

SEYCOVE PAC MINUTES – November 14, 2006

***** SPECIAL NOTE: *****

The Seycove PAC meeting dates have been changed to the second Tuesday of each month.

Attendees: Linda Wright, Katherine Fagerlund, Carolyn Stokes, Dick Burns, Elaine Taylor, Sue Hogan, Louise Renaud, Wendy Wealick, Maureen Gardner, Janet Robinson, Karen Stewart, Sheila Ross, Geordie Colvin, Kathleen Barter, Carole Burdett, Annmarie Sharman, Dianne Matheson.

Introduction: Louise Renaud welcomed everyone and introductions of everyone present were made.

Motion to Accept Minutes: Elaine Taylor put forward a motion to accept the October minutes and it was seconded by Karen Stewart. The minutes were approved.

Student Council: Lauren Petrenko and Lisa Smith reported that the Student Council will be holding a Spirit Week Nov 20th to Nov 24th: On Monday there will be a doughnut eating contest; on Tuesday students should wear Seycove clothes; on Wednesday there will be a Skittles game; on Thursday a 3-legged race; and Friday will be a Seycove Idol contest. Student Council is having a competition with Carson Graham to see who can bring in the most donations for the Christmas Hampers.

DPAC News: Karen Stewart reported that on Nov. 27th there will be a Community Forum – check the website for more info. The next DPAC meeting is Nov. 23rd and the new superintendent, John Lewis, will be speaking. Karen will be attending the DPAC conference this coming weekend. District staff want feedback from parents on the Annual Report that was published in the Nov. 5th North Shore News. If you have any feedback on this, please email Karen Stewart at KarenLStewart@shaw.ca.

Seycove Auction: Maureen Gardner reported that the Auction committee hopes to get the website up sooner this year.

Fundraising: Denise was not present. There was a discussion on what to spend money on. Annmarie asked Dick what he needed and he replied that #1 there is a need for the cafeteria to be a meeting room some of the time with an overhead projector, an electrical drop down screen, curtains, etc. It could be in the range of \$10 to \$20 thousand with some funds possibly coming from the district. #2 would be a storage space for the tech

ed department. Dick will get prices for #1 and #2 above and present at the next meeting.

There was also a discussion on how groups can access PAC funds. Annmarie made a motion that we form a subcommittee to develop a draft to re-evaluate the funding allocation formula. Katherine seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sue informed us that there is \$140,000 in the bank. Some of this is set aside for the vans. She will look into a GIC – dependent on the findings of the subcommittee (see above).

Geordie Colvin: spoke about a pilot project being conducted on the North Shore from Jump Start. This is a program for kids 13 -24 years old who are experiencing drug and alcohol-related challenges. (See attachments) Parents and/or teachers can call Jump Start and refer a child. Geordie has been in the school the past 6 weeks and has met with teachers and would like to get the info out to the kids and make his presence known to everyone. He will be at Seycove on Tuesdays from 1 to 5 pm.

Staff Report: Kathleen Barter talked about the changing curriculum and provincial exams. The Social Studies 11 curriculum was new last year and is being reviewed this year. There are new marking guidelines in grades 11 and 12 and so Seycove will start the younger grades with the same marking. There is more emphasis on reading strategies and analysis instead of memorizing. Research skills are being worked on. Grade 8's are holding a Medieval Fair. Grade 9's are going to Fort Langley. Grade 10's are going to Victoria to the Legislative Buildings. Grade 11's are going to the Holocaust Museum. Grade 12's have gone to Black Tusk and will be going to the Law Courts.

Principal's Report: Dick talked about the Class Size Reports (see attached). He spoke about the difficult month due to the circumstances surrounding Buff's death. It has been a challenging time for staff and kids. A letter was sent to all school families in North Vancouver from the District with the purpose of letting families know that the District can provide support if needed and to give people the opportunity to share any information they may have. Dick added that we cannot pass judgement on innuendo and rumour. Dick has received direction from the superintendent that schools are still to ask for school fees. Seycove's fees have not been inappropriate. The district is undergoing a review of all fees. Some courses at Seycove have fees to enhance the curriculum. (see attachment) It was suggested that perhaps the PAC can sponsor courses like Band and PE 12 where kids go on field trips every week. Dianne Matheson made a motion for the PAC to support the maintaining of paying fees for courses and programs. Sue Hogan seconded the motion. Motion approved. Dick announced that Parkgate Community Centre is holding a dance for Seycove students in grades 8 to 10 on November 25th.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm.

Next meeting to be held Tuesday, December 12th, 7:30 pm, in the Seycove Library.