

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

## 1. Standing items

1.1 Call to order by Jill at 5:35

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

-No objections

-No abstentions

1.4 Attendance- 11 present

Scott Kaminski, Tina Kaminski, Ryan Theobald, Bruce Sallee, Jill Atkey, Garry Lester, Christina W, Alexander Quock, Amy Dass, Raja Sabbagha

## 2. Fundraising update

2.1 Purdys distribution was postponed due to delivery delay. Set to happen on Wednesday December 16th, 2-4 at Broadway Church

2.2 Gift Card total as of today's date is at just under \$45

2.3 Recycling program letters, bags and labels have been distributed.

## 3. Principal Update

3.1 School Trustee, Estrellita Gonzalez, wrote an article for the Georgia Straight, if families would like to check it out

<https://www.straight.com/education/estrellita-gonzalez-neighbourhood-schools-as-community-hubs>

3.2 One student came back to in person classes in December, and one more has reached out about coming back in January.

3.3 Holiday concert is ready for Fridays "assembly" for the students, and will be made available for families to watch at their leisure, later in the afternoon.

3.4 Approximately \$100 000 is allotted for playgrounds. Not part of seismic upgrades and is meant mostly for creating accessible playgrounds for special needs children. Jill will inquire with Nikki Sharma, MLA regarding what she can do to help our school access this funding.

3.5 Q&A

Q: What protocols are being done regarding Covid?

A: Both principles are taking covid very seriously and are sending children home with any kind of symptoms present, as well as doing sanitization of classrooms afterwards.

Q: There appears to be no social distancing happening in the older grades classrooms.

A: (Raja) There is lots of mask wearing with the older grades, with about 99% of grade 7's and a little less than that within the grade 6's. All wear masks when moving through hallways. Teachers can not enforce mask wearing and can only encourage, but are being diligent about modeling and wear theirs all the time. Social distancing is a little harder in the classrooms due to lack of space and furniture options. VSB has a limited amount of single

desks, but children are spaced out as best as possible with 2-3 students per table. There are also a lot of sinks in the loft which makes proper handwashing possible to happen consistently.

A: (Bruce) approximately 80% of students in the school wear a mask all the time.

Q: (to Raja) How are staff doing?

A: (Raja) This has affected them personally and professionally, but there has been a lot of support and overall they are doing well. Personally, Raja has been pleasantly surprised and feels safer in the school than he previously thought.

## **5. Officers reports**

### **5.1 Treasurer's Report- Ryan**

- a) No change to accounts. Balances are Chequings: \$11553.88 and Savings \$10186.86
- b) Teacher gift expenditure to be expensed still.
- c) Gaming account has been approved and an amount of \$4240 deposited
- d) donated funds to the school: \$1025 from last year and \$365 from this year

### **5.2 DPAC report- Scott**

a) Positive statement from BCTF regarding making masks mandatory in schools. We are asking the DPAC to exercise their voice in support of this. Scott will also be reaching out to other neighbourhood school PACs for their support.

b) Garry moves that Chief Maquinna PAC supports the DPAC in mandatory masks.

Scott seconds. -no opposed -all in favour

c) There have been some new rounds of consulting regarding school facilities and some discussion on school closures, but our school is not one of those being considered.

d) DPAC event for executives

**Saturday, January 16th, 1pm** - How to run a meeting/Robert's Rules for Vancouver PAC

Email [media@vancouverdpac.org](mailto:media@vancouverdpac.org) for registration information

## **6. Other**

### **6.1 Legacy Project at Seymour**

Idea of adding to the garden space being created at Seymour. Benches and logs have been deemed not possible due to the neighbourhood. They are planning on having two cement picnic tables/desks put in, possible for Maquinna to gift a third for legacy project? Cost for this may be unattainable for the PAC. Additional suggestion of gifting trees/plants as a more cost effective option.

## **7. Future Meeting**

-Tuesday January 19, 2021 at 5:30 online through Zoom