

# DRAFT MINUTES



## Homma PAC Meeting

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Virtual, MS Teams

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**Participants:** Derek Cherry; Kevin Vines; Jennifer Tham; Penny Leggo; Corrine Haer; Georgina; Heather Hong; Mindy Zhang; Miranda Duffy; Linda Waithman; Marcie Beggs; Anna Reithmeier

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
6:30 to 6:40 PM	<b>Update from the PAC Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval of minutes from the October 18th, 2022 PAC meeting</li><li>• <a href="#">Linda approved, Penny Seconded</a></li><li>• Review of agenda</li><li>• Approval of this list of items to become our agenda</li><li>• <a href="#">Miranda approved, Jen Seconded</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Linda wants to add West Coast seeds to agenda</a></li></ul>	Anna Reithmeier <a href="#">Corrine Haer</a>
6:40 to 7:05 PM	<b>Update from the Homma School Admin Team</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Winter Holiday Concerts <p>We are excited to be hosting two winter holiday concerts as a celebration of learning this term and an opportunity for the community to gather together. With the size of our gym and the capacity of it, we are having to host a French Immersion Concert and an English Concert which is a bit unfortunate, but this is what we have to do to comply with occupancy limits. We are asking families to try as best as they can to bring only two people to the concert (little ones are welcome to come as well). We will video record the concert so that family members can watch it over the holiday.</p><p>The French Immersion Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 13th and the English Concert will be held on</p></li></ol>	Derek Cherry Kevin Vines

Wednesday, December 14th. Students will need to be dropped off at 5:30 pm at their outside classroom doors.

Once the students have been picked up by their classroom teacher, then families are invited to line up along the west wall of the school (there will be markers). The concert will begin at around 6:00 pm.

We will also be encouraging families to bring a non perishable food item or make a donation on line to the Richmond Food Bank to support families in the Richmond community.

## 2. Deborah MacNamara feedback

We wanted to once again thank Homma PAC for supporting the workshop with Deborah MacNamara. We were hoping to get some feedback from PAC before sending out the link to families. The link will be sent home in the WAAG.

- Only 33 people attended.
- Heather commented: every child is unique and found Deb's talk enlightening.

## 3. Report Cards

The Ministry of Education has a new reporting order that the Richmond School District is implementing this year. Some noted changes to reporting will be the use of proficiency scales to name progress, goal setting in certain subjects as well as next steps in learning for all subject areas. Next week we will e-mail families to communicate changes to them. As always if you have questions about your child's report card, we encourage you to reach out to their teacher.

## 4. Homma Spirit Wear Update

The order is in the stage of having the images put onto the clothing. Estimated time of arrival is December 9th or December 12th. Does the PAC have any feedback at this point?

	<p>5. Karima Essa – On January 25th we will have a 1-day workshop for all 23 classes for the day – on Bollywood. We had Karima Essa as part of a biennale project a couple of years ago and the students and staff raved about the experience and we are looking forward to working with her again, soon.</p> <p>6. Volleyball – We finished our volleyball season today. The students have improved a lot and had fun, along the way. We played intramurals for 4 weeks and concluded with one game for each of our 8 teams against either Byng or Westwind, which was a wonderful experience, that we haven't been able to do for a couple of years now.</p> <p>7. Winter Holidays – Begin on Monday, December 19th and second term will begin on January 3rd. We want to wish all Homma families a happy and healthy winter holiday.</p>	
<p>7:05 to 7:20 PM</p>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget update</li> <li>• Popcorn sales: \$365 profit.</li> <li>• Hot Lunches. 6 so far. Booster Juice \$650, sushi, pizza day, Taco Luis. Make on average \$500 each day we do it.</li> <li>• Concessions will be cut back this week due to low sales and students being away sick. Effort to have concession is that we break even.</li> <li>• School usually pays for the special speakers (Deb McNamara, Saleema Noon and WhiteHatter) and PAC usually reimburses the school.</li> <li>• Questions? None</li> </ul>	<p>Marcie Beggs</p>
<p>7:20 to 7:50 PM</p>	<p><b>PAC News</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events – update re. Halloween festivities</li> <li>• Penny: Had a really good turnout of volunteers for Pumpkins. We had 20 extra pumpkins and had 1 extra. Planning Bingo night in February.</li> <li>• Fundraising – update re. Popcorn Day, Purdy's and Growing Smiles</li> <li>• Corrine: popcorn sales went really well. We could have done 300 bags for next time as we sold out very quickly. Purdy's \$2052 Nov 30 – Dec 6 delivery. Poinsettia's: \$593 Dec 6 delivery.</li> <li>• Corrine: Asking for help to organize Purdy's (8-10 volunteers to sort) and to hand them out. Tables usually in the foyer. Usually 2-3 tables for Purdy's and some for plants. Aiming for pick up of plants and Purdy's on Dec 6.</li> </ul>	<p>Penny Leggo Corrine Haer Beth Volpov (regrets)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linda: West coast seeds fundraiser. Need to submit a proposal with library commons project. Jan 9-27 online. Pick up date between Mar 6 and 10.</li> <li>• Corrine: Mr Coopers Pies Feb 3-10 and delivery Feb 16 and TACOS for you (year long fundraiser). Anna: there weren't a ton of orders for either. Last year Mr. Coopers Pies made ~\$500</li> <li>• Derek is offering to send out communication.</li> <li>• <b>Communication committee update</b></li> <li>• Anna: Ways to improve communication and get more people involved with the PAC. Linda, Jen, Beth and I have met a couple of times to improve engagement. 1) PAC meetings aren't well attended given our ~560 students. Some PACS around Richmond have struggled to meet quorum of 5. How can we bring in more voices? Or get more people involved? We recognize that meetings aren't well timed (Dinner, bath, bed etc.) 2) Hoping to build social media presence through the Facebook group. Over 70 people in the group right now. Derek question: Is there a moderator on the group in case parents get frustrated with teachers/admin? Answer: Anna, Linda, Beth and Jen are moderators as the old Facebook page needs to be phased out as that mom who started it is graduating from Homma this year. In order to keep the Facebook page a safe space - No sharing is allowed and shuts down any message with 5-10 comments in an hour and can shut stuff down. No one is posting on the Facebook page at the moment. Facebook community rules are in place (no bad language etc.). In the 10 years Anna has been involved in the school there have been no instances of inappropriate posts on any of the social media accounts. Anna: Should meeting dates be a different night each month? Should communication be in a different language? Have good communication for incoming Kindergarten families. If we are moving towards an inperson "Welcome to K" family event we plan to have a strong PAC presence with a member of the PAC doing a short presentation to try to get families involved from the beginning.</li> </ul>	
7:50 to 7:55 PM	<b>Update on Hot Lunch Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna: HLP moving along smoothly. Likely will post spring dates soon. Want to open orders for Jan when school is back.</li> </ul>	Anna Reithmeier/Jodie Weiler Sharmila Lakhani
7:55 to 8:00 PM	<b>Other business and questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Derek: for inperson meeting in Feb can the librarian speak about library commons project?</li> <li>• Linda: Volleyball game was amazing for parent engagement. Really appreciates the game and environment. 8 volleyball teams from Homma.</li> <li>• Derek: Remembrance Day ceremonies really well attended by parents. Re-engagement is starting to come back which is nice to see.</li> </ul> <p>Ended: 7:50pm</p>	All

**Next Homma PAC Meeting:** Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 pm (virtual)