**JO PAC Meeting – October 19, 2016**

***Present:*** Anne Montgomery – PAC Chair, Tracey Santos – Treasurer, Ramandeep Kaurminhas Co-DPAC Rep., Jo-Ann Gordon – Secretary, Pedro de Silva – Principal, and 10 parents

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of minutes from Sept. 21 meeting Sheril Gelmon, seconded by Jo-Ann Gordon.

***1. Presentations by Clubs and Groups for Gaming Grant money:***

**Photography Club** (Michelle Nelson - sponsor teacher) - asking for $1,240

- seed money to make pinhole cameras, graphic design, revenue generating club (50% student/50% club)

- at the end of the school year put on a gallery show

**Lunch Time Drop-in** (Catherine -sponsor) - asking for $300

- Gr. 8 casual drop-in on Mondays to get to know one another

**Music Exchange** - (Eric Tsang - sponsor teacher) - asking for $2,000

- Nov. 18-24 23 JO students with 25 Manitoba students

- government pays for airfare and transportation to and from airport

- fundraising for 48 students and 6 chaperones seeing culture of Vancouver, buses and meals

- could put on a concert to raise money

**Grad Committee** (Sangeeta Kaulder, Richard Edge - sponsors) - asking for $4,500

- Grad Breakfast $1,500 (VSB Catering) Nov. 22/16 - wear PJ's, eat breakfast, open Gr. 8 letters, etc.

- Dry Grad $3,000 (Mystery Bus tour, assembly, dinner, casino games in gym) - end of June

- fundraising for other money, as well as $2,400 VSB grant

- does not include Prom and Grad ceremony

- suggested that Gr. 11 parents help for Gr. 12's each year (8 hr. day so shifts would be needed)

- PAC has supported this since 2009

**JO Wrestling Team** (John Silver - sponsor teacher) - asking for $3,000

- 2 yrs ago top Canadian Champion was at JO

- last year both Gold and Silver winners and top 3 finishers

- goal this year is to send 5 wrestlers to Canada Games to compete

- no coach at JO (Chris Fuoco used to coach and he is now in Delta) - Chris did all the grant and bursary application writing - need parent or teacher to help with this

- wrestlers train at Tupper and Surrey in the summer - mats are expensive so are shared or borrowed

- limits of the VSB Gaming Grant and so can only fund secondary school championship

**Student Council** (J. Simmons - sponsor teacher) - asking for $1,000

- put on events to build school spirit (Halloween Dance, Canned Food Drive, Santa Pictures, Spring Fling Dance, etc.)

**Safe Teen** - (Don - sponsor teacher) - asking for $2,400

- anti-violence program for Gr. 10's ($325/class for 2 sessions each)

**Robotics** Competition - (A. Wong - sponsor teacher) - asking for $2,000

- money for 4 starter kits - robots don't change from year to year, but playing field does

- develop Gr. 8 and 9's to compete against themselves

- engineering driven and programming

- VEX IQ - age 16 competition cut-off

**Aboriginal Club** - (D. Wilmann - sponsor teacher) - asking $700

- 41 Aboriginal students at JO

- bridging with an artist - wants to develop the boards in the hallway over the year

- run meetings and share culture - for non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal students

**Boys Club** - (D. Wilmann - sponsor teacher) - asking $1,000

- result of recognized need of Filipinos coming to school needing a space to find positive experiences and create social/emotional connections

- Constable Freeman comes every Wed.

***2. School Board/Provincial Government update:*** (Richard Edge co-PAC liaison w/Sangeeta Kauldher)

- VSTA - Van. Secondary Teacher's Association

- VSB fired 9 elected School Trustees; Min. of Education staff member is in the role probably for next 2 yrs.

- teachers cannot attend Council meetings so must go to committee meetings

- A meeting was held at the VSB on October 20 to show support for the fired Trustees

- DPAC will hold a meeting at the VSB on October 27 at 7 pm - public is welcome to attend

- the first official Trustee meeting will be held on November 7

- Principal Pedro de Silva assured parents that teachers at JO are creating a good environment for students.

- Parent Advocacy Network (PAN) - To learn more about what is happening with the school board, please check PAN's website is [www.panvancouver.ca](http://www.panvancouver.ca./)

- Any voicemail phone calls to **Minister Mike Bernier’s** office in the evening will be documented and shared the next day. Please phone (250) 387-1977 with your positive message for a new school to be re-built.

***3. Voting on Funds:***

Tracey (Treasurer) talked about the Gaming Grant of $20,000 should be used to benefit all JO students.

Parents and Executive stayed to vote on distribution of the Gaming Grant.

***4. Mini Bingo Night:***

Postponed until January, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. with the next PAC meeting to be held Wednesday November 16, 2016.

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