**AGENDA**

# Homma PAC Meeting

## October 20, 2020

## 6:30pm – 8:00pm

PAC Executive:

Anna Reithmeier, Chair

Allan Dorff, Vice-Chair

Marcie Beggs, Treasurer

Nikki Pena, Secretary - regrets

Arezou Mirzaei, Secretary

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| **Time** | **Topic** | **Speaker(s)** |
| 6:30 to  6:45 PM | Welcome   * Approval of this list of items to become our agenda * Approval of minutes from September 22, 2020   PAC Welcome   * Land acknowledgement * Review of agenda * RDPA executive update – two Homma parents have taken on new roles   + Karina Reid, Vice President   + Shazia Constantinescu, Member-at-large | Anna Reithmeier  Allan Dorff |
| 6:45 to  7:00 PM | Welcome from the Homma School Admin Team   * School news | Tanya Major  Kevin Vines |
| 7:00 to  7:30 PM | Treasurer’s Report   * Budget review * Budget vote | Marcie Beggs |
| 7:30 to  7:45 PM | Legacy Committee and PAC Fundraising   * Plan to merge to consolidate efforts for 2020-2021 * Joint fundraising initiatives * Update on discussion from last meeting (ex. rain gear, spirit wear, etc). | Linda Waithman  Kim Karunaratne |
| 7:45 to  8:00 PM | Questions and wrap-up | Anna Reithmeier |

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| Welcome from the Homma School Admin Team   * School news | **Tanya-** Thank you RDPA executives, they are going to be the voice of Homma which is exciting.  We had a busy month, 17 divisions and communicating student learning project. The Program helps with learning about student portfolios and all the learnings they are doing throughout the year.  Last Tuesday, Oct 13, a group of transitional learners returned to school. About 40 students have returned and we have only 10% in transitional learning. The next date for returning to school is Nov 16th and we have already heard from some parents being interested in that return date. If your child is in transitional program and is ready to return back to school, feel free to reach out to Kevin and I, we might be able to have them back before that designated dates.  Meet the teachers (parent/teacher meeting)- most were done virtually, and it went very well. Next parent teacher meeting is in November, over the zoom.  **Anna-** Zoom is working well for meetings as it allows working parents to participate as well.  **Kevin-** Gr 6 bike hub programs: they received lessons over a 3 week period which included safety; it capped off with a street ride which was a big success all around  Foundation skills assessment- ministry has decided to postpone till new year, this is a relief on our end, more information to come for gr 4 and gr7 students  This Thursday we’ll have our first zoom assembly, the whole school will watch assembly on zoom. It will be close to the new mud kitchen area.  This Friday- provincial Pro-D day. No school. Zoom PD for teachers.  Next week- Halloween. Stations and arts in class will continue. Classes that are in the same cohort will do activities together. Students can wear customs. Full face masks and weapons are not allowed. No food sharing in schools. Individually packaged treats in some classes will be allowed.  Mud kitchen and mud pit- Sara and Megan got grant for $3500 for trees, more trees are coming. The pink caution tape on trees is where the outdoor classroom will be moved to  Food and veggie delivery- we had delivery of pears a couple of weeks ago. Two more deliveries to come (Cherry tomatoes and carrots). Carrie has her foodsafe and will be looking in to safe handling oof the produce.  Student photo next Monday- transitional students will get it done as well. Class photo moved to Spring.  **Tanya**- any questions? [none] |
| Treasurer’s Report   * Budget review * Budget vote | **Anna-** goal is to approve the budget as it is now. The budget is slimmed down this year due to fundraising being limited (as a result of covid). We don’t know what’s going to happen to bigger events this year. The goal is to maintain the budget and be more responsible with where we spend the money this year.  **Marcie**- maintain with limited funding while still maintaining what we agreed that is important.  We have slimmed down the fundraising for this year- we can revisit later if needed.  **Tanya-** Mental health training – the facilitator is available for parent education night and 2 full days of working with students. May 2020. |
| Hot Lunch announcement/Plans | **Tanya-**  We can begin proceeding with hot lunch, few parameters, food needs to be in individual package containers. It will help the funds coming to the PAC this year. Before the program starts, we will be available to parents to answer questions.  **Sharmila**- Some options are Sushi, Tacos, DQ, Subway. Concerns- not sure if I can be in school to do this. I am dealing with health issues. Not safe to be in school. I would recommend starting with DQ, it’s the easiest. I can ask Rosana and Jeff to set it up, I think we have a day Nov 13th for hot lunch day.    **Carla**- can we use school personnel to get the food and put it in a room?  **Sharmila**- it won’t work with sushi, it will work with DQ.  **Carrie-** I agree with Carla that someone from school is the best  **Sharmila**- the only thing that we need a problem solver -, a go to person for that day.  **Anna-** it’ a lot of work…  **Carla-** I did volunteer a few times last year, for safety of kids we have to get the local businesses to do the prep work. It is a lot of work but it will limit the number of people coming in.  **Tanya**- I agree that we can start with DQ because of individual packages. Businesses need to work with what we need. About using the staff in school, we can’t take any staff away to do this, we can’t leave children unsupervised. The only option is using a parent, it won’t work with staff  **Marcie-** how will it work with staggered lunch?  **Tanya**- we can still have 12:10pm food drop off, eat 12:15 12:40-12:45 or change their lunch hour. Delivery to class should be at 12:10  **Anna-** how would that work with dilly bars?  **Sharmila**- no dilly bars!  **Tanya-** no drinks. Just food.  **Allan**- how does the food get to the classroom? Volunteer parent?  **Tanya-** volunteers wearing gloves, outside the classroom.  **Carrie-** every class has a table outside for drop offs  **Sharmila-** we need the same people doing this    **Eddi, Eyana Parakh’s mom**- can we ask the vendor to label it at the establishment. Label as to each division.  **Sharmila**- it is already packaged. It is labeled by the kid’s name.  **Tanya-** we have to communicate to other vendors that we would want them to follow this protocol as well; individual packaging and label.  **Calra-** Can a parent from each class help…  **Tanya-** this year, teachers are in the classroom during lunch….  **Kevin**- can we deliver to outside doors?  **Tanya-** older division students can help with the pickup...but we still need an adult for the final cross reference  **Sharmila-** DQ hand writes it and puts their sticker on it.  **Tanya-** we can help new vendors with labelling  **Anna**- is this something to ask teachers about how they want to proceed with this…  **Tanya**- on Oct 26 we have a staff meeting, we can bring it to them. Do you want to hold off on Nov 13th?  **Sharmila-** We can skip Nov 13 and go for Nov 27th  **Anna**- we can ask parents about their thoughts via newsletter  **Sharmila**- DQ needs one week notice, the Fri before. Deadline will be Nov 20th  **Tanya**- Carrie had her food safe so will keep you in that chain of emails.  **Sharmila**- can we ask parents about what they think of food day in a survey  **Tanya**- we can send a survey moneky re: hot lunch individually packed. It’s best if it’s yes or no to not leave much room for notes. Are we committed to cookie dough?  **Anna-** No. If don’t have min amount, we earn less money. For coffee, it’s fine if not much is ordered  **Tanya-** We should reach out to parents after checking in with staff. |
| Legacy Committee and PAC Fundraising   * Plan to merge to consolidate efforts for 2020-2021 * Joint fundraising initiatives * Update on discussion from last meeting (ex. rain gear, spirit wear, etc). | **Anna-** Linda and Kim two parents at school have joined forces for fundraising and legacy work. So far, cookie dough, coffee, has not been taken well by parents. Maybe we should extend the deadline by a weak to allow more time. No feedback has been given as to why it’s not appealing. Rain Gear idea- fundraised version is very expensive so decided to not proceed with it.  **Shazia-** At the RDPA meeting, it was stated that we should stay away from pushing for fundraising at this time due to difficult times a lot of people are experiencing during covid.  **Anna-** I totally get it. No one shared that massage with me but I appreciate it. I wonder what other PACS are doing.  **Shazia-** I can find out more in our next meeting  **Anna**- Spirit wear- Communication has been spotty with covid shipping and production delays due to factory closure. We have to be in mindful of not putting parents in position where they feel they should order.  **Marcie**- personally I want to get something for my daughter from Homma. I also understand that maybe it will not get perceived well by families.  **Tanya-** parents that want to participate will typically do so. We can put it as these are the options for the whole year but don’t feel you like need to participate ( ex. Hanging baskets coming April may, Purdy’s coming in Dec)  **Carla-** Do all Richmond schools purchase spirit wear through the same company?  **Tanya-** most schools use the same provider in Richmond  **Carla-** if we lower the margin, maybe parents can readily purchase it. I would be interested to purchase it.  **Anna-** last time we did this was 3 years ago  **Tanya-** We kept it low, like as $12 a T-shirt.  **Anna-** we were looking at toques but they don’t do embroidery  **Carrie-** I like Tanya’s idea of sending the schedule of what’s to come for the year to allow people to plan ahead.  **Anna**- we need 4 volunteers for legacy committee for 4-6 week period projects.  **Allan**- maybe as Linda said, asking for a short-term volunteering might work better |
| Pending- Budget approval | Budget was approved by Carrie and seconded by Allan |
| Questions and wrap-up | No further questions. |
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