach 4/5 teacher's to see if they would support the program and then KHASA would need to vote on whether to fund.
- Julie will email MaryLynn so she can take it to the Grade4/5 teachers to see if they will support and help come up with ideas of how to make it work.

NEW BUSINESS:

Keating Nature Program:

Background: Years ago, Keating had access to Shady Creek across the road and used to take classes down there for nature breaks/study. One day it was pointed out that we had been trespassing across someone's personal property in order to get to the creek, so that nature classroom time had to stop.

- Shady Creek is an amazing outdoor classroom.

- Cedar is trying to track down the land owner to see if they would donate a strip of land in order for the classes to be able to gain access to Shady Creek again or get an easement.
- Meeting on Wednesday at City Hall
- Sandra Arthur is an amazing driving force. She helped with the Bayside roof. She may be a good resource to help push things forward.

National Emergency Preparedness Week:

- Farah is still trying to figure out what role she can play as our Emergency Preparedness.
- National Emergency preparedness week May 6 -12th
- Do we want to send out emergency information
- Masters of Disaster – curriculum written for teachers
- Total Prepared – can offer a fundraiser in the Month of May, 10 – 15% off and another 10% back to the PAC.
- Comfort kits. We should be bringing back personalized comfort kits.
- \$250.00 for a family of 4 kit. Can KHASA purchase for a draw. Motion passed by Aly and seconded by Tricia. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous:

- Keating Clothing to open spring sales.
- Need to recruit for Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25

NEXT MEETING, May 14, 2018 at 6:30 is KHASA AGM.