

Britannia Board Meeting

February 8, 2017

Board Room – Information Centre

PRESENT: Gwen Giesbrecht, Ingrid Kolsteren, Craig Ollenberger, Juan Carlos Maldonado, Tyrus Tracey, Susanne Dahlin, Ye Chu, Brendan Boylan, Sarah Ng, Freya Kristensen, Megan Langley, Andrew Schofield
STAFF: Cynthia Low, Jeremy Shier, Peter Odysnky, Victoria Haenel
GUEST: Yao Zhang
REGRETS: John Flipse, Levi Higgs, Madgen Liao, Aaron Giesbrecht

Called to Order at 6:03pm
Round of introductions for Megan Langley, VPL

1. Approval of January 11 2017 Minutes

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED
BRENDAN BOYLAN/SUSANNE DAHLIN**

CARRIED

Amendment – p5 e) change “front person” for “consultant”

2. Approval of Agenda

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CARRIED

3. New Business

a) Board Development Recommendations p.7-8

- Reviewed briefing note
- Discussion of “consent agenda” where items in this agenda not to be addressed during the meetings unless specifically requested by Board members – members to read these items ahead of time and be prepared to make decisions if required
- Goal to establish an Environmental Sustainability Committee – Craig Ollenberger, Freya Kirstensen and Ye Chu

MOTION TO IMPLEMENT CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR 3 MONTHS AND REVISIT IN MAY 2017.

BRENDAN BOYLAN/YE CHU

CARRIED

MOTION TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO DRAFT AN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY AND PROGRAM FOR BRITANNIA, TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MAY BOARD MEETING.

BRENDAN BOYLAN/YE CHU

CARRIED

- AGM – Board members with terms ending this year (see p.19)
- AGM – looking for thoughts on how to update the set-up & layout of the meeting to encourage more interaction amongst members of public, staff and Board members,

to make the meetings more meaningful, fun, inclusive and engaging. Looking for commitment from Board members and staff to arrive early to be available & approachable to the public

- Acknowledge the work of long standing Board members as they step down

4. Old Business

a) Board Task List – reviewed p.7

b) Renewal – Susanne

- Very well attended PDC meeting on January 24th, presentation by Urban Arts
- Handout – Draft “Speakers Series”, topics/speakers open for discussion, request to Board members for suggestions back to Susanne asap
- Weekly meetings continue (Susanne, Cynthia, COV & UA)
- Launch of B-Lab March 4th

c) City/VSB Cost Sharing

- Ongoing request from VSB to COV to take over operations of Pool & Rink
- Amendment to 1982 agreement to remove the Pool & Rink from VSB custodial/maintenance duties and cost
- Currently with Britannia legal consultant for review
- Britannia wants to ensure programming is not impacted (i.e. Brit students will still be able to use Fitness Centre with student card for free but Hockey Academy may be affected)

5. Guest – Yao Zhang, Volunteer Program Coordinator

Main focus has been the intake of Micro Footie volunteers (200+ coaches)

Current challenges:

- Gaps in program - increasing amount of informal volunteering as less people willing to follow-through the formal application process including submitting police record check
- Police records checks can be a barrier for some
- 1900 people in current date base by only a small number of those are active and it needs to be updated
- Volunteer Incentive Program not being maximized and not reflecting the reality of the volunteer program at Britannia – will be reviewed
- Volunteer Committee – scheduling conflicts for meetings
- Programmers and management are the strength behind the program as it is fully supported at Britannia and work closely with Yao to place event and need-specific volunteers
- Would like to focus on program development including introducing active events with a cause for volunteers such as bike rides or shore clean-ups

6. Partners

VPB – p.10-12, Peter

- Warming Centres still ongoing
- RISE staff member starting at the end of February
- February 28th – Gym D, 3-5:30pm Honouring Ceremony, still accepting nominations
- Youth – successful video game night on January 20th

VPL – p.13-14, Megan

- Yukiko Tosa will be retiring in June 2017
- Spring 2017 – Strathcona branch to open
- Children’s librarian – Natalie, very active in community work
- Family fortnight had 50 participants
- Teens – Coding Buddies program a success and now looking to start a Reading Buddies program

VSB – Andrew

- Class size and composition are changing due to BCTF court challenge and Britannia teachers are very active in protecting students & colleagues, Britannia now has 3.5 full time blocks which not only benefits students but also colleagues
- Canadian Space Agency: Continuing Britannia’s tradition of excellence, out of 3,770 candidates who applied for the space program to become an Astronaut, Kharim Schliewinsky has made it to the final 72
- Spring Break – 15-20 kids who have been training hard will be traveling to Patagonia
- Learning Resource Centre will be moving to the staff room for students

7. Committee Reports

- a) Executive p.15-16
- b) Finance

- No numbers to present at the moment
- Update on Warming Centre – COV pays for the cost of operations (staff)
- Business Systems Review is ongoing and now at the report writing stage
- Child Care playground \$50,000 approved in 2016, contracts in place
 - Ground surface \$30,000
 - Main playground \$56,725
 - Plumbing \$2,000 (approx.)
 - 10% Contingency \$8,800
 - Total approx. cost \$97,000

MOTION TO RELEASE AN ADDITIONAL \$25,000 FROM THE CHILDCARE RESERVE TO COMPLETE THE PLAYGROUND.

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CARRIED

- c) Arts & Culture p.17-18
 - Art Gallery opening – well attended
 - Artist Grant – successful artists to be announced in near future
- d) Board Development p.19
- e) Planning & Development p.20

Suggestion to consider adding speakers/event to include children & families
- f) Youth Committee – Tyrus

February 14th – youth will be handing out chocolates on Valentine’s day, likely in front of Info centre as it is a high traffic area
- g) Youth Matter p.21-24
 - Research “Fair Play 4 Families in Vancouver’s Inner City
 - Report includes details on the upcoming Honouring Ceremony – it’s meaning and traditions
- h) 55+ p. 25

- Cynthia to provide meeting details to Craig and Gwen who are interested in joining
- i) Child Care p.26
 - Rachael Day was introduced at meeting – she starts at Britannia on March 6th
 - Boards to take 2017 budgets for approval
 - j) Volunteer Committee p.27
- From a complaint due to Warming Centre (lack of appropriate clean-up), 20 people (including families and children) came to 1739 Venables for a large clean up – took ownership of the space and changed a negative experience into a positive community experience.

8. Administration Reports

Executive Director – p.28

- Report as presented
- *Foundation AGM March 8th

Manager of Administration – handout at meeting

- 2016 reports going to Finance Committee at end of February and will come to the Board at the March 8th meeting
- January's statements will include the budget
- Foundation meeting held January 17th

MOTION TO APPROVE ALL REPORTS

BRENDAN BOYLAN/CRAIG OLLENBERGER

CARRIED

9. Other

Juan Carlos will send details on art exhibit by Kent Monkman "Shame & Prejudice"

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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CARRIED