

Chief Maquinna Elementary School - Parent Advisory Council – Minutes Tuesday October 20, 2020 -- 5:30-6:30 pm – Virtual Meeting

1. Standing items

1.1 Call to order by Jill at 5:46

1.2 Motion to accept PAC minutes September 15 minutes made by Jill.

No objections

-No abstentions

1.4 Attendance-14 present

-Jill Atkey, Scott Kaminski, Tina Kaminski, Deanna Kadatz, David Stoyko, Amy Das, Garry Lester, Ryan Theobald, Fatema Jadeae, Gary Soo, Adrijana Dzeletovic Kokic, Bruce Sallee, Alex Quock, Christina Wong

2. Principals Report

2.1 Covid

-No reported cases in Maquinna. Lots of tests have been done, all negative.

-One case in Seymour. Contact tracing was done and isolation of necessary parties occurred.

-Issue arose around the speed of notification from the schools to families regarding this case. VCH protocol is to notify the confirmed case- then family~ then school/teacher~then direct contacts~ then greater school community, with the understanding that if you are not contacted then you are not a direct contact. However, this timing caused worry due to the word of a confirmed case spreading before school was allowed to notify the greater community. VCH may change the process to address this issue.

-Monday Oct 19 had a large number of absentees (13%), with one class missing 1/2 and another two missing 2/3 of students. Good to see lots of families keeping students home when ill. Extra custodian brought in to do extra cleaning will to address this.

-25% of option four students came back to in person in October. Some families are still choosing to continue that option for longer.

-No requirements to wear masks on playgrounds. Approximately 1/3 of students from Maquinna do so on the playground. Outdoors is deemed safe.

2.2 Bussing Issues

-Some problems have occurred around the behaviour of students on the bus while parked. These are being dealt with with the families directly, the teachers, bus drivers and company. Shortening the wait time to potentially alleviate this is being considered.

-No seatbelts on busses as of yet. Law has not changed in BC.

2.3 Donation letter

-Paper Donation letter will be sent home with students in the next day or two.

2.4 Photo day

-some confusion on Tuesday Oct 20th being picture day. This is not able to happen until at least January, possibly not at all depending on circumstances then. Please look to the schools online calendar for the most up to date schedule.

2.5 Strathcona area concerns

-The issues arising from the encampment in Strathcona, at Strathcona elementary have not been felt around the Seymour school site. Since September only one person has been found on school grounds, and removal was done swiftly and easily.

-Security system, but no security guards on site. If a problem arises during school hours, Bruce and Bryce are first to try and address it, 9-1-1 will be called if not able to be resolved by them.

-Overall, Seymour has a caring community feel to the neighbourhood. If problems do continuously arise, fencing may be considered after lots of forethought.

2.7 Gas smell

-Issue of gas smell is presumed to have been an old pipe left from the renos last year emitting the smell. No further incidents since it has been removed.

3. Officers Report

3.1 Treasurer's update (Ryan)

-All forms have been signed and debit cards for new executives will be picked up by the end of the week.

-No changes or adjustments to the previous account balance.

-Should have notification about the lottery grant by the end of October.

-Principals budget brought to attention. Garry moves to approve this budget. Scott seconds. No oppositions No abstentions

3.2 Member at Large (Scott)-DPAC update

-DPAC is also raising concerns about how covid reporting within schools is being addressed.

-Concerns being discussed about the Vancouver School boards Long Range Facilitation plan being light on details, short term focused and is primarily driven to deliver the previous governments mandate not the current one. Reach out to MLA to bring to recognize the concerns.

Upcoming DPAC meeting on Thursday Oct 22. No concerns or questions to bring forth.

3.3 Secretary Report- Fundraising update

-Unable to be discussed as Deanna had to leave.

-Decision made to schedule a fundraising specific meeting for a later date.

-Teachers appreciation gesture to be added to fundraising discussion.

-School cheer gear?

-Food truck? (Needs to meet school boards covid protocols)

4. Future PAC meetings

-Tuesday November 17 at 5:30pm

