

Chief Maquinna Elementary School - Parent Advisory Council – Minutes Tuesday November 17, 2020 -- 5:30-6:30 pm – Virtual Meeting

1. Standing items

1.1 Call to order by Jill at 5:33

1.2 Motion to accept PAC minutes October 20 minutes made by Ryan, seconded by Garry.

No objections

-No abstentions

1.3 Motion to accept agenda made by Deanna, seconded by Ryan

-No objections

-No abstentions

1.4 Attendance-13 present

-Jill Atkey, Tu Pham, Bruce Sallee, Ana Chang, Alexander Quock, Adrijana Kokic, Amy Dass, Ryan Theobald, Estrellita Gonzalez, Garry Lester, Scott Kaminski, Tina Kaminski, Gary Soo

2. School Trustee Introduction

2.1 Estrellita Gonzalez is the School Trustee for Vancouver Technical Secondary family of schools, including Maquinna, for the past two years, to continue for another two.

2.2 Invites families to the live streamed board meetings that occur on the last Monday of the month, which addresses what the board is doing, including the long term facility plan.

2.3 Questions for Estrellita;

q) With regards to school playgrounds, is there money available to replace them?

a) there is funding for three playgrounds per year. The facilities department is aware of the schools that are needing those upgrades, and it may be tied into seismic upgrades that are happening at the same time. Contact the VSB facilities department to make a request for any upgrades with timeline, plans etc. This may take a few years to occur, if it is deemed necessary, so is good to start planning and reaching out sooner rather than later. Bruce to provide contact information for the facilities department.

q) Would the facilitate pay for the entire playground or will the PAC still have to fund some of that?

a) A certain amount (approximately \$100 000 per playground) is allocated equally between the three schools, and fundraising for it would be dependent on what the cost for the playground is.

q) Is that money generally ear-marked for new builds or complete replacements?

a) Not necessarily. Seismic upgrading already happening may be a part of the consideration, and they may get priority for one or two of the three schools, but it is not the only consideration when deciding on the distribution of the funds.

q) Are you pressing the ministry about trying to address the 8 million maintenance deficit the VSB has?

a) The problem is we have a declining enrollment situation in Vancouver. This leaves the ministry to have to consider whether they put funds into upgrading in Vancouver, or addressing the expansions in districts that are overfull, such as Surrey. Between doing a new build and

upgrading, the ministry is required to choose the lowest cost option which means that a school may only receive approval for upgrades as opposed to a new build. In order to get a new build, the district would have to come up with the differential, which they are looking at ways to make that money, such as leveraging the owned property or earning income by renting excess space in schools.

3. Fundraising report

3.1 As of Tuesday November 17th sale of Purdys is at just under \$1200, with a profit for the Pac of \$298. A reminder email sent out with deadline to submit of November 24 for paper orders and November 26 for online. Distribution of orders to happen December 14 2-4 at Broadway Church. 1-2 volunteers required for this.

3.2 Giftcard program is set to proceed, with an invitation to participate to be sent out end of November.. Deadline of December 9th for ordering physical cards to be shipped in time for the holidays. Program can be ongoing for the school year.

3.3 At home Recycling program to proceed, with a letter, bags and labels being provided to students approximately the week of December 7th.

3.4 Update on the spirit wear fundraising idea. Logo is needing to be updated, which may not happen until February. Tina and Scott to look into sources for spirit wear in order to be prepared for when it can happen.

4.Principals Report

4.1 Return increase of 10% of the 30% in option 4 students at the last intake. (about 5 students)

4.2 Some talk being done about extending the holiday length into January. The ministry will direct that based on Dr Henry's advice and the numbers for this area at that time.

4.3 Remembrance Day assembly went well. Tim is planning the winter concert to be recorded for people to access on their own time at home.

4.4 ArtStart has started at Seymour, and Maquinna will be able to access that as well with all students being able to participate.

4.5 Outdoor Learning: Part of the money the Federal government gave schools because of Covid is to support outdoor learning. Erika Wilson is looking into creating a medicine wheel garden at the Maquinna location. Approximate cost is \$3000-\$4000

4.6 q) any changes on the protocol of reporting Covid cases?

a) No, it is the same. Steps are Vancouver Coastal contacts direct contacts, Bruce notifies the cohorts, and then notification of the school at large.

q) Is there a game plan for the field for when the students come back?

a)No. Other than continuing to be mowed. Bruce will look into if it is in the seismic budget but predicts the answer will be no, if they haven't touched it.

4.7 Grad wear: The PAC has not given funds specifically for grad wear previously. It is not possible for the PAC to fund individual students, but would be able to contribute funds to lower the cost for all students if requested. For future years, the school may be able to tack a small amount extra on to the cost of the garments, to help subsidize the cost for those who can't afford them.

5. Officers reports

5.1 Treasurer report:

- a) \$575 in donations received from the Direct letter. \$385 was done online. Ryan will connect with Shervin for the full report of online balances.
- b) DPAC had funds to distribute for all the schools of the district. Maquinna Pac received \$1540 from this.
- c) \$8800 has been given to Bruce from the PAC for approved budget items
- d) Current balances: chequings-\$11553, savings-\$10186.00
- e) School has an estimated \$1025 from donations made directly to the school last year. Can not be given to the PAC, but PAC has to approve what it is spent on.
- f) Gaming Grant approval notification should be received by the end of November.
- g) Teacher appreciation gift: proposed amount of \$500 for 28 gifts. Ideas of wine/drinks? Local to Seymour coffee shop? Details to be decided via email.

5.2 Motion to move an expenditure of \$500 for 28 teacher appreciation gifts. Made by Ryan.

Seconded by Tina

- No objections
- No abstentions

5.3 DPAC report:

- a) Most discussion was around covid reporting procedures.

6. Question to the PAC

6.1 Has there been any feedback or concerns brought to the PAC from parents in regards to the cleanliness or procedures at the school?

6.2 Some concerns around the Seymour students level of mask wearing and not social distancing compared to Maquinna students, including an instance involving a staff member and a student. Bruce will address these with Bryce.

6.3 No concerns about cleanliness of the school from the parents. Bruce has noticed some issues, but credits it to how the custodian is having so much extra to do for sanitation, and lack of time for much else. Only basic cleaning is being done at this time. (ie spot sweeping, desk cleaning)

7. Future meeting

-Tuesday December 15, 5:30-6:30