

Chief Maquinna Elementary School - Parent Advisory Council – Minutes Tuesday September 15, 2020 -- 5:30-6:30 pm – Virtual Meeting

1. Standing items

1.1 Call to order by Jill at 5:33

1.2 Introductions of new Pac board

1.3 Motion to accept PAC minutes from June 17th meeting made by Deanna, seconded by Ryan

-No objections

-No abstentions

1.4 Motion to accept June 9 and June 17 AGM minutes made by Scott, seconded by Garry.

-No objections

-No abstentions

1.5 Attendance-16 present

Jill Atkey, Scott Kaminski, Tina Kaminski, Ryan Theobald, Gary Soo, Garry Lester, Deanna Kadatz, Sophie Chan, Judy Stoyko, Raja Sahbagha, Bruce Sallee, Alexander Quock, Amy Dass, Christine Wong, Ka Yee Leung, Elenicra Villarin

2. Update from Principal

2.1 Busy first day, much calmer second day. Some issues with the busses on Monday morning due to a miscommunication between the bus company and the school, but was smoothed out for the afternoon and Tuesday.

2.2 Questions from members in attendance to Bruce Sallee

Q)How does having substitute teachers fit into the cohort model?

A)The VSB split the city into four quadrants, and each TOC is able to work within one quadrant only. Just as all staff, they are required to wear a mask when not able to be 2metres apart from the students.

Q)Are grades 6 and 7's required to wear masks all day?

A) No, only when in the hallways and areas where social distancing is not possible.

Q)Are the windows open where possible?

A) Yes, the school has been told to keep windows open at all times, and they will be even through the winter. Windows that had been previously painted shut, have now been reopened. Other measures being taken are lots of outside time and having food be eaten in classrooms only, (to prevent sharing) then the full lunch time of 45mins spent outdoors.

Q) Are the kids able to play on the playground equipment before and after school, even if it isn't a day that Maquinna students have access at recess and lunch?

A) Yes they can, however most students from Maquinna are bussed and there isn't much opportunity to play there before and after school. They can also have access if teachers choose to do so during class times.

Q)What is the percent of students attending in person classes?

A) 70% of students are participating in person. In regards to the online students, there will be invitations extended for them to participate with their in person classmates in a couple of ways, such as doing calendar together in the mornings, working on specific subjects together, and invitations to attend special events in person with their classmates.

Q)There is no using the coat rooms right now. Is it possible to stagger entry to the coat room so they can be used?

A)No. The issue is having articles of clothing coming in contact with others and others items.

Q)Will playground equipment be cleaned regularly?

A)The playground equipment will not be cleaned, as it has been deemed that outdoor equipment is relatively safe. However, shared equipment such as balls for P.E., will be cleaned after every use. Teachers are also getting creative with how and what games are being able to be played, for example choosing ones with no contact and minimal or zero passing of equipment between children. They are also working with the students to guide them on how to more safely play with each other and from other cohorts.

Q)What about the cleaning of classrooms?

A) Yes, high trafficked areas are disinfected twice a day, and teachers have been provided supplies to clean whenever needed as well.

Q)Are school photos happening?

A)Unfortunately, they have been cancelled.

Q)Is there a protocol for when one person in a cohort becomes sick?

A)It is unknown (by Bruce) at this time how that will be handled. It hasn't happened yet and VCH has not disclosed the specific procedures. It is recommended though, that if you have multiple children and one displays symptoms, to keep the others at home as well. The school is using teams for both the online and in person students so that children who have to stay home are able to stay in the loop with assignments and communications.

Q) How are the teachers doing?

A)(by Raja)So far it has been a fairly similar start to the new year. There has been a lot of work, but teachers are operating well together and have dispersed the extra workload amongst themselves so as to utilize their strengths.

Q)Will there be access to the library?

Q)Yes there will be. Maquinna students will have access to the library on Fridays and Dora Kwok has developed a system for this to occur as safely as possible. There will be one cohort in at a time and any touched books will be cleaned in between.

Q) Will there still be extra curricular activities?

A) No, these are not possible because of the mixing of cohorts. The grade 6 and 7's could play something together but only amongst their grades and not against other schools. There will be no field trips at this time either, but if they do happen it would be somewhere with strict covid protocols in place, and with added cost due to required number of busses. Walking field trips around the neighbourhood are okay at the teachers discretion.

Q)Is there any update on the seismic upgrades?

A)It is still on track for reopening for September 2021

3. Officer Reports

3.1 Treasury Report

Main Accounts

Checking \$18,866

Savings \$10,183

Gaming Account

Checking \$11.49

Savings \$17.11

Membership Shares (Dividend)

\$6.11

Initial budget

Teachers discretionary Fund \$ 4,500.00

Grade 7 scholarship \$ 300.00

Resource Needs \$ 500.00

Music \$ 400.00

Raz Kids Online reading \$ 2,000.00

Edwin online Text books (for 2021 calendar year) \$ 2,400.00

Grade 7 graduation / boat cruise (Deposit paid last school year) \$ 5,000.00

Grade 6 & 7 camp (deposit, \$2,250 paid last school year) \$ 2,750.00

Total \$17,850.00

Gaming commission deadline was missed. Ryan is contacting them to do a late application.

3.2 Member at large report

Dpac meeting is scheduled for next week. Scott will provide update at October PAC meeting
Scott to inquire at DPAC meeting if they are able to advocate for individual PAC's for help covering extra COVID related expenses for the school.

3.3 Chair report

Fundraising letter to be sent out at the end of the month.

4. Motions

4.1 Motion to move that Ana Chang be made a non-voting member of the PAC subject to bylaw section 4-Members. Made by Garry, seconded by Jill

No oppositions

No abstentions

4.2 Motion to move that Rosa Chang be made a non-voting member of the PAC subject to bylaw section 4-Members. Made by Garry, seconded by Deanna

No oppositions

No abstentions

4.3 Unanimous vote for both motions to be moved.

5. Meeting adjourned

5.1 Motion to adjourn meeting made by Garry, seconded by Deanna

5.2 Meeting adjourned at 6:45