The meeting was called to order by Gwen Giesbrecht, President at 6:06pm

1. Agenda

MOTION: TO APPROVE AGENDA
Scott Clark / Craig Ollenberger CARRIED

Agenda Amended:
- Add update Secondary School Inquiry Project, June 2, 2016 to New Business
- Add Planning & Development Committees under Old Business

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM March 9, 2016
Ingrid Kolsteren/ Aaron Giesbrecht CARRIED

Amendments:
- In the list of guests Cissey Huang was misspelled
- Under Committee Reports it was the Art Gallery Opening that had 36 people attend, not the Committee meeting.

3. New Business

a) Inquiry Project – Sarah
- staff and students from Britannia Secondary and Winston Churchill Secondary have continued working together on this project
- exploring teaching indigenous knowledge in a multicultural environment
- start with a small group of students and grow it; get a feel for how students identify, and work with teachers who are receptive
- looking at implementing learning through curriculum
- focus right now is on a “Cultural Be-in Un-ceded Coast Salish Territories” event to happen on June 2nd from 3-7pm
- the Cultural Be-in will feature Britannia student, Cultural dancers, school bands from both Secondary schools, Don Fiddler and Shane Point.
- looking for support around Britannia such as having a display in the library, help with promotion, food from Off the Grill
- recreation department is willing and able to help
- students designing posters
- event will be good connection for Reconciliation in Action event coming up Sept 25
- there is funding in Unplanned Special Events budget to contribute

b) AGM – Cynthia
- Femme City Choir performing
- Aboriginal welcome has been arranged
- Most Board members returning
- 7 seats open looking for nominees, there are 5 members returning for re-election
- Contact Cynthia regarding nominees
- Cynthia to visit Theory of Knowledge class to provide orientation to AGM volunteers and speak about organization and Board member opportunities for students
- June 1st from 6-9pm is orientation for new Board

Britannia Child Care Play Area – Craig
- Briefing note included on p 7
- Thank you to Lorraine Evans and Craig Smith for their work on the briefing note
- Amend budget note to show that all money coming from Britannia Child Care reserves

MOTION:
That the Board approve the $50,000 from the Britannia Child Care reserves, to be reviewed by the Finance Committee, to build the child care play area.

John Flipse/ Brendan Boylan CARRIED

4. Old Business

a) Board Retreat Follow-up – Cynthia
- revision of Vision Statement is being reviewed by committees and will come back to the Board next month
- summary of action items on p 11

Item #1
– Changes to go to the AGM in May not June
- Youth Matters committee is reviewing the drafted changes.
- Concrete proposal developed by May meeting
- need to vote on extraordinary resolution at the AGM to amend Constitution and by-laws

MOTION
That the Board agree in principle to add to the Society Constitution and By-laws and authorize the Executive review any extraordinary resolutions.

Brendan Boylan/ John Flipse CARRIED
Item #2
- Programmers are reviewing the Programming Principals and will meet with working groups to draft final version

Item #3
- Craig & Freya doing work on the Board Development Working Group to make a presentation to the Board in May

Item #4
- short form draft example on p 14
- will use short form for committee updates
- example of form in action on p 55

Item #5
- now including decision/actions on the agenda

Item #6
- example of the Board to-do list on p15
- will be part of Board package each month

Item #7
- part of work plan for Cynthia and staff to address

Item #8
- Peter provided briefing note on p 16-17
- Parks Board reviewing the Leisure Access process, on April 18 will make decision based on staff report

Item #9
- briefing note on Subsidy Implementation on p 18-19
- most contracts are a 70/30 split of revenue with instructors
- staff will come back with full report and motion for review
- broad impacts for all people who need subsidy, including working poor

MOTION
That the staff make sure instructors are being paid full for programs by September 2016, and report back on previous impacts to instructors.

Ingrid Kolsteren/ Suzanne Dahlin CARRIED

b) Surplus Policy – Jeremy
- revised Annual Surplus Policy handout provided

MOTION
That the Britannia Board approves the Annual Surplus Policy, and directs staff to implement the terms of the Policy immediately.

John Flipse/ Craig Ollenberger CARRIED
Opposed: Scott Clark, Brendan Boylan
c) Carving Pavilion – Cynthia
   - New project to be launched in June
   - glass roof will be covered by VSB $25,000, Vancity $15,000, and Britannia Capital funds for $20,000.
   - will be installed within 3 months

d) Britannia Renewal – Suzanne
   - joint RFP for consultant being drafted with COV
   - end of April the RFP will be out
   - end of May consultant to be in place

e) Planning & Development Committees – Suzanne
   - draft terms of reference provided for Planning & Development Committee, and Strategic Planning Subcommittee of the Planning & Development Committee

MOTION
That the Board approve the Planning & Development Committee, and the Strategic Planning Subcommittee of the Planning & Development Committee terms of reference.

Brendan Boylan/ Craig Ollenberger CARRIED

5. Correspondence Report

6. Partners’ Reports

Vancouver Park Board
– Peter:
   - report included p 23-27
   - Britannia has a new sign for our site as a Danger Zone Hub
   - COV put up the signs before community consultation on what kind of hub we’ll be
   - consultation in May. The sign will be covered until then.
   - highlights from report include:
     - a new Native Plants Garden around the Carving Pavilion
     - another successful YOUnique conference was held last weekend, and next year will
       work with Britannia Secondary to improve attendance and avoid communication gaps
     - Micro Footie season soon to begin, with game day at the Empire Fields this year
– Erin:
   - update on the renewal of Clark Park
   - Concession stand review, open to new ideas for food
   - Commercial Drive officially designated as Little Italy

Vancouver Public Library
– no report

Vancouver School Board – Andrew
– grade 10 student won National Science Competition, asked to present at a conference at UBC
– auto shop student took gold at a competition
- grade 11 student won award from Business Council of BC on Public Speaking
- there are 114 students in catchment but won’t all come to Britannia. Expecting maybe 90 kids total. 132 graduating this year
- not as many families with rising housing prices and safety perceptions of the site
- creating a learning commons in the school
- Planning & Development Committee would like to spotlight some students on the Britannia Renewal site

Community Education
- no report

7. Committee Reports

a) Executive Committee – Gwen
   - working on action plan from retreat
   - draft for May

b) Finance Committee – John
   - briefing note included p 28
   - no questions on financials

c) Board Development – Cynthia
   - reviewed retreat notes
   - no long term planning at this point
   - preparing for AGM

d) Arts & Culture Committee – Ingrid
   - Solstice Coffee Shop was well attended with 250 people showing up over 3 hours, standing room only
   - interviewing for artist in residence
   - 21st Annual Stone Soup on May 7th
   - there will be a table for Board members/Planning & Development

e) Pool & Fitness Committee – Cynthia
   - the Women’s Only time Saturday mornings in the Fitness Centre, has been reviewed and found to still be relevant for our membership

f) Planning & Development Committee – Suzanne
   - covered all updates under Old Business

g) Youth Committee – Aaron
   - turnout for their transition program has brought out a few Britannia students, and others from surrounding schools
   - began with a tour of the whole site, and get to know you activities. Have had a cooking class.
   - learning advocacy on eating disorders
8. Administrative Reports

Executive Director – Cynthia
- Report in package p 57
- Included with report is a draft Terms of Reference for Elder in Community, a pilot project for the Britannia Campus
- The Elder in Community will work with all areas and committees to help ensure a culturally affirming environment
- Came from services on site and an ad-hoc committee including the schools, UNYA, and Vancouver Native Health

Manager of Administrative Services – Jeremy
- Report included p 61
- First financials for February 29 2016
- Overall surplus year-to-date is $157,633
- March gaming grants approved by the Ministry, majority for youth programs & services

Manager of Child Care Services – Craig
- Report included p 63
- April 22 hosting a Professional Development Day with workshops focusing on Communications through Play.
- Assisting all Boards with long term planning for each centre.

MOTION: to receive reports
Craig Ollenberger/ Scott Clark CARRIED

MOTION: TO ADJOURN AT 8:35pm
Ingrid Kolsteren/ Craig Ollenberger CARRIED