



**École Quadra School PAC meeting
Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7:00PM**

Special Meeting re: Accessible Playground

- Approved -

Start 7:07pm

Executive Attendees: Sheri Zimmel, Tanya Weston, Arielle Forster, Tig Cross

Attendees: James Burrough, Heather Phillips, Rosemary McCutcheon, Tristen Weiss, Heather Stober, Erica Davis Lehman, Marilyn Campbell (1st half), Bonnie Davison (2nd half)

Absent: Marketa

PROPOSED MOTION FOR DISCUSSION

To allocate up to \$5,000 from PAC funds towards the new playground budget and/or provide volunteer labour to help offset the costs of installation

PRINCIPAL'S REMARKS

- Mrs. Campbell met with school district members
- Quadra receiving \$105,000 grant from provincial government for accessible playground
- School District 61 will be leading/vetting/coordinating this project (i.e. finding vendor, contract managing for successful vendor, etc.)
- Clarification that wooden play ground will not be torn down to make way for new playground as located on City of Victoria easement
- Suggesting that accessible playground be located on primary field next to current and future new portable (2nd portable to have washrooms)
- Allowed to have volunteer labourers to help with project
 - Be cautious with assignment of certain tasks (i.e. piecing together structure) to volunteers, sometimes can back fire. Example: volunteers incorrectly piece structure together, then have to pay someone to come and fix it
 - Suggesting volunteers help with more general tasks, like digging, carrying supplies, etc.
- Surrounding playground surface MUST be rubberized asphalt
 - Wondering if there are grants PAC can apply to in hopes of reducing cost?
- Quadra is the only school in SD61 (Greater Victoria) receiving the provincial grant
- Hoping for proposal from District about playground options

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Are there programs in Victoria willing to “match” Quadra PAC \$ contributions, if PAC makes one (Tig)
- Some programs may be willing to contribute a dollar figure to the playground if PAC directs their pitch at the community noting how few accessible playgrounds are in and around Victoria. Programs that support accessibility and who may be interested in donating include: CFAX Santa’s Anonymous, Variety, Shriners, Rotary Club, Vancity, Coast Capital. (James)
- General Consensus of roundtable was:
 - parents and PAC don’t have enough time or resources to source grants
 - PAC should maintain mantra of no fundraising to continue catering to the different demographics
 - save PAC money for PAC items (i.e. more nature spaces, cozy corners, etc.)
 - reach out to community in a couple ways

ACTION ITEMS

- Reach out to community
 - Go to Radio Stations; Tanya to connect with her contact @ the Zone
 - Sheri to contact VCCPAC and convey outcomes of this meeting and ask for support in request letter to School District
 - Draft letter with support from VCCPAC to SD61 requesting consultation with PAC when decisions are being made around structure style, design, etc.
 - James and Tig to connect and put some calls out to programs
 - Bonnie to put an ask out at Vancouver Foundation event she will be attending in the near future

VOTE

- Split Motion into two parts

Motion 1

To allocate up to \$5,000 from PAC funds towards the new playground budget

Voting Results

In Favour: 0 Opposed: 9 Abstained: 1

NOT PASSED

Motion 2

Provide volunteer labour to help offset the costs of installation

Voting Results

In Favour: 10 Opposed: 0 (Unanimous)

Note: PAC intends to explore opportunities for grants and funding leading up to the project.

PASSED

ADJOURNED 8:05pm