

## **DPAC MONTHLY MEETING: 4 APR 2013**

Dawn called the meeting to order at 7:09pm. *Thanks to James Hansen and Marla Margetts for attending!*

### **Approval of February 7, 2013, Meeting Minutes**

Motion to accept by Amber Layton, seconded by Alexis Ormond.

### **Guest Speaker: Harold Stanley (Saanich Planner) “Shelbourne Valley Action Plan”**

- formerly the “Shelbourne Corridor Plan”
- AREA: Shelbourne – Hillside Mall up to just north of Feltham.
- 20-30yr action plan
- Three Centres, one village:
  - Hillside Mall
  - Cedar Hill Village (at Cedar Hill X / Shelbourne)
  - University
  - Village – Feltham
- Try to create higher density around busier streets
- (actually more multi family than SFH)
- more seniors (25%) and more young adults than other parts of Saanich
- People generally want more urban pedestrian-friendly living
- Objectives:
  - balanced transportation
  - centres and villages
  - density/mixed use
  - accessible (currently a modified grid, not a proper grid, that discourages people entering neighbourhoods that aren't their own)
  - age friendly
  - green – protect natural habitat, reduce greenhouse gas emissions
  - community oriented
- Have “Super blocks” (ex: McKenzie to Feltham...almost a km to get there) – want to break blocks more to get better access
- Process
  - vision – check
  - studies – check
  - open houses – check (three last Nov)
    - most people agree with what planning to do
  - focus groups
    - seniors, students, residents group, neighbourhood groups, SMUS, Camosun, Cedar Hill Middle School, we are last public school to be consulted
  - draft plan

- more consultation
- council (plan: taken to council Fall 2013)
- Centres and Villages - VISION
  - Increase density and uses, walkable/cyclable, transit oriented, accessible, community oriented, green
- Doncaster is just outside of “Cedar Hill Centre” (Shelbourne and Cedar Hill X Rd)
  - only areas outside of the centres where Saanich wants to see more density is along Shelbourne
- Want to see more outdoor living, community spaces, stormwater mgmt (swales), apartments along Shelbourne/increased density, patios, setbacks from street, four to six story buildings, front doors open to street, more pedestrian-friendly, cycling-friendly, people-friendly environment.
- Proposed greenway west of Shelbourne St: try to get more lineal route north-south. Put four choices to public, the preferred route was the extension of Bowker Creek walkway (keep going up north)
  - hope that fewer kids will be driven to school – hope to provide means to get here without a car, Saanich might be able to help with the safe walk to school
  - idea get off busy streets, into residential area.
- Want improve transit stops, shelters on Shelbourne
- Connectivity (break up super blocks) – try to get public right of ways between
- parking to the side/back of the building (i.e. Create a street presence for the business)
- Shelbourne St recommended lane configurations
  - recommended interim: 2 1/2 meter buffers on either side (utility poles) between road and: 1.5m sidewalk, 1.5m bicycle path right next
  - if can get the land – will make 2-5m sidewalk, 2-3 m bicycle on either side (a lot wider)
- [www.saanich.ca](http://www.saanich.ca) go to virtual open house, look at slides presented there. Please feel free to contact Harold Stanley with any questions

### **Old Business**

#### **Dance Club** (Dawn for Charene)

40 kids coming to every rehearsal, performance end of April, will do with assembly

#### **Craft Club** (Amber)

Looking for coffee cans (small or large) – had a row of coffee cans OR lids!

Moving craft clubs to courtyard if sunny

#### **Tech** (Byron)

Existing website – needs a lot of updating before new website comes in (content).

#### **Fun Day** (Dawn)

Bouncy castle, ponies, golf – ordered.

#### **End of Year Dance** (Dawn)

June.

### **Way to Go! Spring Challenge** (Lana)

- fifth year this year (but going on at least 7yr)
  - encourage kids to get to school actively
  - runs: Earth Day (Apr 22) to Clean Air Day (June 6)
  - raise awareness – you don't have to walk, you can carpool/rideshare/park and walk
  - typically 55% come to school via car, and usually 6 weeks later around 42% - last year we met our goal of below 40%... we got down to 34%!
  - on the last day (June 6th) the Principal's walk to school
  - golden shoe award at the end (participation, trip tracking, etc)
  - this and next year will be last if anyone has a passion for it and wants to take it on...

### **Need for Volunteers:** Cookie Dough, Save Around books, QSP magazines (Sheena)

- Craft fair, QSP, Save Around, Xmas craft fair, (this year cookie dough) – Sheena stepping down, need more people to do that.
- Save-Around coupon book should be more than two or more people.
- Lots of different fundraisers we can do.
- QSP magazines – most of it done online. Stuff at home, put in packets of 30, teachers given them out, 85% do it online – the rest of them you get them from the office (mail off);
- Cookie dough – get the paperwork off, compile it, Sheena handed them out afternoon and evening
- recommendation: do different things so more people will participate
- WHO IS TAKING ON WHAT FUND RAISERS!!

### **School Supplies** (Sarah)

Really pushing online ordering (Monks)

If want June delivery – May 15th (online), May 10th (manual)

Can push it back to June if want Sept. delivery

Can use as fundraiser?

1. donation box
2. or other schools use \$1 to \$6 automatically

\$19 for K

\$35 for Grade 5

need specifications

Minimum level of participation? - all supplies get delivered, all bundled – packaged with form inside

AGREED: June delivery, online only, \$5 fundraiser

Sarah and Byron will take school supplies (*Thanks!*)

### **New Business**

**Impending doodle for budget planning** (Dawn)

- will happen at some point

### **Mission Statement (Amber)**

- looking for mission statement, what PAC about, what PAC funds/list of activities

### **Lice Check (Alexis)**

No lice check on April 26th, but can do the 19th

### **Budget (Ian)**

Delete casino night, a few thousand off this year – have \$16k in the bank, will soon put \$5k in a GIC for a playground (bringing total up to \$15). Will run a deficit this year.

### **Principal's Report (James Hansen)**

#### **Projections**

English 130 (132 Sept 2012)

French 260 (256 Sept 2012)

#### **Kindergarten FAQ**

Send questions parents had for K's: [jhansen@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:jhansen@sd61.bc.ca)

#### **Satisfaction Survey (Grade 4)**

When lots of people fill in satisfaction survey the data is more valid. Out now (April 1st) – so please fill those out.

#### **FSA (Grade 4)**

Foundation Skills Assessment – you get your child's assessment back (ranked 1,2,3,4) and the school gets the overall marks.

#### **Website Update**

District moving to uniform platform. District will be supporting it. Hoping to have it going by May 2013, but timeline unknown right now. (School board creating structure, we will personalize)

#### **Call Back**

Computer program that many schools use, linked to attendance, automatically calls you back if your kids don't show up. Haven't done for 2 years. Do parents want? Costs \$1000 per year. So far we haven't seen a need for it (as parents). Q: Hilda seems to like it (A: it would save some time for her). The callback doesn't address when parents sign their kids out, or leave at lunch, etc.

#### **Budget Items**

**Tech** – next year projector's and screens in 8 more classrooms... by this time next year most classes will have one, then we'll get back to trying to put Smart boards in each classroom. At least a computer and projector. If PAC able to fund? There will be about 3 classrooms short. In theory, will be able to turn into Smart boards later on for about \$2000. With document cameras, should have about 80% of

what a Smartboard can do. Facts: Smartboard approx \$4000, this solution \$2000. We have based the eight they are getting on 1. school budget remaining same 2. same number of kids.

**Greening/Grounds** – greening plans to clear out back, school budget to put in some trees. If PAC contributes, might be able to put in more mature trees. Courtyard, cement stage.

**Art** – we need more money for crafts \$220 per class. \$1 per child per month. Biggest thing we run out of is paper then paint.

### **VP Evaluations**

Marla is in her second year, parents will get an evaluation on a random basis.

### **Sports**

Basketball – no jamboree this year (Reynolds family). Might do intramurals for the 4s and 5s.

Mini-Rugby – Mr Thomas (Grade 4-5)

Track – going ahead Grades 3,4,5, May 28th

### **Doncaster Dragons Island Farms Team (Lana)**

In association with Island Farms challenge. 26 people on the team. Can't register anymore. The cut off date falls on the Saturday after spring break.

### **Vice Principal Report** (Marla Margetts)

**April 9th:** school assembly. Jump Rope for Heart, Mad Science.

**Wed May 15th** – afternoon Jump Rope for heart jumping.

Last year, and in years past, the PAC provided freezies (if doing freezies, please freeze for two weeks and cut in half). Or, if PAC wants healthy snack. Need volunteers for snack station, and snacks. Need volunteers to help count money. Volunteers to count money until the day after Victoria Day.

**Grade 5 lunch monitors.** Really like the pizza lunches given and like the recognition that comes with it. Thanks for providing pizza lunches. May/June the Grade 4s will start mentoring with the Grade 5s.

**Spring Cross Country.** We didn't get a teacher sponsor/coach (Mr Stickland will do track and field, not cross country). The first meet is coming up April 8th or 15th (there are three or four meets). We need a COACH. Marla will be the teacher sponsor if we get a coach.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:36pm.**

### ***ACTION ITEMS***

- Amber to ask Dawn for Mission statement – Dawn to send
- Catherine take over QSP (Thanksgiving) - Leah
- Send Minutes with Newsletter (DRAFT)

- Byron in touch with Cheryl soon (website)
- Catherine, Alexis, Sarah, Vero, Save-Around coupon books (Lucy Perez) – pick date
- Sarah and Byron will take school supplies
- Alexis to email Kerry-Anne
- Catherine to email Nancy and ask to send questions to James Hansen
- Dawn ask Kerry-Anne to contact Marla if can count money Jump Rope for Heart
- Dawn to email Kerry-Anne looking for coach (ASAP)