



Homma PAC Meeting

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

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In attendance: [Derek Cherry](#); [Valerie Carriere](#); [Anna Reithmeier](#); [Sharmila Lakhani](#); [Jodie Weiler](#); [Corrine Haer](#); [Jennifer Tham](#); [Michael Lengyell](#); [Miranda Duffy](#); [Beth Volpov](#); [Penny Leggo](#); [HH](#); [Kelsey Schaeffers](#)

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
6:30 to 6:40 PM	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of minutes from the Feb. 28, 2023 PAC meeting • Beth approved first and Corrine Seconded • Review of agenda • Approval of this list of items to become our agenda • Beth approved first and Corrine Seconded • The Homma AGM is planned for Tuesday, May 16 (in-person) 	Anna Reithmeier
6:40 to 7:05 PM	<p>Updates from the Homma School Admin Team (Please see attached report from admin team at the end of the minutes).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions • Camp Jubilee (Grade 6/7). Switch date for October as many kids didn't know each other and October would be better for team building. • Admin thanks 13(?) staff went (current or previous teachers) • Admin thanks Homma PAC for supporting outdoor education • Looking for feedback as Homma may change venues. • Lots of photos and videos to share via password protected link. • Thanks to all parents of Grade 6/7. • Admin thanks PAC for Saleema Noon funded education session. Students will watch age appropriate videos week of May 15-18 in classrooms. Kids will write all questions on piece of paper and staff can prepare ahead of time to answer the questions. 30 min Q and A for kids with Saleema Noon's team. Grade 1's are together, Grade 2/3 together. May 17 and 18 Q and A. Parent zoom link on May 8th sent on previous WAAG. Opt out link also available for parents WHO DO NOT want their children to attend. Deadline of May 10 to opt out. Saleema Noon's material is beyond what is needed in the curriculum. • Track happening for Grades 4-7. May 9th Track Meet at Minoru. Dead line for Minoru Meet on April 25, 2023. • Question from Miranda: Is it possible to collect your child at 230pm when track meet is over due to scheduling? • Answer: Derek is asking for parents to pick up kids when their events are finished based on parking issues at Minoru. Asking parents to check in and check out their kids for safety. 	Derek Cherry Valerie Carriere

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly with all intermediate kids before the track meet. Lots of students will be there and staff can't provide 1:1 supervision for all the kids. • Encouraging people to carpool. • Question from Jodie: She wrote down that she can drive kids to event. Derek answered that teachers will help organize carpooling with parents if they have expressed interest. • <p><u>Welcome to K</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 students and families for Welcome to K. Kids get a Welcome to K bag. • Kids will do play based learning opportunities run by Homma Staff. • Homma PAC have included a flyer for the Welcome to K bag. Jen and Anna will represent Homma PAC. • May 24, 2023 for school photos and panorama photo <p><u>Grade 7 Farewell</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 Farewell Plans. June 28th most likely date but not yet confirmed. • Sharmila commented McMath Dry Grade on June 27th <p><u>Sports Day</u> Sports Day Friday June 9th. Combining Family appreciation on Sports Day.</p>	
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<p>7:05 to 7:45 PM</p>	<p>Updates from the PAC</p> <p>Fundraising Update: Corrine: We are on hold for most fundraising as there is a level of fatigue happening. Freezie Friday for May/June planned. Mike is helping to plan a Photographer and mini photo sessions for fundraising opportunities which can raise up to \$600. Comments are that they could be good fundraisers and have been successful in other schools. Derek commented that he's seen it done in other schools he's been in but usually in the fall. Sharmila said Homma PAC has done this in the past and the photographer was booked for 5 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our budget (5-10 minutes) <p>Teachers Grant budget is 63% used to far this year. On par with previous years. Bingo night still sorting out finances but broke even or made a little bit of money. Marcie asking if PAC wants to put some money in a GIC to earn a little bit more interest. We are in a pretty good financial situation due to Hot Lunch money. Derek commented funds for Library Commons project is hard to pin down. Derek asking for 20-30K from the PAC so unsure about dates to invest. 1 year cashable GIC might be best option as we would be able to withdraw it early. Admin said we wouldn't need funds until the fall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten Welcome update from the PAC (5 minutes) • Homma Family Fair update (15 minutes) <p>Penny and Anna: Anna: Planning for the Homma Family Fair planned for Friday May 26. First post COVID fair in 4 years. Working really hard to coordinate volunteers. Expectation pre COVID days are that we needed 1 volunteer per family to make the fair a success. Hoping to send out letters to families outside of the WAAG. We need people to volunteer and for people to donate toys/gifts/silent auction items. Penny: Biggest thing we need right now is volunteers, Anna: If anyone has suggestions for food vendors or food trucks please get in touch.</p>	<p>Anna Reithmeier Penny Adam Linda Waithman Sharmila Lakhani Corrine Haer</p>
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	<p>Derek: Suggested White Spot. Anna said the minimum spend is \$5,000.</p> <p>Anna: Some people have reached out that they don't want Sausage House as they did Pinewood Derby and Meet the Teacher night. Comment that Sausage House couldn't meet the demand/volume. Sharmila commented that some vendor ran out of food one year. Anna is worried that some food trucks in the past, we didn't make any money and actually had to pay out some businesses.</p> <p>Penny: Thinks one of her volunteers reached out to Juice Truck already and they weren't available.</p> <p>Anna: This a run down of some of the planned events for the Fair so far. Cotton Candy kids Food Vendor (Snow cones, popcorn); Homma parents will run concession stand (chips, drinks, candy etc.). Photo booth, magician, DJ, Carnival style Games and inflatable games reserved through Partyworks. Cake walk. Silent auction. Wine Squares if we get enough donations and Steveston community businesses who want to have tables out.</p> <p>Beth asked if the event is only for Homma Families or the community at large? Anna answered without the inflatables, don't feel there will be a pull outside of Homma. We will likely not be advertising and we will be careful of capacity – especially in our gym.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Appreciation Lunch (June 21) (5 minutes) • Two parents are coordinating. We are bringing back potluck style (pre COVID) that parents can cook something and contribute to the lunch. PAC has money put aside for dietary restrictions, drinks and desserts. Anna: we are moving away from parents contributing money to private bank accounts. If parents are not interested in cooking something, Anna asking parents to purchase something instead. Sign up will be circulated soon to ask for types of food and quantity needed. Approximately 50 staff at Homma. • Hot Lunch Program (5 minutes) <p>Term 3 hot lunch dates are out. It is our largest fundraiser and raises ~\$7,000 a year.</p> <p>Sharmila: Many parents commented that they really appreciated no hot lunches during Ramadan.</p> <p>A request for more hot lunch days and Jodie answered: we will try to keep the hot lunch frequency at least the same as this year, or squeeze in an extra few days if it works with admin team.</p> <p>Anna: Thanks to Jodie and all hot lunch volunteers for giving up vacation days to do hot lunch! THANK YOU!</p>	
7:45 to 8:00 PM	<p>Other business and questions</p> <p>None</p>	All

Please attend the PAC Annual General Meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 to 8:00 pm (in the School Library)



PAC Admin Report

April 25th, 2023

1. *Outdoor Education*

Last week we took 126 Grade 6/7 students and 14 staff members to Camp Jubilee. The students and staff had a terrific time participating in a variety of events such as canoeing, kayaking, high ropes and archery. Our students did an amazing job! They were responsible, respectful and caring towards each other and Jubilee staff. Many students extending themselves past their comfort level, by attempting challenges with confidence and resiliency. They also connected with students from other classes and made new friendships. Thank you Homma PAC for supporting outdoor ed this year. Big thank you to the staff that attended outdoor ed and to our Homma Grade 6/7 families for supporting the experience. We are already looking forward to going again in two years.

2. *Saleema Noon*

We are looking forward to our upcoming Sexual Health Education Zoom sessions with Saleema Noon's team of educators. During the week of May 15th to 18th students will be watching sexual health videos produced by Saleema's team specifically for their age group. After the viewing, they will have an opportunity to write their questions anonymously and a Saleema educator will follow up during a scheduled Q&A session. Thank you Homma PAC for supporting this important initiative. If families wish for their **child NOT to participate, they should send the OPT OUT slip back to school before May 10th**. This was sent by email on Friday, April 21st.

3. *Track and Field at Minoru*

We are looking forward to the Minoru Zone track meet coming up on May 9th. Students in Grades 4 – 7 who are interested in going to the track meet will have an opportunity to participate in various events. We are asking families to return the track permission form by Wednesday, April 26th at the latest. We are also asking families to drive their child to and from the track meet. If families can drive more than one student, please let your child's classroom teacher know. Next week, we will also be having a track assembly with students to review expectations and plans for the day. Students will learn about their events next week. The rainout day for the track meet will be on Friday, May 8th. Please ask your child to wear Homma Spirit wear to the track meet.

4. *Welcome to Kindergarten*

On May 16th, we will be welcoming over 60 Kindergartens and their families to Homma. We are excited to meet our new students and to be connecting with their families. During the event, children will do play-based learning stations and also receive a summer learning bag. Parents will also learn about the school and community. Thank you Homma PAC for putting together the information package about the Homma PAC that will be included in the Welcome to Kindergarten bags.

5. *Panorama and Class Photographs*

On Wednesday, May 24th we will be having our class photograph day, team pictures and panorama photo.

6. *Grade 7 Farewell Plans*

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7. Sports Day

Please mark your calendars. Sports Day will be held on Friday, June 9th this year.