

# AGENDA



## Homma PAC Meeting Minutes

Notes taken by Arezou Mirzaei

**November 17, 2020**

**6:30pm – 8:00pm**

### PAC Executive:

Anna Reithmeier, Chair  
 Allan Dorff, Vice-Chair  
 Marcie Beggs, Treasurer  
 Nikki Pena, Secretary  
 Arezou Mirzaei, Secretary

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
6:30 to 6:45 PM	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land acknowledgement</li> <li>• Review of agenda</li> <li>• Approval of this list of items to become our agenda</li> <li>• Approval of minutes from October 20, 2020</li> </ul>	Started the session with 16 participants  Arezou takes the meeting notes  <i>Session was started with land acknowledgement by Anna</i>  Anna went over the Nov meeting agenda items, invited others to add items if needed as it was sent out late. Removing treasurer's report as Marci is not attending.  <b>Carrie</b> approves agenda. <b>Allan</b> seconds. <b>Penny</b> approves October notes. <b>Karina</b> seconds.
6:45 to 7:00 PM	Welcome from the Homma School Admin Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School news</li> <li>• Christmas support for families</li> </ul>	Tanya Major Kevin Vines  <b>Tanya-</b> Increased health and safety measure ay school- We are establishing consistency with health declaration. Information comes from the district to us and gets implemented. Max occupancy code is now implemented for rooms shared by adults. Another shift is an increase for the need to have all meetings online, we were able as far as couple of weeks ago to meet in person given that we were respecting the social distance. Any questions?  <b>Kim K-</b> Wondering why mask wearing in classrooms is not emphasized more? I have a kid in high school and all wear masks.  <b>Tanya-</b> we can encourage kids to wear their mask, but we have not given direction to enforce it. At this point, it is optional for parents to send kids to class with a mask. The only time we require them is when we are all doing an

activity like fire drill. At high school level, kids better understand the safety concerns.

**Kim K-** I understand that you cannot force them but would be nice to be encouraged to wear them

**Cheyne-** My son is in Gr 6-7 class, I think they do a good job as they sit at tables of 3, they don't have to wear their mask in group of 3 but they wear it when they're doing group project as a class. I think that is a good balance.

**Tanya-** Thanks for sharing that and that's something I can share with other staff as an idea.

**Karina-** In RDPA meeting it was mentioned that some schools are doing it very well – when I drop my kid off I ask them to wear it but if they're the only one wearing it... Parents should create a norm of wearing the mask. We should write to Meena ( health officer in Richmond) and advocate for more mask wearing. We are getting push back about mask wearing.

*Shared via chat*

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**Kevin-** Nov 16 we had the second official date of return of transitional learners, 5 additional students. We have 40 students in transitional learning. Jan 4 and 29 are the next date for transitional entry.

**Tanya-** yesterday we submitted the application for public art mural program, it has to be something visible and enjoyable by residents. We have picked the south side of the school as it's very visible when you come play at the playground or from the walkway. We submitted application to have an artist to capture the Japanese indigenous spirit in an artwork. Nov 30<sup>th</sup> is when they would connect with successful applicants. I think we have a good chance because we have a good space for it.

**Kevin-** big thank you for Halloween candy donation, we were overwhelmed by the generosity.

**Tanya-** we are looking into something to do for the holidays. For December we're continuing our work with food bank. Winter wear donation is happening. We also support couple of families in schools through a few organizations. If you know a family that could benefit, contact us.

**Megan Zeni-** last Wednesday we had the delivery, and we planted the trees that we purchased. We put in caution

		<p>tape for kids to not get too close. Today, we planted 2 more and got more shrubs with the left-over money. The kids are so excited about naming the trees (ex. Fruit forest). It has been incredibly positive. Just waiting for the gazebo and other projects</p> <p><b>Tanya-</b> Permit for the gazebo has been received.</p> <p><b>Karina-</b> My kids have been talking about those trees.</p> <p><b>Megan-</b> There has been a lot of talk about not touching the trees.</p> <p><b>Anna-</b> thank you Megan and Tanya</p>
<p>7:15 to 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Legacy Committee and PAC Fundraising update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall fundraisers completed</li> <li>• Winter offerings in progress</li> <li>• Future plans</li> </ul>	<p>Linda Waithman Kim Karunaratne Anna Reithmeier</p> <p>Anna- We finished the fall fundraising and orders are coming in for Purdy's, we have hot lunch coming up and we have spirit wear...</p> <p><b>Kim-</b> I don't have all numbers for cookie dough and coffee, so far just over 900 of profit, definitely lower than past year. In the past we had pizza too but not this year. This company wasn't as easy to deal with (system wise) than the previous company. I would recommend going back to the previous company for next year. From what I have heard, people have been satisfied with the quality.</p> <p>Spirit wear and Purdy's had \$1600 profit already. Pick-up would need parent-volunteer, but we never had issues with that.</p> <p><b>Tanya-</b> there are lots of paper orders</p> <p><b>Kim-</b> I will pick them up on Thursday but parents can order online</p> <p><b>Anna-</b> Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, Friday, cut off day for spirit wear</p> <p><b>Kim-</b> Maybe I pick up the orders on Thursday and then get the last ones on Friday.</p> <p><b>Anna-</b> any comments, suggestions?</p> <p><b>Tanya-</b> We have heard that winter offerings were well-hit</p> <p><b>Anna-</b> We met in smaller group to discuss hot lunch after the Oct meeting. With regards to fundraising, we had a few in the works and we went ahead with that but for the rest of the year we would just do the hanging basket and general donation to PAC. Parents are asking for other options for payment method, cheque doesn't work for some families. Other issue is how to better communicate the information to parents.</p>

		<p><b>Jodie-</b> one issue was that the Hot Lunch was first discussed on FB and then school sent the info. It was hard to find the link for this meeting as well.</p> <p><b>Carrie-</b> Now people are looking at the info via their phones, so the bottom attachments or links gets lost. Maybe sending the link couple of days prior would work better.</p> <p><b>Karina-</b> even sending the link an hour prior would help because of information overload.</p> <p><b>Shazia-</b> Maybe some warnings in advance... may be a separate email in advance and having a reminder. I had a hard time finding the link as well.</p> <p><b>Anna-</b> We do not have any new parents signing in, right now</p> <p><b>Karina-</b> specially with kindergarten parents...maybe getting the list from the teachers would help</p> <p><b>Tanya-</b> we can send a paper copy home and have them sign up. One way is to have it as part of the initial paperwork that kindergarteners fill. We can send the link again for PAC consent.</p> <p><b>Anna-</b> Thank you for all the feedback. Facebook helps but sometimes it makes thing confusing too</p> <p><b>Allan-</b> Are we going to establish a contact list for kindergarteners. Maybe the paper contact would work.</p> <p><b>Anna-</b> Issue is with data entry...</p>
<p>7:30 to 7:40 PM</p>	<p>Hot Lunch Update</p>	<p><b>Anna-</b> Hot Lunch update: we decided on two business that are willing to adhere to our covid restrictions. Thank you, Tanya, and Kevin, for speaking to the teachers and arranging it. We are going to re-evaluate after Nov 27<sup>th</sup> date on whether it works or not.</p> <p><b>Karina-</b> Have you reached to other schools that are doing it</p> <p><b>Anna-</b> We are one of the few that is doing it.</p> <p><b>Tanya-</b> I have heard from few other principles that are interested in bringing the hot lunch program back. I am sharing our covid protocols with them. There is a school that is doing Friday dinner. McMath is doing individually packed pizza. Do we have any indication of how the order is going?</p> <p><b>Anna-</b> No but based on emails, there is definately interest. If credit is missing, email me and I will put you through Jeff. Many people seem excited. We need help with parents getting involved in projects as the existing parents are graduating out of Homma.</p>

		<p><b>Leggo-</b> <i>via chat</i> "Aaron &amp; I can help with the data entry for the PAC email list if you would like."</p> <p><b>Tanya-</b> Thank you Leggo.</p> <p><b>Karina-</b> School district is creating anti-racism committee, I am excited about this committee.</p> <p><b>Karina-</b> how does the recess work...</p> <p><b>Tanya-</b> we have blocks, and we have 3-4 cohorts out at the same time. They are typically in different sections outside. We find that people typically play in their cohorts anyway. We do an extended lunch every day.</p> <p><b>Cheyne-</b> outside transmission is low so we can feel more confident about that</p> <p><b>Tanya-</b> We see more children wearing masks outside than inside probably because they feel safer in the cohort</p> <p><b>Karina-</b> Have you heard about possibility an earlier school closure</p> <p><b>Tanya-</b> Nothing officially, I expect that a lot needs to be worked out.</p> <p><b>Karina-</b> extended virtual learning?</p> <p><b>Tanya</b>—we have Jan 29 as the last date of entry and transitional; this is what Richmond can offer. It does not mean that it won't get extended. It could also mean that other things could get introduced. Trustees have collected data re: population and numbers of distance learners.</p> <p><b>Allan-</b> do we have a plan of action for when it happens?</p> <p><b>Tanya-</b> like going back to online learning? In terms of assessment and children knowing how to access, it is all set up to go, in terms of how we do online zoom? I don't know how that would look like. There will be definite changes in zoom delivery, but that part has not been discussed.</p> <p><b>Karina-</b> My friend's son in Kelowna was asymptomatic but tested positive.</p> <p><b>Tanya-</b> A lot of Homma families are really taking this seriously airing on the side of caution.</p> <p><b>Karina-</b>They moved the testing to airport now, it's more efficient. Can we share the location for the parents?</p> <p><b>Tanya-</b> yes, we can share than in our correspondence</p>
7:45 to 8:00 PM	Questions and wrap-up	<p><b>Anna:</b> Next meeting will be in January 7:43pm meeting ended. Allan Seconded-meeting adjourned</p>