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Homma PAC Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

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PAC Executive:

Anna Reithmeier, Chair
Penny Leggo, Vice-Chair
Marcie Beggs, Treasurer
Jennifer Tham, Secretary

In attendance: Anna Reithmeier; Jen Tham; Sharmila; Derek Cherry; Linda Waithman; Penny Leggo; Carla Day; Kim K; Special Guest Ken Hamaguchi from school district; Marcie Beggs; Corrine; Kevin Vines; Miranda Duffy; Tawnya; Carrie Elder; Michelle Los; Mindy Zhang; 17 members.

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
6:30 to 6:45 PM	<p>Update from the PAC Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome <p>Anna – Land acknowledgement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of minutes from May AGM <p>Approved by Carrie and seconded by Linda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of agenda• Approval of this list of items to become our agenda <p>Approved by Jen and seconded by Michelle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teacher Appreciation Lunch <p>Previous years pre-pandemic it was a potluck lunch. In pandemic years parents have been asked to donate and teachers get lunch. Anna said because this is an event which requires funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pinewood Derby Day plans <p>Andrew and Michelle. Sausage house food truck will be there and PAC will be selling outpost donuts. No money will go to PAC from food truck.</p> <p>Summer plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you to Carrie, Cheyna and Kim. These 3 moms have been great and children will be moving to high school next year. <p>Thank you all for your help with fundraisers and all of your time over the many years with Fruit and Veggie program, Hot Lunches and many other PAC programs. Cheyna was treasurer for 8 years prior to Marcie and spearheaded the playground fundraiser. Carrie was heavily involved in the Halloween hallway – thank you. Kim has been heavily involved in the Purdy’s fundraiser over the years. We are appreciative for all of your many years of service.</p>	Anna Reithmeier
6:45 to 7:00 PM	<p>Update from the School Board</p> <p>Land acknowledgement. Thanks the PAC members for their service.</p>	Ken Yamaguchi

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	<p>Has involvement in minor sports and PAC's and knows that it is often the same group of parents who volunteer year after year. Acknowledgement for PAC members' contributions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Passed budget at the last board meeting for the school trustees.- We are in a deficit situation across the school board. High school cuts noted and seem to be most prominent.- Asking about how parents feel about budget cuts?- Ken asked if PAC will be in person or zoom? Suggesting a hybrid model? Says this was an issue at the school board level.- Anna suggested likely zoom meetings going forward.- Linda has suggested 1 in 4 meetings. 1 in person meeting to 3 zoom meetings.- Ken is offering to be clean up crew and food distribution for School events.- If you have questions regarding the school and would like to contact a school trustee, please email Ken. khamaguchi@sd38.bc.ca	
7:00 to 7:20 PM	<p>Update from the Homma School Admin Team (Green). Additional Notes in Blue Staffing Updates</p> <p>a. As we near the end of the school year, there are always the transitions of goings and comings and we wanted to acknowledge some of the staff that will be leaving us next year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Jeff Dittmerii. Eduardo Madrigaliii. Christy Leungiv. Graham Haighv. Rebecca Romanvi. Jenny Olivervii. Angel Bajgoricviii. Sam Thomasix. Julie Strongx. Jillian Morgan (school psychologist) <p>b. And, while we are sad to see these colleagues leave, we are pleased to welcome back Lisa Soper and Amanda Rennie again next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Questions: Marcie: Any concerns about not being able to fill positions in time for September? Answer Derek: Usually full time teaching positions get filled. The ELL and support staff positions which are often part time sometimes take longer to fill. <p>2. Pride Month (Season)</p> <p>a. Pride Season is a term that refers to the wide range of Pride events that take place over the summer (June to September) when LGBTQ2 communities and allies come together to spotlight the resilience, celebrate the talent, and recognize the contributions of LGBTQ2 communities. Although special attention is put on the Pride events</p>	Derek Cherry Kevin Vines

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during the summer months, they happen throughout the year in many communities.

Historically, Pride gatherings emerged from the first large-scale protests for LGBTQ2 rights. In Canada, the first demonstrations took place in Ottawa and Vancouver in 1971. By 1973, Pride events were held in several Canadian cities, including Montréal, Ottawa, Saskatoon, Toronto, Vancouver and Winnipeg. Toronto's Pride weekend in June is now among the largest Pride events in North America.

b. We are also pleased to say that this upcoming summer, we will have our student initiated pride cross-walk painted on the west side of our parking lot and the video documenting the project will be highlighted at the year-end District SOGI committee meeting tonight.

- Derek: A big thank you to Homma PAC who provided funds for this to be done.

3. Pinewood Derby

a. The Pinewood Derby is scheduled for June 21st after school. All cars have to given to the office by this Thursday, June 16 at 4pm. Unfortunately, there are NO late entries. Many students and families are working on preparing their cars to race. It sounds like over 200 families will be participating. Looking forward to this community building event.

- Kevin: If it rains, it will be rescheduled for June 28. Lead time until Sunday to cancel the Donut order.

4. Gazebo update

a. We are pleased to say that the Gazebo has opened for students to use. There are still some final touches that will be completed over the summer months, but it is very exciting and wonderful to watch the students use this space during garden classes and at recess and lunch. It is proving to be a terrific gathering place for students of all ages. We will plan for an official opening, when all of the work is complete in early Fall 2022. Once again, thank you to the staff for your patience and support of this initiative.

- Derek: Gazebo is now opened for student use. Backs on benches and paving to be done still. Students already using it in on rainy days.
- Derek: Asking for families to help water in the summer to help tend the garden.

5. Grade 7 Farewell Plans

a. A letter was sent out to families in April, highlighting plans for Grade 7 Farewell at Homma. On Friday, June 24th, we will be having a Farewell Assembly for Grade 7's (certificate presentation, speeches, grade 7 slide show) starting at 9:00 am. We are asking that each student only bring

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two people as we continue to follow capacity limits. We are also asking families to consider wearing masks and practice social distancing when possible. After the assembly families will have an opportunity to take photos with their child. Students will have lunch provided to them by Steveston Built from 11:30 - 1:00 pm. This is a pre-ordered lunch.

We are really looking forward to celebrating our grad's of 2022!

- Kevin: It's been 3 years since having any celebrations – a long time coming.

6. Sports Day

a. We really appreciate everyone's flexibility with changing from our initial date on June 10th to this Friday, June 17th. This year the theme for Sports day is the Elements (Earth, Fire, Wind and Air). The grade 7 students have been a big part of the planning for this year's Sports day. They have helped choose the theme, create the stations and have taken on a leadership rol. They have done an amazing job! It will be a sushi lunch day and there won't be any concession sales for families so we encourage people to support local businesses and bring lunch for yourselves.

b. Students will participate in a variety of fund activity stations and there will be a pre-school race and tug-o-war.

c. Thank you to the PAC for providing the nutrition snack for students.

7. Year End Assembly

a. We are planning a virtual year-end assembly. A link will be provided to families to watch. We will be saying goodbye to certain staff, thanking student leadership and celebrating learning through a slideshow.

8. Thank you to Homma PAC.

On behalf of the students and staff at Homma, we want to say a great big thank you to all members of the 2021/22 Homma PAC. We are appreciative of all of your efforts, during what has been such an unusual year. We recognize that members get involved in PAC to give back to the schoo community and to create opportunities for our students. Often you are doing PAC work, while balancing home life and busy work schedules. We are grateful for your leadership, vision and support. Having a vibrant, engaged PAC is important to the success of a school.

We wish everyone a safe and restful summer holiday! We look forward to working with everyone again.

- Derek: Thanks Homma families and PAC for their support over the school year. Special thank you to Cheyna, Carrie and Kim for their many years of service as their children move onto high school.

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7:20 to 7:35 PM	Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$511 for West Coast seeds fundraiser; \$766 for hanging baskets fundraiser. Marcie requested receipts for Teachers grants to be submitted prior to last Friday. As of right now, 30% unused.• Teacher Appreciation Lunch funds. <p>-Anna: Pre pandemic families brought in food potluck style. Isabelle asking parents to donate money to cover cost of ordering lunches from Chef's Playground. Last year they aimed for budget of \$1300-1400. Most of the funds were used up last year. This year \$2055 raised. Total cost of lunch expenses are unknown so far. If we were to continue with this style of Teacher Appreciation Lunch, should be put this as a spend item in our budget? We have a treasurer with oversight to budget and control with transparency over funds as well as how they are collected.</p> <p>- Should we add this as a budget line item? Marcie suggested \$2000 will be budgeted for this.</p> <p>-Parents can still donate via the hot lunch website to cover the expenses of the Teacher Appreciation Lunch.</p> <p>-Michelle proposed adding a line item to the budget for next year and Corrine seconded.</p>	Marcie Beggs and Anna
7:35 to 7:45 PM	Update on Hot Lunch Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Vendors next year: Pizza Factory; DQ; Takeya Sushi; Booster Juice and Takalouie.- Thank you to Sharmila, Jodie and hot lunch team for organizing this!- Hot lunch will always be on Fridays next year. Starting in October 2022. Many kids come for concession sales and are not signed up for hot lunches online.- Concession sales will likely add \$1 to every order.	Sharmila Lakhani and Jodie Weiler
7:45 to 8:00 PM	Other business and questions <p>-Michelle: 100 boxes of 6 donuts purchased from Outpost Donuts which will be for sale at the Pinewood Derby event. Will be priced at \$4 a box. Michelle is asking for a float, volunteer to help pick up and sell donuts as well.</p> <p>-Sports Day pick up: Dismissal at 130pm. Will decide for Sports Day on June 17 and on June 20 if it rains on the 17th.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm</p>	All