

# AGENDA

## Homma PAC Meeting

October 17, 2018

6:30pm – 8:00pm

**PAC Executive:** Matthew Weinstein, Chair; Miko Miller, Vice Chair  
Marcie Beggs, Treasurer; Nikki Pena and Karina Reid, Secretary

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### 6:30pm – 6:45pm **Welcome and Introductions**

Welcome Matthew  
Approval of Minutes Thur Sept 13th 2018  
Approval of Agenda Matthew

**Kim K...** approves agenda  
**Miko M...** second

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### 6:45pm – 7:05pm **What's happening at Homma?**

- School News. Tanya and Ray
1. Staff Updates – We are very excited to welcome Mr. Miguel Gomez to Homma. Miguel will be replacing Ms. Freston beginning Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> as she begins her maternity leave.
  2. District Cross Country Run was a success today! We had 23 students participate in this run. A big thank you to Mrs. Waithman for helping to coordinate the students and jerseys at the run.
  3. Volleyball Season has started – a big thank you to Ms. Parkes and Ms. Szlagowic for coaching this great group of kids! Games have been scheduled through October and November.
  4. Kindergarten Registration Process – We have our registration banner up on the backstop behind the playground and information posted on all doors, the website, and in The Week Ahead.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the

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Priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 8, 2019 for both FI and English programs.

Parent information evenings specifically for kindergarten families have been scheduled through October. At these sessions we will provide information on how and when to register, as well as program options including French Immersion and Montessori.

5. Innovation Grants for Homma

a. Student Reporting Policy Pilot – Five classes (Wood, Wright, O’Leary, Domai, Joinville) are participating in the new Ministry of Education’s draft K-9 Student Reporting Policy. These reports are in the form of ePortfolios with assessment posts, student reflections, learning summaries, and face to face conferencing. A parent evening has been scheduled on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm for parents of these classes. We will be joined by Chris Loat, district consultant, for an information/Q and A session.

b. Core Competency Inquiry – Seven teachers (Regan, Zeni, Gomez, Rennie, Pareks, O’Leary, Grant) are involved in this project where they will be using the Core Competencies to support us with our FESL Inquiry Question of “How do we build community and sense of place at Homma?”

6. Cannabis Act – Although it has become legal for adults to purchase, possess and grow certain amounts of cannabis in

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Canada, the following legislation indicates: cannabis cannot be consumed in or on school property or within a prescribed distance; cannabis cannot be smoked or vaped in a vehicle or anywhere where tobacco smoking and vaping are prohibited, including a workplace, playground or outdoor park, sports field, skate park, or other places where children commonly gather, near entry/exits, or at a bus stop; and cannabis cannot be sold, supplied, or allowed to be consumed by minors.

7. Great BC Shake Out – Our first EQ drill will be tomorrow as we participate in the Great Shake Out. Students will be “walked through” their first drill by staff.
8. Provincial Professional Development Day – Friday, October 19  
All schools in the province will be closed this Friday for a provincial professional development day. Our staff are attending various conferences around the lower mainland.

#### Upcoming Dates

- a. PAC Sushi Day – October 18
  - b. Student Photo Day – October 23
  - c. Gr 6/7 Immunizations – October 24
  - d. Gr 6 vs RCMP Basketball Game – October 24
  - e. Kindergarten Vision/Hearing Screen – October 24
  - f. PAC HALLOWE’EN DANCE! – October 26
  - g. City of Richmond H2Whoa Presentation – October 29
  - h. District Professional Day – November 2
  - i. Student Reporting Pilot Parent Night – November 6
  - j. Photo Retake Day – November 8
  - k. Remembrance Day Assembly – November 9 @ 10:45am
  - l. Remembrance Day Observed (Schools Closed) – November 12
  - m. Ringette in Schools Program – November 13 to 16
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## n. PAC Taco Day – November 16

Question and Answer

Tanya and Ray

**Wendy...** what's happening with the roof???

**Tanya...** metal cladding going on now. Emails out to crew to see how construction can be less distractive. Out understanding is that we are still on schedule. Hopefully things wrapping up mid-November.

**Parents...** cars driving on grass... who's working on Sat/Sun as there were some people who seemed suspicious.

**Tawnya...** Nail and debris found on the ground where kids are playing

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### 7:05pm – 7:25pm PAC Updates

- Emergency Comfort Kits. Matthew

**Angie F...** in light of Great Shake Up, put out eblast update for Emergency Fundraiser

**Matthew...** changed the messaging regarding the Emergency Comfort Kits Fundraiser to ease parents concerns/questions.

**Parent...** easier system with Hot Lunch Format

**Parent...** how is this going to roll-out

**Matthew...** order from 72hours at the of the month, find storage and get parent volunteers to help organize.

**Tanya...** update from district administrator emergency management. Rec'd email stating goals of position and mandate. Surveys sent to all Richmond schools to see who has what.

**Kathrine...** is there something in place for flooding???

**Tanya...** no. All students will be walking to Steveston Comm Centre. Then converge with neighbouring schools.

**Tawnya...** dry pack parents can send to school with their kids?

**Tanya...** our mandate to get the kids out of the building.

**Kathrine...** comfort kits?

**Tanya...** not likely to happen due to storage and management of that.

**Kim...** we do it at McMath. Granola bars, water, pictures.

**Andrea...** my daughter has one that we made and she keeps it in her backpack.

**Kim...** in light of what's happening with the new district administrator, should we as a PAC still be paying for this... shouldn't we wait to see what the district will be giving us.

**Angie...** so what DO we do now?

**Matthew...** we need to look more into it. We cannot make a decision now. Let's wait until the end of the month

**Kathrine...** what about just basic essentials?

**Matthew...** maybe we can speak with the district and let them know what we are doing and ask for some direction or indication on which way they will be going.... We also need to find out the district's timeline.

**Angie...** more consultation needed for now

**Tawnya...** what kind of tents?

**Tanya...** open tents

**Megan...** garden also has many tarps
  - Hot Lunches issues Matthew

**Matthew...** issues being fixed with double billing. Many parents concerned with service fees and asking where they are going. Many parents asking why did we switch? One of the main reasons was for
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multiple campaigns... lots of benefits to the new system. It is slightly cheaper than munch-a-lunch

**Parents... the weekly reminders are also helpful too**

**Matthew...** cut-off date complaints. We need the cut off date so we can let the restaurants know.

**Sharmila...** can you please include the cut off dates to order in your weekly write-ups

**Katherine...** we've ordered for the whole year... but can we still change orders

**Parents...** yes.

**Sharmila...** THANK YOU to all parent volunteers for our first hot lunch date

**Matthew...** Parent email asking/offering RPDA movie night for Homma, parent inquiry? We can do it, but we will be charged per kid

**Andrea...** can we tie it into a Parent Education Night?

**Matthew...** Parent email asking about iGirl... let's see about getting this for our school

**Megan...** exciting news: courtyard is done. Just waiting for the roof to be done and crews to finish building. NEW PROJECT: hitting end of life for garden beds. Move them onto school grounds. Existing beds will be turned into a pumpkin patch.

**Kathrine...** donate composted manure to the homma garden

**Megan...** build outdoor gazebo, permanent structure to be used as an outdoor classroom. Mud kitchen, loose parts also moved onto school property. The naturalization plan from last year will be included in this new project... edible forest area. If you have any extra money to allocate to this, garden will take it.

**Andrea...** THANK YOU for doing this for our school

**Kim...** what would be the min you would need from PAC to do this?

**Wendy...** what's your timeline?

**Megan...** moving garden beds has been approved... work can start this year

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## 7:25pm – 7:50pm School Year 2018/2019

### PAC-Sponsored Events and Fundraisers

- QSP/Cookie Dough – October/November 2018 Kim  
**Kim...** sales down by half. Cut off is tomorrow. Online ordering was down for about a week.  
**Tanya... can we extend?**  
**Kim...** she's going to see if we can extend online ordering til Monday. Paper orders have to be mailed out by Friday. Proposal to add poinsettas to Purdy's orders to meet budget.  
**Sharmila...** not just poinsettas... could be a wreath or tropical basket.  
**Kathrine...** reusable bag fundraising option. Five bags in one little bag  
**Kim...** something we can look at, maybe for the Spring
  - Halloween Dance Friday , Oct. 26 Nikki  
**Kathrine...** a quarter a guess. Pumpkin weight; jellybeans in a jar
  - Holiday Craft Night – Wed., Nov. 28
  - Family Bingo Night - Jan 16
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**Miko...** early planning stages

**Matthew...** very fun night. More of a community building event than a fundraiser.

- Homma Spring Carnival – Friday May 24th
- Parent Volunteer Forms.

Nikki

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**7:50pm**

**Wrap-up**

Next PAC Meeting: Wed., Nov. 21

Jason... motion to adjourn

Angie... second

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Matthew