



## Cedar Grove Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information		
<b>Date:</b> Thursday December 5, 2019		<b>Time:</b> 7:00 – 8:55 pm
<b>Chair:</b> Tracy Aiken		<b>Recorder:</b> Christine Hardt
Attendance (13)		
Tracy Aiken , Chair	Eliina Friesen, Vice Chair	Christine Hardt, Secretary
Lyle Magnus, Treasurer	Olwen Cowan, Principal	Yoshiko Beauchesne
Nick Weber	Karen Graves	Scott Davis
Marissa Rizzo	Nicole Arnett	Ursula Dragowska
Tara Robens		
<b>Regrets:</b> Sue Girard, School Board Trustee		
Housekeeping		Action Items
1. Call to Order 7:00pm		
2. Introductions		
3. Additions to Agenda: None		
4. Minutes from last PAC meetings: November 7, 2019 Revisions: Change meeting day from Wednesday to Thursday, change housekeeping item for Tara to say that she was asking about their favorite events, not what to spend money on Motion to Approve: Nick Weber, Seconded by: Scott Davis		
<b>5. Outstanding Action Items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courtney to purchase Rubbermaid containers and re-organize the kitchen. – <b>Completed</b></li> <li>• Cedar Grove school growth plan to be reviewed at Nov meeting - <b>Completed</b></li> <li>• Tara to ask students what their favorite events are - <b>Completed</b></li> <li>• Olwyn to ask Gus Guszek if he is interested in providing a parent education session.- <b>Completed.</b> Have discussed with Keri Mahlman and Gus, they are planning a session.</li> <li>• Tracy to post Healthy School handouts on PAC website. – <b>In Progress</b>, posted on Facebook, website is pending.</li> </ul>		
6. Regular Reports		Action Items
<b>6.1 Chair’s Report: Tracy Aiken</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lorna has volunteered to be the SOGI rep, update later in the meeting</li> <li>• Sue Girard not able to attend meeting but sent her update</li> </ul>		
<b>6.2 Treasurer’s Report: Eliina Friesen for Lyle Magnus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank Balance: \$19,949.12</li> <li>• Gaming Account Balance: 14,204.83</li> <li>• Eliina estimated that the school dance made \$700-\$800 but final numbers are not in</li> </ul>		
<b>7.3 Principal’s Report: Olwen Cowan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had a great remembrance day assembly</li> <li>• One of our divisions went to We Day</li> <li>• Our book fair and the book bingo were very successful. Kids really loved it.</li> <li>• FSA results came in last Monday and were fantastic; they helped to show what work we have to do</li> <li>• Had some communication from community members regarding homemade signs along Chaster Road indicating that it is a school zone. We are actually a playground zone, so they have made complaints to the RCMP.</li> <li>• School Growth Plan, they are focusing on 2 goals this year – literacy and self-regulation. They have set targets which will be reported to the school board and to parents.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Literacy goal has been a focus for the past 4-5 years and is going really well</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Self-regulation goal they are looking at bringing in more strategies and resources to aid teachers and students</li> <li>○ The school growth plan will be available on the school website</li> <li>● ‘December Actually’ winter production is on December 19<sup>th</sup>, both the matinee and evening show will be held that day.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7.4 School Trustee Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sue was not able to attend tonight but sent a report for Tracy to present, see attachment on page 4.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7.5 DPAC Report: Scott Davis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Last meeting was November 28<sup>th</sup>, but Scott was unable to attend and meetings minutes are not out yet.</li> <li>● Attended a meeting on Nov 26<sup>th</sup> on behalf of the DPAC chair. The meeting was held at the school board office and was held to discuss the topic of independent travel. It was run as a workshop with representatives from many groups, such as local government, transportation, DPAC, etc. Topic was to discuss what is preventing children from getting out and about on their own. A study has been initiated and they are focusing on our community, and will eventually focus on one school. The study will take place over the next year.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. Old Business</b></p>	<b>Action Items</b>
<p><b>8.1 Glow Dance/Advent Calendar Debrief:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Glow Dance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Do not want it to be a ‘drop off’ event, but some did drop off.</li> <li>○ Would like to try and avoid it turning into kids running around the gym playing tag, some kids were knocked over.</li> <li>○ Additional washrooms were open so that was good.</li> <li>○ Tamara did not know that pizza needed to be ordered before 3pm to get the lower price.</li> <li>○ The music was better this year; he tried to include all the songs that had been requested.</li> <li>○ It is always at the same time as the mountain film festival, would like to see it occur at a different time.</li> <li>○ Really fun event, Olwyn hoping to invite other schools next year.</li> <li>○ Last year we invited other schools and the community, but this year we didn’t so attendance was lower.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Advent calendars:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sales went well, have only 5 left. We will give them away as gifts to staff and children, Olwyn will decide who to get them.</li> <li>○ Tamara didn’t know the protocol for how to distribute; will look to streamline next year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>8.2 Past PAC Planning Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Scott:</b></li> <li>● Past project ideas discussed by PAC were a kitchen renovation and an outdoor covered play area, or a natural play area.</li> <li>● Scott presented a slide show of past ideas the PAC has looked at, and possibilities of what we can create.</li> <li>● <b>Olwyn:</b></li> <li>● The manager of facilities came to our school this week and toured it with Olwyn. Discussed options for the Cedar Grove area, such as natural play area.</li> <li>● Looked at kitchen/change room area. We are very far down the list for a renovation, possibly 8-10 years. Something to think about is that there is likely asbestos under the floor, so any reno would include abatement and additional costs.</li> <li>● Would love to see an outdoor covered play area; teachers are interested in this as well.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8.3 Lantern Festival Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Planning going well. Will go into the classes in February to make lanterns. Received approximately \$20 worth of Halloween candy donated toward jolly jars. Last year</li> </ul>	

corporate sponsorships were done too late; need to look at it as soon as possible.	
<b>8.4 Raffle:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like to start the raffle in January. Christine to order raffle tickets over Christmas holidays. Tara volunteered to help with distributing the raffle tickets.</li> </ul>	
<b>9. New Business</b>	
<b>9.1 SOGI Rep:</b> SOGI stands for sexual orientation and gender identity. It is an inclusive term that encompasses all individuals regardless of where they identify on the sexual orientation or gender identity spectrums. The SC district SOGI committee is made up of several elementary and high school principals, teachers and parents. See attachment on page 5.	
<b>9.2 Communication:</b> Olwen has asked if we would consider going paperless. Discussed options for emailing notices, posting them on the school and PAC websites, and utilizing social media. It was noted that some parents prefer paper, while others prefer electronic. Olwen is planning to shift the school to paperless communication starting in March. Tracy will draft a communication plan for PAC for review at the next meeting. It was noted that PAC notices could be electronic, but order forms should still have an option for paper as many people will not order online.	Tracy Aiken to draft a PAC communication plan for discussion at next meeting.
<b>9.3 Christmas Hampers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have a couple families that the school will be supporting this Christmas. There were not a lot of families so the school and staff will be supporting them. They are not needing PAC or parent support.</li> </ul>	
<b>9.4 January Movie Night:</b> Movie night will be held on January 23 <sup>rd</sup> , movie has not been selected yet.	
<b>9.4 Treasurer Position:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lyle needs to step down as treasurer as he now needs to take care of his parents almost full time. Per the PAC constitution, we do not need to vote in a new treasurer. Instead, the PAC executive can assign someone. We heard that June Metz may be interested; Eliina and Tracy will follow-up with her. Once we have confirmed a new treasurer an executive meeting will be held to officially appoint them and review the role. We will also ask Linda Shute if she's willing to do some training with the new person.</li> </ul>	Tracy and Eliina to confirm if June Metz will volunteer to be treasurer.
<b>9.5 Spending Decisions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like to build a Lego wall in the library for a 'make-it' experience. The school is asking for \$500 toward the building of the wall.</li> <li>Family book club proposal, last year we ran our first book club and 2 novels were selected. Would like to run another book club after the winter break to build connections between home and school, encourage a joy of reading and support literacy. Request is for \$500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Motion:</b> Tara motioned to accept both requests, seconded by Eliina. Motion was approved. The executive will investigate if this can come from the gaming account, if not will come from the discretionary fund.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Request for 'Headstart Public Speaking' program for 4 intermediate classes (Tultz, MacInnes 6/7, Calvori 4/5, Peter Metcalfe is pending). The total amount for the course is \$3000 per class less 10%, so the approximately \$11,000. Some present were concerned that this is a large expense that is not benefiting the entire school; noted that they would like to see something for the primaries but that it would be difficult to match the money. There was also concern that this is a significant amount of money. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Motion:</b> Scott Davis motioned for the PAC to put \$2000 toward the Headstart Public Speaking program, seconded by Tara Robens. Motion was approved.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Motions Passed:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$500 toward library Lego wall</li> <li>\$500 for winter book club</li> <li>\$2000 toward Headstart Public Speaking program</li> </ul>
Meeting Adjourned at: 8:55pm	Next Meeting: February 6, 2019 at 7pm

**Attachments:**

1. School Trustee Report – December 2019
2. SOGI District Committee Update – December 4, 2019

**Cedar Grove Elementary School**  
**PAC Report: Sue Girard, Trustee,**  
**School District 46**  
**Month at a Glance: November – December 2019**

November 7<sup>th</sup> – Cedar Grove PAC Meeting

November 8<sup>th</sup> – Cedar Grove Remembrance Day Ceremonies

It was an excellent Ceremony and the children were all so very well behaved and respectful, I was so proud of them all

November 13<sup>th</sup> -- Closed Board Meeting

Regular Board Meeting

Presentation by Better Fields with a Board Motion made for a recommendation for them to attend and give a presentation at the upcoming Operations Committee Meeting

November 21<sup>st</sup> -- LES PAC – Langdale Elementary School PAC

We had a presentation of the new Strategic Plan with Superintendent Bocking and Stephanie Murawsky  
They shared their new Langdale sports jerseys and lots of talk about Christmas and Winter Activities

November 21<sup>st</sup> – A Social Event of Thanks to the Community at Gibsons Public Library

November 25<sup>th</sup> – Intergovernmental Meeting hosted by the TOG (Town of Gibsons) held at the Gibsons Public Market – many local Governmental issues were discussed along with presentations from the various groups.

November 26<sup>th</sup> – Committee Meeting Day at the SBO (School Board Office)

Starting with Operations

On the Agenda was Cameras on Buses with a stat sheet from the RCMP on vehicles stopped for violations  
Also on the Agenda was discussion on the AFG (Annual Facilities Grant) and the priorities on how the surplus of about \$200,000 will be allocated.

A presentation from the Better Fields group on improving the school fields – Dave Robben and Ed gave the presentation and did a great job.

The COTW (Committee of the Whole) Agenda included

The Education Committee Meeting which followed had a presentation on Indigenous Education – The Elements of Culture & Diversity

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – MPES PAC – Madeira Park Elementary School PAC meeting

The meeting was cancelled; but I submitted a report for the Month

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Minister of Education for the Province – The Honorable Rob Fleming came to WSES (West Sechelt Elementary School) along with MLA Nicholas Simons to announce that the school would be getting an expansion to the tune of 11.2 Million dollars that will eliminate their crowded space and portables

December 9<sup>th</sup> – A group of students from New Delhi, India (Sacred Heart Academy) have had a two week visit to the Sunshine Coast and we will be having the Closing Ceremonies at Elphinstone on Monday.

December 9<sup>th</sup> -- Dr. Milan Khara will be giving a presentation on Vaping in the Theatre at Chatelech Secondary School on Monday night. Courtesy of VCH (Vancouver Coastal Health)

**Update from SOGI district committee for Cedar Grove PAC from Lorna Richards elementary parent volunteer.  
Dec. 4, 2019**

**Background**

SOGI stands for sexual orientation and gender identity. It is an inclusive term that encompasses all individuals regardless of where they identify on the sexual orientation or gender identity spectrums, as every person has a sexual orientation and every person has a gender identity. It includes heterosexual, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit, cisgender, and more.

In July 2016, the provincial government amended the BC Human Rights Code to include gender expression as prohibited grounds of discrimination (sexual orientation was added earlier to the Code). In September 2016, the Ministry of Education announced that explicit references to sexual orientations and gender identities must be included in all public and independent school district's codes of conduct.

The Ministry of Education has also recently implemented a redesigned curriculum, which provides educators the opportunity to teach in a more inclusive and personalized way. The content in the redesigned provincial curriculum includes a focus on valuing diversity and respecting differences, and the topics of human rights and responses to discrimination (especially in subject areas of Physical and Health Education, Social Studies, and English Language Arts). Components of the BC Human Rights Code, including sexual orientation and gender identity, may be explored within those curricular themes. The expectation of this mandated curriculum is that all students in all schools will experience the integration of inclusive education beginning in Kindergarten. It is important to note that curriculum is provincially mandated and adherence to the BC Human Rights Code is not optional for public schools and school districts. The use of SOGI 123 resources is at the discretion of individual districts, however it was developed and approved by the Ministry of Education and BC Teachers' Federation so it is the most readily available resource that is compliant with the BC Human Rights Code. SOGI 123 is also supported by several other professional organizations and associations, including the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils and the majority of school districts in the province (51 out of 60 as of May 2018) use SOGI 123.

**The District Committee**

The Sunshine Coast district SOGI committee is made up of several elementary and high school principals, volunteer teachers and school administrators as well as several elementary and high school parents. In 2020, 2 high school students will also join the committee (the application process will begin soon for those students).

The main mandate of the district committee is to oversee several initiatives related to the SOGI topic. Most notably, organizing the training of the school reps in the district. This training happened Oct. 28, and there was a representative from every school. The representative from Cedar Grove is Ms. Reid, the librarian. Each rep was given a resource kit.

Another function of the district SOGI committee is to organize training for schools related to this topic. There is an organization in Vancouver called Out in Schools.

"Out In Schools is an award-winning program that brings films into classrooms to inspire youth to step into the challenges and the triumphs of LGBT2Q+ communities. We engage youth through film in the promotion of safe and inclusive learning environments, free from homophobia, transphobia and bullying. Out In Schools has reached more than 100,000 youth since we started visiting schools in 2004. We've brought queer film and transformative discussion to 57 of BC's 60 school districts in that time! Out In Schools also works closely with governments, school districts, professionals, associations and corporations to ensure that everyone has access to our dynamic presentations."

Out in Schools did deliver presentations to various schools in sd 46 last year, the schools for 2020 are to be determined.

**More information**

Parents can check out the SOGI 123 website at [sogieducation.org](http://sogieducation.org) For specific issues related to the school, please contact Ms. Reid For a global issue to be brought up at the next district committee meeting please contact Lorna Richards: [lornarichards233@gmail.com](mailto:lornarichards233@gmail.com)

Next district meeting is in early February.