**JO PAC Meeting – October 18, 2017**

***Present:*** Sheril Gelmon, Sukhminder Guru, Ramandeep Kaurminhas – Co-Chairs, Tracey Santos – Treasurer, Lara Spence – Communications/Social Media, Suzanne Smythe –DPAC Rep., Jo-Ann Gordon – Secretary, Sheri Wiwchar – Co-Fundraising Coordinator, Pedro da Silva – Principal, James Francom, Eddie Cruz, Sharween Siddeeq, 25 parents and 6 students presenting, Student Council Co-President

The meeting began at 7:00 pm with parents introducing themselves and sharing what grade(s) their child(ren) are in. Approval of minutes from Sept. 20 meeting by Lara Spence and seconded by Kanwal & Marjinder Deol.

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

**Creative Writing** (James Francom - sponsor teacher) - asking for $250 and agreed to give $250
- writing mentor from UBC (Mika) comes to JO Tues. after school for 10 week session
- goal is to get published in a literary book

- about 20 members in Club so far

- received $250 from PAC in Spring - would like an additional $150 to total $400 for mentor - would like $100 for printing of stories in different forms from the book

- Photography Club (meets Fri. lunch) - is looking to do Portraits of New York style for JO - wants to collaborate with writers from Creative Writing Club

**Jr. Life Skills Program - The Art of Belonging** (Eddie Cruz - sponsor teacher, Roz MacLean - teacher) - asking for $920 and agreed to give $920 with provision that if given a grant from Opus to give money back to PAC

- ongoing art workshops for Lifeskills students and non-disabled peers from **Take a Hike Program**

- Roz MacLean will be the visiting artist for 7 sessions (once/twice weekly) - with an art show in March 2018

- have received $2,150 from ArtStarts and require $920 for supplies - leftover supplies remain at the school

- have applied to Opus Art Supplies for a donation - will know in about 6 weeks time

**Hallway Health Project** (Catherine McCambridge) - sponsor teacher) - asking for $300. Mr. da Silva will ask Catherine to see about community service funds. To be re-visited next meeting.

- tables are set up in the hallways during lunch time once or twice/month

- follow themes promoted by Health Canada - Sleep Hygiene, HPV Prevention, Smoking, etc.

- would like to buy prizes and food to entice students to drop by the tables and gather information

**Grad Committee** (Sharween Siddeeq - sponsor teacher) - asking for $4,500 and agreed to give $1,500 for Grad Breakfast and $3,000 for Dry Grad

- Grad Breakfast $1,500 (VSB Catering) Nov. 23 - wear PJ's, eat breakfast, open Gr. 8 letters written to self
- Dry Grad $3,000 (Mystery Bus tour, assembly, dinner, casino games in gym) - May 25, 2018 - Dry Grad will end up costing around $10,000
- fundraising for other money - already raised $2,000 in the summer, as well as $2,400 VSB grant
- does not include Prom (which is cost about $26,000) and Grad ceremony
- Grad Committee also raised money for Grad Committee Awards and to give back

- Grad BBQ - donations came from students soliciting from businesses

**Student Council** (Jacqui Symons - sponsor teacher) - asking for nothing at this time as received money from VSB

- puts on events to build school spirit (Dances, Canned Food Drive, Santa Pictures, etc.)

- Student Council provides leadership and support to other clubs

**Safe Teen** (Don - sponsor teacher) - asking for $2,400, and agreed to give $2,400

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

**Athletics Program** (Pat Lee - sponsor teacher) - asking for $7,000. More information is needed from Mr. Lee and so this will be looked at again next meeting.

- $2,000 for annual BCSS school fees; $3,000 for uniforms; $2,000 for balls

- Jokers Corner and tournaments and Poinsettas raise money for Athletics - $50 is fee for students to take as many sports as they like

***2. Treasurer's report:*** (Tracey Santos)

We have received Gaming money of $25,000 for this year. Out of that $5,000 will be carried forward to next year, $2,500 for June 2018 scholarships, and the remainder given to Clubs and Groups in need.

*Legacy Account* (from 100 year anniversary) has about $15,000, which is being saved for when the new school is built. A scholarship comes out of the account.

***3. Principal's Report:*** (Pedro da Silva)

* Thurs. Oct. 19 - Interim reports being sent home (work habits and comments)
* Thurs. Oct. 26 - School Dance at 7 pm
* Thurs. Nov. 9 - Remembrance Day assembly - open to parents
* Thurs. Nov. 23 - 1st Term Report cards
* Thurs. Nov. 30 - parent/teacher night
* Received VBS Student Learning Grant of $34,000 (one time given) - teachers meeting to discuss how to allocate (instructional supplies, athletic supplies, band/instruments, ELL students, etc.) - must be spent by Dec. 31, 2017. Will be presented at next PAC meeting.
* All teachers have been hired - Math one is temporary until next Spring.
* New District school websites will be online Jan/Feb 2018 - teachers emails should be on website.

***4. Fundraising:*** (Lara Spence)

A couple fundraisers to watch for: If buying a **Grouse ski pass**, please use PAC-OLIVER promo code (late in buying process) **at** <http://www.grousemountain.com/early-bird-pac> **(if we can run $7400 through promo code, we get 15% back)**. **Gift card shopping** Fundscrip <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group/VD2ZJ6> . Funds raised go to PAC for distribution (Mini also using Fundscrip). See PAC website for details: <http://jo-online.vsb.bc.ca/pac/fundscrip/>

***5. DPAC:*** (Suzanne Smythe)

Suzanne agreed to be the liaison for DPAC this year. Nov. 9 there will be new Trustees meeting and she will be there on behalf of JO.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. with the next PAC meeting to be held **Wednesday November 22,** 2017 at 7pm in the Library.

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