



# FVDES Parents Advisory Council

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## FVDES PAC MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2009 MINUTES

### 1. Welcome/Call to order 7:45 PM

In Attendance:

FV Teacher Moderator - John Goldsmith, Principal - Trish Williams

Pac Executive – President - Betty Giesbrecht, VP - Elvira Martens, Treasurer - Rosalind Wee,  
Secretary – Linda Stromberg

Parents: Francisco Wee, Tim Giesbrecht, Lorna Meynert, Michelle Macrae, Rob Macrae, Sherry Pryde, Ron Pryde

Regrets - Cindy and Randy Harder, Leah Pickett, Lisa and Al Prystupa, Andy Chicoine

Door Prize Draw – Winner of \$25 Tim Horton Gift Card – Michelle Macrae

### 2. Approval of Agenda

- addition: SPC School Planning Council and DPAC volunteers needed – approved

### 3. Minutes of last meeting – approved

### 4. Reports

- a.) President Betty Giesbrecht – attached
- b.) Treasurer Rosalind Wee – attached
- c.) Principal Trish Williams – attached

### 5. New Business

- a. SPC – School Planning Council – need 3 parent reps to attend training on Oct. 29 at Kipp Centre  
Michelle Macrae volunteered
- b. DPAC – 2 representatives needed to attend Oct. 22 meeting at Kipp Centre and future meetings  
Betty will send this request via email to parents
- c. Review of Gaming Issue of 2009 – no questions
- d. 2009-2010 PAC Proposed Budget – Executive presented proposed budget for more equitable distribution  
of Gaming Funds to benefit all students. Approved.
- e. PAC Executives suggest to have t-shirts printed for each student.  
- suggestion was made to let students decide if they want a t-shirt or not; to have extra t-shirts  
available for taking on field trips so kids who don't have one can wear one while on the field trip.
- f. Scholarship Committee for 2009/2010 School year to set guidelines/policies for awarding PAC scholarships  
– Rosalind Wee and Lorna Meynert volunteered to sit on committee
- g. Constitution Committee – to rewrite PAC constitution – no volunteers  
- Betty will send this request via email to parents
- h. Requests from Teachers
  - **motion 2009-07** - K-7 Craft Day to be held on February 25, 2010 - **\$400**  
Moved – Linda Stromberg, Seconded – Ron Macrae - Carried
  - b) **motion 2009-08** Great Blue Heron Reserve class at \$3,750.00 – this exceeds 25%  
budget

allowed so PAC executive recommends funding of up to **\$1500.00** only  
 Moved – Linda Stromberg, Seconded – Lorna Meynert - Carried

- **motion 2009-09** - Musical Theatre by Pat Gerlach- \$750.00 for 10 sessions  
 Moved Linda Stromberg, Seconded Michelle Macrae - Tabled

\*Want to know how many students benefit from these classes.

- **motion 2009-10** – Children’s Festival by Pat Gerlach to be held on May 18, 2010 - **\$640** for 40 students

Moved Linda Stromberg, Seconded Michelle Macrae - Carried

- **motion 2009-11** – Student of the Week awards from John Goldsmith- **\$800** (40 @\$20 prizes)

Moved – Linda Stromberg, Seconded Sherry Pryde - Carried

(not unanimous, it was suggested that the executive could work with the school to structure it so more students can win with same budget)

- **motion 2009-12** – Digital Camera to take photos on field trips requested by Paul DeGagne – approx. **\$164.84** to be taken from the general funds

Moved – Sherry Pryde, Seconded – Michelle Macrae - Carried

- **motion 2009-13** – Field Trip to BC Museum of Mining at Britannia Beach by Pat Conrad  
 Admission and bus - \$1941.50

PAC executive recommends funding to maximum of **\$1500.00**

Moved – Sherry Pryde, Seconded – Linda Stromberg - Carried

- **motion 2009-14** – Pat Conrad requests for Science Day Prizes - \$1402.40 PAC executive recommends funding up to **\$500.00 only**

Moved – Michelle Macrae, Seconded – Linda Stromberg - Carried

## 6. Elections

President – Betty Giesbrecht – unanimous

Vice President – Elvira Martens – unanimous

Secretary – vacant (Betty may appoint at her discretion)

Treasurer – Rosalind Wee - unanimous

7. **Closing Gift Card Draw** – for parents in attendance – surprise gift – Winner Ron Pryde

8. **Date of next meeting:** December (date to be determined), at 7:30 on Illuminate Live

9. **Adjournment – 9:35 p.m.**

**President's Report by: Betty Giesbrecht**

Well, here it is, fall and a new start to the school year, and with it...funding cuts. As many of you know, our funding from the BC Gaming Branch has been cut in half.

We as a PAC Executive have met and built a budget to make sure we have enough funding for the next few years in case our funding is cut completely.

Earlier this year, we suspended all PAC business due to a problem with Gaming. After much effort and many emails later, we cleared our name and status with Gaming. However, we have been warned: we must adhere to the Guiding Principals set out by Gaming to manage the funding that they provide or lose said funding. This also pertains to the fact that parents must retain full control over expenses.

In our Executive meetings it was clear that there is an issue with the way the money is being spent. FVDES is a unique school, we have students all over BC and the world. The students that live within BC and that are considered full time are given funding by BC Gaming in the amount of \$10 per child, however, only a small percentage of students, benefit from this within our school.

In preparing the budget, we have set aside monies to 'even' out the spending. We have worked hard to come up with a budget that will benefit, at least most, if not all our students.

I am pleased that we have come this far with the PAC, we have cleared our name, built a budget and now we would like to work with the school to provide the means to enrich our students in their learning and experiences. We are also working to make the PAC meetings easier for parents.

**Principal's Report**

We have had a very positive start to the school year.

In July we began to do online all year long for the grade 10-12 students and it has been very well received. Our hike to teapot hill in September was very successful as was our middle school retreat to Camp Stillwood. Currently we have sent out interim reports and are encouraging students to work to complete courses.

Trish Williams

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## Statement of Revenue & Expenses 2008- 2009

PAC July 15, 2009

Prepared for:

PAC Treasurer Rosalind Wee



### Opening Balance as of July 1, 2008

General Fund	\$ 6,718.14	
Gaming Fund	<u>\$ 9,127.78</u>	\$ 15,845.92

### Revenue:

Funding from Gaming		18,800.00
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Interest:	<u>Gaming funds</u>	<u>General Funds</u>	
July	1.08	.78	
August	1.08	.78	
September	1.12	.75	
October	3.47	.78	
November	3.33	.75	
December	3.44	.78	
January	2.94	.68	
February	1.99	.46	
March	2.20	.51	
April	2.13	.50	
May	2.19	.52	
June	2.03	.52	
			\$ 34.81

Clothing:		56.25
Transfer from Savings shares to Gaming Funds	<u>278.24</u>	<u>369.30</u>
		\$ 35,015.22

### Expenses:

Scholarships 2007-2008	\$ 1,250.00	
"Anne of Green Gables" tickets (50)	240.00	
iTunes certificate \$20 Sept to June	600.00	
Gold Panning Supplies	483.84	
Fieldtrip to Mountainview Conservation Center	500.00	
School bus Rental - Science World	397.50	
5 Intel QX-3 Digital Microscope	500.00	
Show case materials for awards display	1,200.00	
Honeybee Farm Fieldtrip	143.00	
Graduation Gown Rental	298.56	
Grad Food	357.08	
Grad Flowers	231.63	
Special Book Award	100.00	
Grade 7 t-shirts	239.40	
Pre-Authorized Debit Check Order	<u>17.06</u>	<u>(\$6,558.07)</u>

Estimated Cash in Bank as of June 20, 2009		<b>\$ 28,457.15</b>
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