**JO PAC Meeting – February 17, 2016**

***Present:*** Anne Montgomery – PAC Chair, Tracey Santos – Treasurer, Ramandeep Kaurminhas and Jo-Ann Gordon – Co-Secretaries, Tim McGeer – Principal, Constable Robert Feenan, and 6 parents

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

***BMO 48th & Fraser Branch Fundraising:***

Branch Manager, Anupam Jindal, of the 6391 Fraser Street branch of the Bank of Montreal, along with 3 staff members talked about $30,000 being committed for 300 families and JO PAC. If parents at John Oliver open 300 new children’s accounts, BMO will deposit $50 into each account and give $50 to PAC. With 300 accounts being opened, the PAC would receive $15,000.

The Bank of Montreal is willing to add a further 200 accounts, bringing the total potential money to be raised to $25,000.

Simple steps to do this:

1. Open a chequing and savings account (no fee Plan) and $25 will be deposited by BMO.

2. Over the next 3 months, do at least 3 transactions on the account (cash deposit, transfer, cheque, etc.)

3. After 90 days (once BMO has seen 3 transactions) a further $25 will be deposited by BMO.

4. If a parent arranges a pre-authorized credit/debit for the account, $50 will be deposited at the time it is opened. There will be no waiting for 90 days.

Anupam brought 300 envelopes ready with new account forms, to be given to those students interested in opening an account. **Deadline is March 31st for 300 accounts** and April 30th for another 200 accounts. **March 5 and 12** have been set aside for JO families to come and open accounts, although you can make an appointment for any time by calling the bank.

Call or email questions to Charlene Chen, Fin. Ser. Mgr. at 604-668-1404 or charlene.chen@bmo.com

Mr. McGeer will launch this at the staff meeting, to encourage those teachers who are leaders of Band, Athletics, Fine Arts, and Mini School to encourage their students to help with this fundraiser.

***Vancouver Aboriginal Child & Family Services Society:***

Meg and Rusty from the VACFSS talked about the high need in Vancouver for foster parents of aboriginal children. Baby homes and teenager homes are critically needed. The first Tuesday of each month there is a 2 hr presentation at 471 Broadway East. Please contact Rusty Whitford at rusty\_whitford@vacfss.com and look at their website at vacfss.com for more information.

***Constable Robert Feenan:***

CST Feenan is the School Liaison Officer. He is requesting the PAC to sponsor the Van. Police Dept. Indoor Soccer Tournament at the end of April. This means providing 15-20 t-shirts with the John Oliver logo on the front and a number on the back. Tracey asked CST Feenan if the students would be interested in opening a BMO account in order to receive PAC funds? He will check into it.

***Principal’s Announcements: Tim McGeer***

***South Van Rotary Club*** – have selected John Oliver as one of their charities for this year. The Rotary club wants to set up an Interact Club at JO, where members come to JO and mentor students.

***Surrogate Robot*** – used as an adaptive device if a child has to be in hospital or at home. A robot is coming to JO on March 3rd.

***Math Jr. Olympics*** – Gr. 8 – coming up in early March

***Aboriginal Education Day***, April 28– raising the totem pole at JO

***Strategic Plan***  – consultation deadline is Feb. 21

Complete a brief survey to tell us about your key ideas, issues and priorities for the future at the following address:

<http://fluidsurveys.com/s/VSB2021/>

Goals from this plan influence where resources are allocated in the schools for the next 5 years!

***Facilities Review*** – online survey and open houses

63 schools will be affected (closures, swing space schools, rebuilds)

Feb. 24 – 7-8:30 pm – Bayview School – Public Education Society is holding an open house with the Members of Public Education Network Society (PENS) and the Parent Advocacy Network (PAN). For more info go to <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/305/769/792/>

***Filming at John Oliver*** – Riverdale (Archie comics) will be filming in March; Paramount will be filming in June “Death Note” at JO.

***PAC Funding Requests:***

An invoice was submitted to the PAC by the Math & Science Tutor Club for $200 for 10 t-shirts. Tracey will check with them as to whether they can come up with a few more t-shirts for that amount and/or whether some of the Tutor club students will open a BMO account to offset the cost.

***Teachers Appreciation Lunch – Wed. May 4:***

Volunteers are needed to bring in food, and arrange for donations from vendors on Fraser Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. with the next meeting to be held on **Wednesday, March 9, 2016** at 7:00 pm in the Library. Go and open 1 or more BMO accounts before this next meeting!