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Homma PAC Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

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Attendees: Derek Cherry; Kevin Vines; Marcie Beggs; Anna Reithmeier; Sharmila; Andrea; Beth Volpov; Corrine Haer; Georgina; Jen Tham; Joanne Belda; Linda Waithman; Meaghan; Mindy Zhang; Penny;

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
6:30 to 6:40 PM	Update from the PAC Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none">Approval of minutes from the September 27th, 2022 PAC meeting <p>Penny approved and Jen Seconded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review of agendaApproval of this list of items to become our agenda <p>Corrine approved and Jen Seconded</p> <p>Let Anna know about DPAC event named PAC 101 on November 3rd at McNeill School from 630-830. 630-700 Pizza and 7:00-8:30 workshops. Workshop on fundraising; PAC Chair and Treasurer's workshop.</p>	Anna Reithmeier
6:40 to 7:05 PM	Update from the Homma School Admin Team <ol style="list-style-type: none">Professional Development Day This Friday, October 21st will be a Provincial Professional Development Day. This day occurs yearly and provides an opportunity for colleagues from around the province to connect with each other and learn together. Homma staff are participating in a number of self-selected professional development workshops. Our next Pro-D day is scheduled for Monday, November 21st.Evacuation Drill – Shakeout BC On Thursday we will be participating in our third evacuation drill of the school year. The focus of this drill will be on earthquake preparedness as part of the Great BC Shakeout 2022. A number of schools and businesses throughout the province will be participating. With us living in an earthquake zone, we encourage all families to be prepared for an earthquake. Please refer to the link for more information. https://www.shakeoutbc.ca/media-resources/general-preparedness-information/	Derek Cherry Kevin Vines

3. Reporting changes in BC On Monday, October 17th, we sent out a brochure detailing the changes coming to reporting this year. We are encouraging families who have questions about these changes to attend the district virtual Zoom presentation on, Tuesday, October 25th. Please use the link below.

When: Oct 25, 2022 06:00 PM Vancouver
Topic: K-12 Reporting Information for Parents
Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://sd38.zoom.us/j/63271614481>

Webinar ID: 632 7161 4481
Passcode: 6000

4. Homma Spirit Wear Update We have reached out to three different suppliers for Homma spirit wear. So far, our original supplier has the best prices for the value.

Derek: Homma spirit wear. Some supply issues noted. Contacted 1 supplier with online shopping set up. Prices are not yet set. These are some of the items on offer:

- Full zip hoody sweatshirt (black and grey)
- pullover hoody sweatshirt
- long sleeve t shirts
- Short sleeve t shirts
- short sleeve wicking t shirts
- baseball caps
- Toques with and without pompoms
- Water bottles
- Ceramic mugs
- To Go coffee tumblers

We anticipate a quick turnaround time. Hoodies more pricey than original supplier due to the fact that our logo is challenging and requires 3 colours. Can lower the logo to be less detailed to match price with old supplier. No minimum order amount for the school. Ordering and payment will be set up online and delivered directly to the child's classroom.

5. Halloween We are in for a very exciting week with a variety of Hallowe'en activities taking place in our classrooms! A group of staff members met last Friday, to discuss Halloween plans at the school. If we are not able to get enough pumpkins for the pumpkin patch due to a shortage, then they were wondering if families would be interested in sending a hollowed out pumpkin to school that their child could carve. Staff are planning to do a family teams event where students would rotate through four stations, with one of them being a carving station in the gym. Families would be welcome to come into the gym to help with carving etc. We are looking at doing the family teams in the afternoon on Monday, October 31st. Costumes and Candy Many classrooms will be engaging in costumes, crafts, and movies but we ask that you do not send Hallowe'en treats for other students. As in years past we encourage students to wear costumes to school on Monday, October 31st and remind everyone that scary face masks and costume weapons of any kind are to be left at home. As always, we want Halloween need

	<p>to be fun for ALL. When choosing costumes, we know families will keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress up' events. A few things to keep in mind to serve as guidelines.</p> <p>It's good to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RACE (black face/brown face) • CULTURE (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks) • RELIGIOUS FAITH (religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab) • GENDER (gender switching for humour or to mock) • TRAUMA (hangman's noose/weapons) (Adapted with permission from SD41 resources) <p>6. Individual Student Photo Day This coming Monday, October 24th is individual student photo day. Edge Imaging will be photographing the students again this year and offers a variety of purchase options. At a later date students will receive an order form with proofs along with instructions to order online. Should your child be absent or require a retake, photographers will be back in the school the afternoon of November 15th.</p> <p>7. Remembrance Day Assembly Plans Once Halloween ends we will begin to switch our attention to Remembrance Day. This year we are planning to have an in-person assembly for this very important day when we reflect on those who have served and think about moving forward in peace. We are planning to welcome families to join us, but in-order to accommodate an anticipated large group of people, we will be having separate primary and intermediate assemblies. To have 537 students, 50 staff and parents in the gym would well exceed fire safety occupancy regulation. More information about the assemblies will be sent out shortly. We will also be asking veterans or service people to be part of the assembly.</p> <p>8. Happy Diwali On October 24th it will be the beginning of Diwali. Diwali is celebrated over 5 days. Diwali, or Dipawali, is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deepa) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness. We want to wish families in our school community Happy Diwali!</p>	
<p>7:05 to 7:20 PM</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget update <p>Gaming Fund based on number of students at the school. This year we received \$10,780. This amount has to be used for specific things which directly impacts kids at school. Eg. Fun Days, trips (field trips). Marcie tries to use up these funds up first as we need to spend it within 3 years of receiving it.</p> <p>Operating fund: Try to have enough money to fund next years expenses and try to fundraise for specific activities based on what admin/teachers request.</p> <p>- Actual income to date \$22,149. Left over \$5,852 from last year.</p>	<p>Marcie Beggs</p>

- Fundraised (\$18,000 for hot lunch; \$3325 Purdy's; \$1132 Poinsetta; Other fundraisers \$1497 (Mr Cooper's Pies \$545; Mabel's Labels \$90; West Coast Seeds (\$511);
- Operating fund: We have a higher number than anticipated. Balance of \$70,816.
- Fundraising target of \$11,000 for this school year which is a very conservative number.
- Teachers' Grants 80% used. Resource teachers (4-5 not used) and some older division teachers not used. Barb to make sure the resource teachers understand that they can spend their grants how they would like as it is a subset of teachers who are not claiming it.
- -\$29,000-\$30,000 expenses every year.
- How can we get the best value out of what to spend our money on? Need a subcommittee for this. Volunteers please!

Question Corrine: Can any of the gaming funds be used towards the new library commons project? Marcie answered: Has to check with the rules and guidebook.

Derek suggests \$4500 to go towards schoolwide fine arts, but already have a \$5,000 as line item in operating fund for this. Marcie suggested we can move it over to the operating fund and take from the gaming fund.

Question Beth: Is Saleema Noon booked? Derek answered: Waiting for teachers to choose a date which works best for their schedules. There are a few workshops on offer 1) in person 2) Video links which are open for ~2-3 weeks for parents to watch with kids and question session afterwards. Derek asked which format is better? Beth answered: Older kids might be better online and younger kids might be better in person.

- Sharmila commented: Paid for Saleema Noon virtual workshop privately and found it worked really well for her daughter vs an in person workshop which was 7 hours but one day. Found Saleema Noon accessible after the virtual workshop to phone to answer any questions/email etc.

Marcie: People can propose a new line item for the budget, we can vote on it to approve.

Derek: Library learning commons is likely not going to happen this year due to carpentry shortage etc. \$30,000 grant awarded already. Asking PAC for \$10,000-\$20,000 for furniture which needs to be CSA approved and needs to be purchased from specialty stores which is expensive.

Derek: A group of teachers applied for an animation and tech grant. They are planning on changing/updating the old computer room for this. Want to add 3D printer etc.

Question Beth: If admin asking for \$20,000 for library commons, can this be split into two years?

	<p>Anna: We need to get more voices to the table to help decide on how to spend the money. We are working with the communication committee to try to work on strategies to involve more parents in the school outside of PAC meetings which historically have had relatively low attendance rates.</p> <p>Marcie: Parents need to understand what tangible things the PAC is fundraising for. Thinks there would be more parent buy in if this was the case.</p> <p>Anna: We can post the budget on the PAC website to see if we get more feedback/discussion happening.</p>	
<p>7:20 to 7:50 PM</p>	<p>PAC Volunteer Follow-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and discuss event plans based on Events Committee feedback (plans for Halloween) <p>Penny: Looked into getting 540 pumpkins but there is a pumpkin shortage. Found 1 farm in Langley that could supply the pumpkins, but cost over \$1,000 and \$300 delivery charge multiple trips for a pick up truck. Storage issues for the pumpkins and issues around so many staggered deliveries? Or option to rent 5 ton truck? None of these seem like viable options this year. Will prepare a pumpkin patch for next year.</p> <p>Derek suggested to ask parents to send a hallowed-out pumpkin to school as an alternative? Suggesting this is to be done as a Buddy activity or family teams and parents can come to help in the gym.</p> <p>Derek: asking for \$250 from PAC for tools and other pumpkin carving accessories. PAC voted on this and the line item was carried forward/approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and discuss event plans based on Fundraising Committee feedback (fall and winter fundraisers) <p>-Corrine: 8 parents stepped up to come up with ideas etc. and the top ideas went to admin for review.</p> <p>-Poinsettia's: Booked for Dec 6 Tues delivery.</p> <p>-Purdy's: Delivery likely also on Dec 6.</p> <p>-Popcorn Day: Wed Nov 9 Wed and Wed Dec 14? 4 parents agreed to help with this. Derek suggested going to Kernels for ordering this as it would be less work on parents behalf.</p> <p>- West coast seeds</p> <p>-Mr. Coopers Pies and or Steveston 7AC05</p> <p>-Hanging basket: Sharmila does NOT recommend growing smiles basket based on last year as they did not last.</p> <p>-Online silent auction in partnership with Carnival</p> <p>-Pub night</p> <p>-Car Wash</p> <p>- Freezie Fridays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication committee update <p>Tabled for next meeting due to time constraints</p>	<p>Penny Leggo and Corrine Haer</p>

7:50 to 7:55 PM	Update on Hot Lunch Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from families <p>Tabled to next meeting due to time constraints.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any questions? Future dates. <p>None.</p>	Anna Reithmeier/Jodie Weiler, Sharmila Lakhani
7:55 to 8:00 PM	Other business and questions <p>Ended at 8:08pm</p>	All

Next Homma PAC Meeting: Tuesday, November 29 (Virtual)