**JO PAC Meeting – February 15, 2017**

***Present:*** Anne Montgomery (PAC Chair), Jo-Ann Gordon (Secretary), Tracey Santos (Treasurer), Pedro de Silva (Principal), Lindsay Reynolds (Vice-Principal) and 4 parents

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of minutes from Jan. 25 meeting by Tracey Santos and seconded by Jo-Ann Gordon.

***1. Principal's Report*** (Pedro)

• **7 Stories** is being performed by Drama Feb. 20, 21, 22 and 23 at 7:00 pm.

• *Green Thumb* will be performing a play "Alone Together" on Friday March 10th.

• 5 yr Strategic Plan will be posted on JO website.

• Staffing - based on new curriculum and changes in class size, there may delay in course selection in September.

• Introducing Lindsay Reynolds, new VP

• STEM - career day happened with Science World

• *Riverdale* - filmed episode 13 and will continue at JO - 2 main areas being used are the Cafeteria and small gym

*Death Note* - may come and do a re-shoot this March

***2. Treasurer's Report*** (Tracey)

Bingo Night (Jan 26) raised $722.55 for PAC

VanCity $500 donation was added to Account bringing total to $8,351.48

Money from this account will be used for Teacher's Lunch, 6 year-end Scholarships and perhaps Athletics; with surplus carried over to next year.

***3. Bingo Night***

Turnout was good, as well as prizes. Noticed that the crowd was mainly caucasian. Next year perhaps approach the Filipino or Indian groups to have something within their communities included in the school as a fundraiser, or to offer something different to attract more parents from the whole school.

***4. DPAC***

Two surveys:

1. Lord Roberts - seismic upgrade

2. Questions to Mike Bernier:

• Why are there so many CP days (20 in the year) in high school?

• When will money be there for school to hire teachers for accommodating smaller classes.

• Better drug education needs to be developed and implemented in high schools.

• Students graduate with too little education. When will post-secondary counsellors be re-attached to every high school, and not 1 counsellor for 4 or more high schools?

• Will more funding be made available for electives so more classes that are popular but do not meet 30 student minimum, can be run?

***5. Graduating Class of 2017***

There are 220 grads this year. Wanting to ensure cost is not an issue for students to attend all the planned activities. Grad photos too expensive from Mountain West photography and so contracts will be re-visited for next year.

***6. Teacher's Lunch***

Friday April 28, 2017. Please consider volunteering to help PAC with set up and clean up on that day. As well food donations gratefully accepted. Please contact Anne [annemontgomery@yahoo.com](http://jo-online.vsb.bc.ca/pac) or Tracey [tsknit@gmail.com](http://jo-online.vsb.bc.ca/pac)

***7. Richard Edge***

• ELL - team teaching in skills centre, so more effective with reaching students and completing work.

• BC select standing committee on finance and government services. A provincial sub-committee (non partisan) wanting to restore learning and teaching conditions to previous levels. Parents can check out [https://bctf.ca/parents.aspx](http://jo-online.vsb.bc.ca/pac) for more information.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. Next meeting to be held **Wednesday April 12** after spring break.

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You can also check in on the **John Oliver PAC blog** (<http://jo-online.vsb.bc.ca/pac>).