

Chief Maquinna Elementary School - Parent Advisory Council – Minutes Tuesday, January 19th 2021-- 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 the December minutes

-No objections

-No abstentions

1.3 Attendance- 9 present

Jill Atkey, Scott Kaminski, Tina Kaminski, Deanna Kadatz, Garry Lester, Fatema Jedae, Ryan Theobald, Bruce Sallee

2. Fundraising update

2.1 Fundscrip: GiftCards not doing as well as hoped, has only received \$69.42 to date

2.2 Recycling: Slow, but steady and has received \$112.80 to date

2.3 Reminder of the above ongoing fundraising programs to be added to February school newsletter

2.4 Fundraising committee meeting to be held online on Tuesday January 26, 8:30-9:30

3. Principal Update

3.1 About 15% of the student body is still doing at home learning. A few came back to in class on Tuesday Jan 19th. District has said the last intake date to move from at home to in class is March 1, but with a possibility this may change.

3.2 Provincial test that was to happen on January 19 (and was previously delayed from the fall) has been postponed until mid-February, with some possibility of further delays, or even not happening this year at all.

3.3 Outdoor learning space: Location of corner of Slocan and 2nd. Idea photos from Bruce. Podium for teachers to place documents and stone benches for students (fits 2-3 students at non-covid times) Erika has received a grant from WWF (World Wildlife Federation) and now the school has roughly \$3000 to put towards this project. Another grant has been applied for that is more substantial as well. Bruce expects the school to have a range of \$5000-\$6000 for this. Each bench has an approximate cost of \$500-\$600. Ask for funding from the PAC for this will be next school year.



3.4 School upgrades: whiteboards will be added into every classroom. Fresh coat of paint throughout the inside of school. Projector/whiteboard combination will be added to the north wall of the library as a teaching space for Dora.

3.5 Q) Any more testing on the water?

A) No, the previous testing was the testing. Children will still have to run the tap for five minutes at the fountains, however there will be a new filling station installed, possibly by the office. Bruce to ask the scope of the piping. Rewiring was done, but most likely only where the walls were open. No repiping was set to be done.

Q) Will they be repaving the basketball court etc? No, it is not covered under the SMP program. May fix it if they broke it though. Bruce will ask if that is a “put it back to the condition was found” situation.

5. Officers reports

5.1 Seismic Update from Adrijana via Jill: Spoke to Micheal Rossi (District principal- School services) No updates because of no changes to original schedules. Is set to be completed in the summer with location reopened in September

5.2a) Chair Report: Meeting with MLA Niki Sharma. Presented our need/desire for new playground additions, specifically for swings. Brought attention to the difficulties of fundraising this year, and for our school in general. Niki is figuring out how the funding works and will present a list of available funding to possibly access. Any further questions for the MLA can be sent to the PAC email (maquinna.school.pac@gmail.com) and it will be passed on at a future meeting.

b)Playground equipment: For future planning, have the new equipment be accessible. May be additional funding for this specific purpose. Also possible grant to apply for for playground surface through Tire Stewardship BC and/or Kal Tire Replay Fund.

5.3 Treasurer Report: Chequings balance:\$12,717.68 Savings balance:\$10,187.29 Gaming Grant balance: \$4280 Online Donations: \$1390 Invoice from teachers gifts still to be expensed.

Ryan to confirm if gaming grant is to be spent by a deadline.

5.4 DPAC update: The DPAC has provided a lot of feedback to the board about their facility program plan. VSB is considering selling off some of their land but DPAC wants to keep “public land in public hands”. DPAC asked that VSB be clear in their facility plans, for example kingsgate mall, what their intentions are for the properties of Sir Guy Carleton Elementary school, and building schools at UBC and False Creek.

6. Other

6.1 Request from Bruce: Contribution towards A MacBook Pro 64g with cost of \$2800-\$3000 for Tim for teaching music to the whole school at the capacity he would like to, with given the current situation of online and in class learning, and to aid with the online music performance aspects of the assemblies.

6.2- Yes, as long as it stays with the school and benefits all students. If it is equipment required to do the teaching job, the school board should provide it.

-The school board will not supply this particular configuration. This is more costly then what the school board would provide.

-To keep within the school board and the constitution, the PAC can contribute to the additional cost beyond what the school board would allow.

6.3 Motion to provide Bruce funding up to \$3000 for a Macbook Pro 64g for the above purpose, made by Scott, seconded by Garry

-No objections

-No abstentions

7. Future Meetings

7.1 Tuesday February 16 at 5:30 online via Zoom