

# Porter Street PAC

## **Minutes for PSPAC MEETING #3**

**Tuesday January 23rd, 2024**

(Rescheduled from Wednesday Jan 17th, 2024)

***Hybrid Meeting @ Porter Street Elementary  
6:30 - 7:30pm***



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### **Attendees**

Principal and PAC Executives:

In-person: Ashif Jiwa (Principal), Jenn Faccin (PAC Chair), Ashley Ainsley (PAC Secretary)

Online: Angie Lee (DPAC Representative)

Members (7):

In-person: Nishi Varshney Bhan, Heather Nowak, Katie Taylor, Kimberley Third, Penny Bartel, (Nora, Steve Faccin not present for whole meeting)

Online: Theresa Kim, Nicole Marcelin, Karen Bhartu (not present for whole meeting)

Guest:

Sarah Bergreen (Step By Step Daycare)

**Quorum is met**

### **Introduction**

1. **Commence meeting:** Jenn called the meeting to order at 6:37pm
  - Acknowledgments, Welcome & Introductions
2. **Additions to agenda**
  - Ashley moved to add a discussion around the new Porter Street OSC program, inviting guest speaker Sarah Bergreen from the board of Step by Step daycare to speak at the meeting.
  - Jenn seconded the addition to the agenda.
3. **Adopt previous minutes** - Nov
  - Heather motioned to adopt previous minutes, Ashley seconded. Previous minutes are adopted.
4. **Principals Report**
  - Ashif reminded everyone of the 3 school goals -
  - 1 - Numeracy. Same as last year.
    - i. Getting students familiar with manipulative thinking. Being able to look at math and think of it in a conceptual way.
  - 2 - human social development. Was previously self-regulation. Now Solving Problems Peacefully.
    - i. STP - stop. think. make a plan.
  - 3 - equity - including indigenizing curriculum

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- i. There are posters around the building
- PHL - Porter Street Hockey League starting soon!
  - i. Grade 4s and 5s
  - ii. Organized and refereed by Mr. Jiwa
- Poetry cafe - Students do poetry in the classroom and teachers select one or two students to present to the school at a "Poetry Cafe"
- Feeding Futures - District provided \$2.6 million to help schools support their students with rising costs.
  - i. School will provide bins in the classrooms with healthy food.
  - ii. School is going to start a Grab and Go breakfast program for anyone who wants to participate.
  - iii. Direct support to families in greater need.
- OSC program will be starting soon. Step By Step daycare is in the licensing process and hope to start up soon.
- Currently daycare runs out of Scouts Hall. Hope to move to the school permanently after a trial.
- Upcoming Field trips/events:
  - i. Coquitlam Express game - short drive to Poirier is a significant undertaking to plan and execute with parent volunteer drivers.
  - ii. Scholastic Book Fair - returning after many years off. Being organized by Mme Howell, but some parent volunteers will be needed to run it.

## Business Arising

### 5. **VOTE - Jersey Replacement Options**

- Jenn introduced the voting item on replacement jerseys.
  - i. Current jerseys are too big for most students
  - ii. Choice is:
    - 1. Option A: buy 60 jerseys now (\$2,100)
    - 2. Option B: buy 30 jerseys now (\$1,050) and 30 more next year (\$1,050)
  - iii. Jenn noted that PAC has raised sufficient funds to cover either option
  - iv. 8 eligible voters present at time of vote
    - 1. A: 8 for 0 against
    - 2. B: 0 for
  - v. Motion passes unanimously; 60 jerseys approved to be ordered

### 6. **Hot Lunch**

- Is working really well 3 months in advance
- Thank you to volunteers who helped last time
- Next is Boston Pizza - remember to order 10 days in advance (Feb 5 for next hot lunch date)
- Parents are reminded to ensure they receive a receipt from Munchalunch or else order has not gone through.

## 7. Upcoming Events, Projects & Updates

- Fundraising update:
  - i. Jenn provided updates on all fundraising efforts to date from events, donations and grants.
  - ii. Total \$10,504.76 to date
  - iii. We have satisfied our commitment to the technology upgrade
  - iv. Big thank you to all who have helped run our events
- Remember ongoing fundraisers: Mabels Labels, Return-it Depot, Tru-Earth
- PJ/Movie
  - i. Was initially scheduled for March 8, but this will now be the BINGO night
  - ii. Parents asked for input on whether to postpone or cancel:
    - 1. Gym was left quite messy at the end of last movie night. Concern over respect to school property.
    - 2. Kids love it!
    - 3. Nicole voiced that perhaps we should focus efforts on Bingo if core volunteer group will be responsible.
    - 4. Ashif noted that events after spring break are generally less well attended.
  - iii. Based on feedback, and no specific need for the extra fundraising, determined not to run an additional PJ/movie night this year.
- BINGO
  - i. Bingo will be held on March 8th
  - ii. We need volunteers to help organize this event - please reach out to PAC exec
  - iii. Last year we did a pre-order dinner. Can do this again.
  - iv. We will aim to finish earlier this year.
  - v. Volunteers needed:
    - 1. set up
    - 2. small prizes for games
    - 3. running the event - bingo games, giving prizes,
    - 4. big grand prize
    - 5. take down
- Grade 5 leaving ceremony
  - i. Contacts - Joe O'Reilley is chair of this committee
  - ii. Parents of grade 5s, please send in baby photos

## 8. PAC Action Group Chat

- Please consider joining the group chat for information, input and to be involved.
- This will be a group chat for anything PAC related or generally school related

## 9. Childminders

- Update on childminder volunteers for PAC meeting

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## 10. Treasurer's Report

- Jenn provided a general report on 2023/2024 current standing in
  - i. Savings: \$6,440.30
  - ii. Gaming: \$6,613.50
  - iii. Chequing: \$20,023.50
  - iv. School funds: \$4,720.00
  - v. Total: \$33,077.60
- Jenn noted there will be some movement between chequing and gaming account due to an inadvertent transfer of an incorrect amount when a payment was made to the wrong account last year. Total will not be affected.

## 11. DPAC Update

- Angie attends monthly DPAC meeting.
- Last DPAC meeting was about holistic nutrition for families. Discussed healthy food but parents should not feel pressured to only feed healthy food. Pack lunches that include foods children will eat - this is more important
- DPAC meeting materials are available on the website
- Anyone can attend. They are all available by zoom.

## Additional Items

## 12. Porter Street OSC

- Sarah Bergreen - President of Step by Step board (volunteer)
- Is not a Porter parent. Her children go to a different school, but she has benefitted from Step by Step's OSC.
- Speaking on behalf of Porter families who are part of Step by Step's OSC program. Currently runs out of Scout Hall, which is scheduled for demolition and which is on a Do Not Repair list. If anything goes on the building, they would not be able to run the daycare there.
- So they are looking for a new location.
- Porter Street has agreed to trial running the program in a multi-purpose room.
- They have applied for a new daycare licence and this process is taking longer than anticipated, but has now been accepted.
- What is left now, is for the organization to ready the space and have a licencing officer inspect.
- Arranging to have certain items removed and disposed of.
- Hoping to start this week to get the room arranged and ready.
- Looking to create enough space in that room to fit the existing 20 children in the program, and add new spaces as current children age out of the school/program.
- The arrangement within the school may not be permanent. The daycare has also talked to the City about a lack of affordable/appropriate locations
- Questions:
  - i. Is it only after school care? Yes. Looking to mirror the current offering which is after school only.
  - ii. Is it full? Yes, currently full. Parents can join waitlist.
  - iii. How many children could the program support? It's based on size of the room, but specifically the "play space" available. Ashif noted they are still working on maximizing the available space in the room.

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- iv. Any impact on families who do not get the benefit of the daycare because children are not included in daycare? Ashif noted that because it is after school, there is minimal impact. Only long term impact that has been under consideration is potential increased student registration in the future and what happens if that room is needed for an additional class? Ashif noted that there is still another empty classroom, so the risk is not very big at this time.

## 13. Adjourning

- Next meeting April 2, 2024
- Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm