

## **PAC MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 18, 2018**

### **1. Introduction and Welcome – Kimberley Rogers**

Attendees: Mercedes, Graham, Ken, Liz, Const. Lueder, Mami, Kathryn, Kristin, Kimberely, Denene, Bill, Paula, Karen, Carla, Holly, Isabel, Judy, Hazel, Joanne

### **2. Guest Speaker – Oak Bay Police Liaison Officer Constable Markus Lueder**

- kids' world is their peers;
- talk to Grade 8s about choices: if alcohol and drugs are going to be their choice, there are going to be ramifications;
- get buy in – the “scared straight” approach doesn’t work - you lose credibility if you say something will definitely happen and it doesn’t;
- always try to remain relevant and present things that puts the ball in their court. It is their one and only life. There’s always lots of booze at parties. They have to own the decision to ride with a drinking driver: don’t want to be collateral damage in an accident by a drinking driver;
- [www.drugabuse.gov](http://www.drugabuse.gov) - National Institute on Drug Abuse – good drug resource (not [www.nida.com](http://www.nida.com) as Const. Lueder mentioned)
- try not to talk down to teens: they are not kids but young adults. Life is coming their way so be prepared regarding drugs and alcohol. Kids can find out anything on their phones now so be educated about drugs. Are they going to take charge? You can’t say “I didn’t know”. Be educated. Be responsible;
- Get in your kids’ lives. Stay involved: offer your kids good alternatives to sitting inside/on screens/hanging out with friends: camping, fishing, hiking, crafts, sports...promote whatever healthy interests they have
- Alcohol is a bigger problem at OBH than drugs
- \$575 fine for adult who allow underage kids to drink in their house
- handout: 40 Developmental Assets by Search Institute – [www.search-institute.org](http://www.search-institute.org);
- OBH is good with dealing with the issue of intimate photos on social media. He counsels kids that the whole idea of sending intimate pictures of their bodies is selling themselves out. They are better than that!

### **3. Update from Administration – Ken Andrews/Liz McMaster**

- Ken – he and Markus have spoken about the traffic issues on Monterey Ave. It is up to us to pursue further but Markus suggested the idea of making Monterey one direction southbound between McNeil and Central. Parking is already pointed in that direction. The next step would be to talk to Richard at Oak Bay to find out appropriate process;
- Next Friday is Curriculum Implementation day. The May Pro-D Day is when they gather as a staff to discuss school goals. What do they want to improve on as

a faculty that will affect the kids? One of the goals is social/emotional development. They see kids who struggle with anxiety/self-regulation which undermines their success. Liz plus 5 teachers went to a conference on this and will present at May Pro-D;

- Young Entrepreneurs' Marketplace was a great success: approx \$700-\$800 raised for Junior Diabetes Research Foundation;
- Earth Day/Week – Classes are doing different things. Ocean Studies kids will have different environmental facts to share on the announcements each day;
- Liz – Student Led Conferences are April 30 in the afternoon;
- Principal Pie Roll is May 1 at 11am at McNeil Bay;
- Flag was at half mast for Chief Andy Thomas who passed away recently;
- Reunification Day Drill is Tuesday, May 29 – letter has gone out to parents

#### **4. Committee and Program Updates**

- Emergency Preparedness Kit Update – Paula Marchese
  - Paula is working with First Alert. They sell us the kits at a 25% discount and we sell for full price. Money raised will go to the playground fund. Before the parent meeting, an email will go out with a letter and brochure to MMS and OBH families. There will be a selection of kits to order and samples will be at the May 2 emergency preparedness meeting in advance of the reunification drill. The kits will not be delivered so someone will need to pick them up. Fundraiser will last for approx 2 weeks
- MMPA – Paula Marchese
  - The band trip to Whistler is 2 weeks away. The next MMPA event is the musical desserts night on May 16. MMPA is looking of donations of food and raffle items;
- Grade 8 Completion Ceremony – Kimberley Rogers
  - Tuesday, June 26, is the Grade 8 completion ceremony. There's a ceremony, a luncheon for students and families and then a dance in the afternoon. The first planning meeting is Monday at 3:15 in Home Ec Room. The food is all prepared/donated by the grade 8 parents and grade 7 parents volunteer to serve;
- New Business – Kimberley Rogers
  - We got approached by the firefighters to participate in Sausagefest again, which is on Saturday, June 23. Willows and MMS will supply volunteers and share the proceeds;
  - She will be moving on to OBH in September so Kristin will be looking for assistance on the PAC next year.

#### **5. Next Meeting – AGM Thursday, May 10, 7:00pm**