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Homma PAC Meeting

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

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In attendance: Anna Reithmeier ; Beth Volpov; Carla Day; Corrine Haer; Elena Felgar; Marcie Beggs; Miranda Duffy; Penny Leggo; Sharmila; Jen Tham. Plus admin staff (Derek and Val)

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 November 29, 2022 PAC meeting<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Approved and seconded• Review of agenda<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Approved and seconded	Anna Reithmeier
6:40 to 7:10 PM	Update from the Homma School Admin Team <p>Please see admin report below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Questions <p>Will there be a recording of the parent evening (WhiteHatter)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Derek will follow up • Presentation about the Library Commons Project (February 28th PAC Meeting). <p>There will be a presentation at the in-person February 28th PAC meeting for anyone interested.</p>	Derek Cherry Kevin Vines



PAC Admin Report

January 24, 2023

1. Introduction Mme Val Carriere

On February 1st we will be welcoming Mme Val Carriere in the role of Vice Principal at Homma. She has joined us this evening for the PAC meeting. Yesterday, January 23rd, she visited the school to connect with staff and students and to begin the transition into the school.

2. Term 2 - Learning Updates

On February 15th and 16th students will be dismissed at 1:45 pm so that families and students can connect with teachers for the second term learning update (conference). Teachers will be sharing updates in the areas of literacy, numeracy and social/ emotional learning. The updates provide an opportunity for celebration of learning as well as goal setting for the remainder of the year.

3. White Hatter

Thank you Homma Pac for supporting the White Hatter workshops on February 23rd. The White Hatter is a digital literacy and internet safety education specialist company that facilitates workshops and provides presentations on technology safety and privacy subjects to schools, businesses and community partners. They will be offering two on-line sessions to Homma students a long with a family on-line session from 6:30 – 8:30 pm on February 23rd.

Digital Literacy and Internet Safety (Grades 4/5)

This session is designed to help youth online understand the basics when it comes to privacy and security in the connected world. No amount of filtering or monitoring tools are as effective as critical thinking skills, and the understanding of behaviours and their potential consequences.

Cyberbullying & Online Personal Protection (Grade 6-7)

Critical information will be shared to protect students from challenges they may come across online: hackers, scammers, predators, and cyberbullies etc. Not every bad thing is a criminal police matter. Aggressors from other countries may not face consequences. A successful hack or scam may not have easy recovery. Students will learn what the most common challenge are and how they can empower themselves to avoid and overcome difficult or dangerous situations online.

The Parent session will help parents to proactively understand the enabling power of technology and mobile communications, but also how to mitigate the sometimes unintended consequences of high risk or undesirable online behaviour.

I have had the White Hatter into schools before and their messaging to families and students is essential and important in an ever changing landscape of technology and social media.

4. Karima Essa

Tomorrow we will have a 1-day workshop for all 23 classes. Karima will be teaching students the basic elements of Bollywood dance, including neck and head movements, facial expressions and foot and hand movements, while also using props such as scarves and Dandiya sticks. The music selection

and level of dance choreography will match the energy and technical ability for each grade grouping. We are looking forward to having her in tomorrow.

5. *Basketball*

Basketball has started for interested Grade 6/7 students. We are grateful to have a handful of staff who are helping out. Without their help it would have been hard to have basketball teams at Homma this year. Last year staff ran a successful 3 on 3 intramural program that generated a lot of interest. This year staff wanted to give students the option to play recreational 3 on 3 basketball or to play games against other schools.

6. *Professional Development Days this term*

- Monday, January 30th and Friday, February 17th

<p>7:10to 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 80% unused teacher grants to date. Aiming for higher use of teachers grants. Derek to send reminder to Barb for teachers to use this grant before deadline. • Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ None 	<p>Marcie Beggs</p>
<p>7:30 to 7:45 PM</p>	<p>PAC News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events (Bingo Night update) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Penny: Feb 8 (Wed) 6-730pm. Hot Lunch volunteers are setting up Pizza from Fresh Slice for sale to order for that night. People can register for the event on Eventbrite. Eventbrite allows free tickets. Capacity limit for the gym is 250. A family of 4 would need 4 tickets. Concession sales of pop and chips. Need volunteers to set up tables and clean up. • Fundraising (West Coast Seeds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anna: Orders very low compared to last year. Derek suggested maybe due to Homma Wear, Pink shirt sales for additional costs to families? Derek also suggested that perhaps people were more committed to gardening during the pandemic, but life is getting busy again with things opening up again COVID restriction wise. • Communication and community engagement (Facebook community group and Kindergarten Welcome Package) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anna: We have stalled with ~ 90 parents on the Facebook page. This number is smaller than the old Facebook page, but many of the members on the old group were parents who were no longer at the school. Is asking for feedback in how we can communicate with Homma families with any additional information other than the Week Ahead newsletter – which we are very grateful for the support of admin to have a voice in each week. ○ Corrine reminded all that new fundraisers coming up soon would be 74CO5 (TACOS) and Mr. Coopers Pies. Also reminded everyone about Online or in-person silent auction for the Spring Fair. 	<p>Penny Leggo Corrine Haer Linda and Beth</p>

<p>7:45 to 7:50 PM</p>	<p>Update on Hot Lunch Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 2 dates are set and open for ordering and we are trying a new vendor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anna: After spring break we will open orders for Term 3. Boston Pizza is our new vendor (Spaghetti, chicken strips etc.). Jodie and hot lunch team looking for other vendors with good price points. Trying to aim for something around \$8-10 price point. ○ Sharmila: Reminder if there are any issues with Hot Lunch, please remind students to approach the Hot Lunch volunteers the day of, so that issues can be addressed on the spot. Had an issue with kids complaining to their parents on the weekend about issues with their order and by then it is too late to address and refunds were given. Derek will send out email to staff reminding them if lunch monitors are handing out the hot lunch items, the lunch monitors need to understand that some kids order more than 1 item and perhaps for teachers to double check the handing out process. ○ General reminder that if your child is sick to follow the protocol to email school before recess so that parents can pick it up. Or to email teachers directly to pick up lunch. • Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beth: If I don't email anyone because my child is sick, what happens? Answer: It gets donated. 	<p>Anna Reithmeier/Jodie Weiler Sharmila Lakhani</p>
<p>7:50 to 8:00 PM</p>	<p>Other business and questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question Derek: What time are volunteers coming in for Bingo Night to set up? Penny answered: Somewhere between 4-430. 30 tables will be in the gym. Derek offered to have older kids set up the tables. • Question Derek: Asking for feedback from parents about the quality of clothes from Homma Wear order? From office perspective, the staff and Derek are very impressed with ease of ordering and the fact that clothes were organized well for distribution. Anna answered: Ordering process was simple online with a credit card. Beth commented: There was some slight screen fading already on a T Shirt. • Anna requests input from admin: how to spend the money PAC has raised so far ahead of the AGM so we can put it into a motion to vote on it at AGM. Derek: Admin will be asking for a large amount of money for 1) Library Commons Project. 2) Replacing sound system (\$5-6k); 3) Replacing part of playground. Corrine reminded everyone that the school board will replace playgrounds, we are on the list to be assessed but we have to wait ~5 years to get to the top of the wait list. She will forward the email from her correspondence with the school board to Derek. <p>Meeting Adjourned at 743pm.</p>	<p>All</p>

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Next Homma PAC Meeting: Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm (in person)