

Chief Maquinna Elementary School - Parent Advisory Council – Minutes Tuesday April 20th-- 5:30-6:30 pm – Virtual Meeting

1. Standing items

1.1 Call to order by Scott at 5:35

1.2 Motion to accept agenda by Tina, seconded by Ryan

-No objections

-No abstentions

1.3 Motion to accept the March minutes made by Tina, seconded by Deanna

-No objections

-No abstentions

1.4 Attendance: 11 present

Bruce Sallee, Scott Kaminski, Tina Kaminski, Deanna Kadatz, Ryan Theobald, Dinna Pineda, Judy Stoyko, Amy Dass, Alexander Quock, Yuly Lau, Gary Soo

2. Principals update

2.1 Move back to Maquinna: If the internet is able to be connected at Maquinna by the end of week (April 23) the school will be doing a spring move (May). If not, the move will be done likely in July, with kids back in September.

2.2 Staff immunizations: Teachers in the VCH health district are being done by priority based on exposure, meaning Maquinna teachers will likely be last due to zero exposures at the school. Probably about 1/5-1/4 of staff have been immunized through the public program

2.3 Calendar note: 21/22 school dates has too few minutes, so in order to accommodate the necessary amount of minutes for elementary, the bells will be at 9am and 3:03 pm. Bruce is inquiring if the lunch recess can be adjusted from 47 minutes to 44, to make up those 3 minutes instead, and finish at 3pm.

2.4 Calendar changes: The student led conferences in February will be moved to April to better space these out. New timeline is goal setting in the fall, report end of January, student lead conference in April and then end of year report.

-First, 1 hour day of school will be Wednesday September 8th due to a mandatory anti-racism training for VSB being held on the 7th.

2.5 Legacy gift to Seymour ask from Bruce: Will this be able to happen? Time is running short at Seymour. Discussion of gifting a tree towards their outdoor space. Possibly a vine maple? PAC to look into cost and if Seymour would have a place for a tree.

2.6 School Photo day: Scheduled for May 6th. Also already organized for in the fall.

2.7 Water pipes: Upgrade of water filling station outside of gym. Bruce to inquire about this in the next coming days. UPDATE FROM BRUCE: **All pipes from the street all the way in have been replaced.**

2.8 Sports Day: Being considered for closer to the end of the year, and with modifications to activities for low touch and easily cleanable apparatuses.

3. Fundraising update

3.1 Current programs: Recycling at \$349.95, up \$104.50 from last month.

-Gift Cards at \$88.17, Deanna to write a reminder letter for families.

-Spirit Wear received \$305.56, sold about 70 items

3.2 Raffle: Lots of online programs to run this through that cover the gaming licence. PAC needs to find donations for prizes by a letter call out to Maquinna families, and to local businesses.

3.3 Bingo: Suggestion to do an online BINGO night. Fundraising committee will look into this option as Seymour was very successful with this.

3.4 Meeting Fundraising Committee Meeting to be scheduled soon

5. Officers reports

5.1 Treasurers Report: Chequings: \$13,088.68 Savings \$10,188.54, Gaming \$4,240

Scholastic cheque has not been withdrawn from Chequings account yet. Funds for swing set to be taken from Gaming account, with the remainder from the chequings account.

-Ryan does not have access to Gaming account due to not being named on it. Ryan and Gary Soo to look into changing the names on the account.

5.2 No general meeting from DPAC. Report written by trustees across BC on school funding, in particular Facilities. If interested in learning more, please contact Scott.

6. Other

6.1 Outdoor space: Having trouble connecting to an Elder to advise about Medicine wheel garden. One grant has been received thus far, as well as the Outdoor Education Grant which will be put into the swings for now. Committee is going over design to figure out final cost estimate, and submitting funding grant applications, then will let PAC know what may be needed above that. Timeline is to have the swings in for the fall. Other projects to happen as further grants and budgeting is processed. Projected timeline is swings, then naturalization of area, then outdoor learning space.

6.2 Updates to Maquinna Building: New paint throughout the whole interior, whiteboards in every room, lights changed in parts of the building, new universal/accessible washroom off the gym, with a proper change table, and a new elevator shaft (with elevator).

7. Future Meeting

7.1 Tuesday May 18th, 2021 5:30-6:30 on Zoom