



Homma PAC Meeting

November 22, 2017

6:40pm – 8:10pm

PAC Executive	Matthew Weinstein -Chair, Miko Miller-Vice Chair, Marcie Beggs -Treasurer; Kim Karunaratne -Secretary
6:30pm – 6:35pm Welcome and Introductions	Matthew Weinstein - called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Welcome and Introductions Approval of Agenda <i>Motion to approve the agenda made by Miko Miller , SECONDED by Sue-Ann Hansen</i> MOTION CARRIED Approval of Minutes from the October PAC meeting <i>Motion to approve the minutes made by Kim Karunaratne SECONDED by Matthew Weinstein</i> MOTION CARRIED
6:35-6:50 PAC discussions:	Emergency Preparedness – Karina Reid and Pamela Wallberg A committee for emergency preparedness was recently established and has met once. The school’s budget for emerg preparedness is \$181/yr, this pays for the water supply. They would like to advocate to the district to improve the funding. Their goal is to prepare families for emergency preparedness and would like to plan an emergency education session in Jan. They have a speaker in mind but will liaise with the administration to confirm a date. The PAC will review the budget to see if funds are available for emergency preparedness. Selling comfort kits to families is an option. These can be prepared by the PAC and sold to parents at the Parent Education night. This will be further explored. At the last RDPA meeting on Nov 7, it was brought up that they are interested in doing an emergency preparedness event. It is a mission of RDPA to make emergency preparedness a priority. Traffic issues at Homma: Ideas to help the traffic around Homma is being explored: Stop sign, three way flashing light, speed bumps, etc. Discussion took place regarding starting a subcommittee to welcome the primary new parents – many K parents are interested. We are now signed up for SPUD as a fundraiser for the school. We receive 25% of the proceeds towards the PAC.

6:50pm – 7:10 pm What's happening at Homma?

Principal Report – Ms Pamela Essex

School News - Events that have taken place at Homma

- Gr 6 immunizations have taken place
- There was a Red Cross Babysitting Course on the last Pro-D Day
- Kindergarteners had their vision and hearing tests
- The flu is really affecting the school community, parents are asked to keep students home when they are sick
- Hand foot and mouth has also been reported at the school
- Internet safety
- Students have been engaging in sports and dance activities
- They all participated in a Kabaam African dance session
- The Halloween dance recently took place and was an amazing event
- Volleyball is ongoing, thanks to our teacher sponsors – Mr. Wood, Ms Parkes, and Ms. Slegowicz
- The Volleyball teams took part in the City Centre Classic – over 30 schools competed overall.
- Ringette – all students received an instructional class. The school will be ordering a class set of ringette gear.
- Three UBC student teachers are at Homma – they are in Ms Freston, Ms Bird, and Mr Redding/Mme Smith's classes.
- The students saw a play on Social Responsibility put on by the City of Richmond.
- The school is participating in a contest regarding the cleanliness of the school property.
- The school has an initiative ongoing right now about how courteous and inclusive we are in our school. Ms. Essex is going around and reading a story about this to the kids.
- The staff is reviewing the Code of Conduct and HAWKS matrix.
- The school family teams have not met yet this year. Family teams include a student in each of gr's K-7, they work together on projects throughout the year. That will also be their sports day team at the end of the year.
- Staff update – The school has hired a 0.6 EA teacher, still waiting for 0.4 to hire. Ms. Carr is working as an EA in the school. Ms. Grant has taken a temp position at Boyd for one month. Ms. Chan is coming back next Friday. Ms Katy Essex will be leaving the school soon.
- Remembrance Day Assembly took place
- Photos with Santa will take place on Dec 6 – the format will change – siblings will still be able to take photos, but groups of friends will be limited to Gr 6 and 7 to prevent many students feeling left out by not being included in a photo.
- Ukelele and band concert will take place on Wed Dec 13, Doors at 6pm, Concert start at 6:30.
- Gr 7 Quebec trip will be Feb 4-9. There are 37 Gr 7's and 4 staff. Parent night Nov 29.
- 1st term reports Dec 8.
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Information about Christmas School Event - Mr. Wood attended the PAC meeting to provide further information

The winter caroling event on Dec 19 and 20 during the day will take the place of the holiday concert. A discussion took place with some parents on Monday. The kids will carol with their class at various areas around Steveston. Parents are welcomed to enjoy the experience with their child and participate in the caroling. The teachers are still working out the details and more information will

	come home soon.
7:10-7:35	<p>Parent Guest Speaker – Natalie Nakasturu Introduce One Girl Can Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Homma Parent Natalie Nakasturu provided a presentation about the One Girl Can charity and her trip to Africa last year to support this organization and fundraising opportunities available for individuals wishing to support the organization.
7:35-8:10	<p>PAC NEWS</p> <p>PAC Budget revisited - Marcie Beggs went through each line of the budget and provided an explanation. The budget for 2017/2018 was voted on at the end of the last school year. The gaming budget comes from the government in the form of a gaming grant - \$10,960 this year. That money can be used for the benefit of students to enhance their extracurricular activities. \$2500 line item for Outdoor Classroom – this is for building an outdoor classroom near the playground. Operating budget – funds come from fundraising throughout the year. Teacher grants will actually be higher as we have more divisions. Could we add a line item for the supply box for the emergency supplies -\$5000.</p> <p>Holiday craft night is on Nov 29 – there will be a professional photographer available for family photos.</p> <p>Family Bingo Night will take place in January.</p> <p>Food Days – Shish Kabob and Falafel Day – Fri Jan 12 – reminder to place your orders at least one week in advance</p> <p>Fundraising – Purdy’s/Knitwit Hats recently took place and raised over \$1800. Pickup will be on Dec 13 after school. QSP Magazines and Cookie Dough raised \$3200.</p>
8:10pm Adjourn	<p>The Next PAC Meeting: January 17, 2018– 6:30pm – 8:00pm <i>MOTION made to adjourn by Carrie Elder, SECONDED by Miko Miller.</i> MOTION CARRIED</p>