

Chief Maquinna Elementary School - Parent Advisory Council – Minutes Tuesday February 16th-- 5:30-6:30 pm – Virtual Meeting

1. Standing items

1.1 Call to order by Jill at 5:45

1.2 Motion to accept January minutes made by Deanna, seconded by Scott

-No objections

-No abstentions

1.3 Motion to accept agenda moved by Deanna, seconded by Scott

1.3 Attendance- 13 present

Scott Kaminski, Tina Kaminski, Jill Atkey, Deanna Kadatz, Bruce Sallee, Amy Dass, Ryan

Theobald, Judy Stoyko, Kelly He, Alexander Quack, Melanie Chow

2. Chair update

2.1 Resignation of Garry Lester, Member at Large. Options for moving forward are;

-Appoint another member of the PAC.

-Hold an election. Not worth the time to host an election right now.

-Leave it open.

Decision made to have executives produce some suggestions from the school community.

Possibly make a general call out for a volunteer as well.

2.2 Computer purchase did not end up materializing.

2.3 Request from Bruce for up to \$3500 of PAC funds for the purchase of scholastic ELL (English Language Learning) kits for the whole school. These would be in use for +/-10 years and would be used for english learning students as well as struggling readers. They are for teachers to use with students in class. <https://education.scholastic.ca/category/TALK-ABOUT>

2.4 Motion to approve the expenditure for the scholastic ELL program. Seconded by Deanna.

-No objections

-No abstentions

2.5 Update on Trustee Jennifer Reddys motion to prevent the sale of school lands. Motion was supported but with amendments. Amendment was that the school board could sell public land to other public entities. Keeps within public hands, but was not the spirit of original motion. No action to take right now as already approved.

2. Fundraising update

2.1 Return-it bottle drive is at \$194.10, increased by \$82 in a month. Looking into adding some additional incentive by making bottle number goals for the school as a whole to reach, and having different levels of reward for whichever highest goal is surpassed, such as chocolate bars or a student take over day. Deanna to be put into contact with a teacher who may be able to assist in this, if necessary. With considerations of what reward can be done with covid protocols.

2.2 Purdy's Easter fundraising catalogues to be sent home with students next week.

2.3 Spirit Wear update from Tina. A student's parent made 6 designs for possible t-shirts. Attending PAC members voted on option D. Concerns of cultural appropriation of the designs brought up, with Bruce to check with the school district and aboriginal education department.

2.4 Additional fundraising that is being looked into are coffee/tea, Amazon kick back link, and silent raffle. Lots of online options for hosting a raffle. Prizes for this to be sourced through local business etc.

3. Principal Update

3.1 Lotus Food Support: Has had an additional 12% of the school population put in requests for this service, in addition to what was already known.

3.2 Painting: Underway inside the building. Some design changes in the library, with relocating shelving and installing an interactive projector. At the point now where teachers can start selecting furniture.

3.3 Conferences: Info coming out this week or next. Early dismissal days are March 3 and 4. Teachers will send out links for scheduling the online conferences.

3.4 Ask from Bruce for volunteers: Either from the whole school or from the attending PAC members, for assistance with cleaning out the shared earthquake bin at Seymour which is outdated and needs a good go through. PAC members Scott and Ryan volunteer to help out with this task.

3.5 Outdoor learning space: Parent Judy Stoyko, a landscape architect, will be helping with the design of the playground and outdoor space at Maquinna. She will be working with the teacher committee that is working on this and will be helping with applying for grants and fundraising for this. Asphalt has been damaged from the construction, this will be replaced. Plants are to be moved away from the base of the building, with new plants being discussed and decided upon. Reaching out to the condo developers in the community for funding for this project. Will also be contacting some nurseries for donations of plants.

5. Officers reports

5.1 Treasurer Report: Chequing account- \$10187.72 Savings account- \$12717.68 Gaming account- \$4251.49 School PAC Account- \$2310 (approximately) Ryan to confirm the rules and timing of the spending of the gaming account.

5.2 Motion to use the funds from the School account for the purchase of the ELL scholastic product with the balance paid from the chequings account made by Ryan, seconded by Deanna

-No objections

-No abstentions

5.3 DPAC update: A new committee formed about racism trying to create a working group.

Anyone interested in joining this initiative can contact the DPAC chair, Gord Lau at

chair@vancouverdpac.org or gord.lau@vancouverdpac.org

-New way to connect with other Vancouver PAC's through a mailing list and a communication platform (possibly Slack). Contact Scott for further information on this.

-Long range facilities initial version was past. Requests for some additional changes that did not make it. Follow up meeting for the facilities committee to happen in a couple of weeks.

Contact Scott for further information.

6. Future Meeting

6.1 Tuesday March 9th, 5:30-6:30