

Seycove Secondary Community School

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Dear Seycove PAC Members,

The end of the school year is always a good time to reflect on what went well, and what needs revision in the upcoming year. This year saw the introduction of a mandatory grade 9 class called "Digital Media 9". The purpose of this 13-week class was (is) to:

- Get students familiar with the Seycove server as a resource and a place to hand in completed projects
- Truly understand the building blocks of digital imaging- Pixels!
- Use many different programs, and understand the strengths, applications, and weaknesses of these programs
- Move past an ability to "do", towards greater understanding and concept attainment for lifetime learning
- Have students explore their lives and express themselves with digital cameras.
- Understand lingo such as file extensions, mb's, gb's kb's, .doc's, .ppt's, .mp3's, .jpg, .dmg, .avi, .mov, file converting websites.
- Give students a better knowledge of online image sharing, and Creative Commons
- Understanding of how films (motion pictures) work and a stop motion project
- Everything Photoshop!

By the third term, this class had a much better direction, and it's learning outcomes were all applicable to current school life and beyond. This class has something for everyone! It encourages creativity, and allows students to communicate in a variety of ways.

Unfortunately, as this is not an elective, there is no funding for the course, so the resources used will be those purchased for other classes that use them (ie. Computers, software, cameras, etc.) Likewise, there are simply not enough computers for each pair of students to use, let alone use their own.



These computers are used for every single class in the photo room, and have helped students complete amazing yearbooks for Seycove, Elementary school yearbooks, Posters for the drama department, Remembrance day Slide shows and so many more creative outlets for students.

Due to the new lab purchased for the upstairs floor, I will be receiving some of the e-macs from upstairs to use in this class. I will make use of these 6 year old computers as best I can, but realize that for some applications, they are getting outdated. I would like to start phasing these computers out as the years go on, and my idea is to match any funds raised with funds from the block budget, as any purchases would be shared through the photo department.

As it stands, we now have 26 computer work stations and 9 ½ computers. I would like to purchase 10 new computers this year. Each one of these computers costs \$1049, and will need MS Office (I wish it was free Open Office, but it is not). PS Elements will be transferred from the e-macs in room 315, as the license was purchased earlier this year, so that saves considerable money.

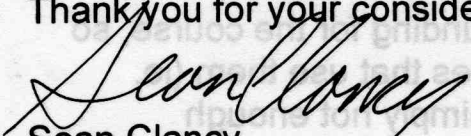
It appears that total cost for each computer will be:

- 20" i-Mac \$1049 each
- MS Office- \$67each
- Enviro fee - \$20 each

Total Cost : \$1136 Plus GST X 5 = \$5680

I am absolutely open to even partial payment towards computers, and would love to have the lab running by the end of this school year!
Please contact me with any questions!

Thank you for your consideration, sincerely,


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To PAC:

The Seycove Special Education Department is very eager to put forward a proposal to the Seycove PAC this year. **Our request involves an upgrade of computer technology for the Seycove Learning Center.**

We understand that one of the guiding principles of awarding PAC funds revolves around the mandate of how many students our proposal effects. Some salient facts that reveal the breadth of our student support services are:

- This year we have offered structured academic tutorial classes in every available instructional block. These classes are at or above enrollment caps.
- During both instructional and non-instructional time we have an open door policy which allows non-enrolled students to use all of our services, including the computers
- Throughout the day, Seycove students have traditionally used our facility as a resource center; students solicit staff and use the computers before school, during lunchtime after school, and during the staff sponsored Homework Club.

As part of our departmental vision, we consider that access to current technology is an integral part of our program. This involves the use of computers for a range of activities including assignment completion, tests, exams, online research, communication with staff, and online homework check. We also continue to offer direct instruction in the effective use of technology, including the appropriate use of the Internet as a learning support, and training with select applications (ex. PowerPoint or Inspiration). As our mandate in Special Education is to service a vulnerable group of students we require resources to facilitate the delivery of our program in support of our students

During the reconfiguration of the school, the learning center was specifically designed to be technologically equipped with a significant number of computer terminals and active ports / network printing facilities. At this time we have an outdated body of computers, and are in need of updated technology.

Our request:

We are asking for a total of 5 new Dell computers. We understand that a current "Dell desktop setup" as delivered by the district is \$900.

5 X \$900 would generate a fee of approximately \$4500

Thank you for your consideration,

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Repainting the Metal Shop Floor Estimated Price \$3000

The painted floor in the metal shop is flaking and peeling off the concrete. It would be ideal if we could arrange to have the floor painted during the summer.

Steps required to repaint the floor are:

- scrape away any remaining paint
- use a chemical stripper to open up the concrete to allow the new paint to adhere properly
- wash the floor to ensure that it is as clean as possible prior to painting
- paint 2 coats, allowing adequate dry/cure time
- apply an epoxy top coat to protect the paint from scrapes and allow adequate cure time
- apply non-slip strips to the floor to prevent falls when using machines and equipment

When the woodshop floor was painted last summer, the process took about 2.5 - 3 weeks. The result was a much brighter, more welcoming space that is easier to keep clean, as dust and dirt does not get caught under the lifting paint.

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