

# MINUTES



## Homma PAC Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Virtual, MS Teams

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Attendance (16) Derek Cherry; Ginny Lee and Valerie Carriere (admin); Anna Reitmeier; Corrine Haer; Jennifer Tham; Marcie Beggs; Beth Volpov; Jarrod; Penny Leggo; Miranda Duffy; Neela W; Carla Day; Heather Hong; Madeleine; James Chue

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
6:30 to 6:45 PM	<b>Welcome</b> <a href="#">Land acknowledgement by Anna.</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Approval of minutes from the May 16, 2023 PAC AGM meeting</li></ul> <a href="#">Corrine approved; Penny Seconded</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review of agenda</li><li>Approval of this list of items to become our agenda</li></ul> <a href="#">Beth approved; Jarrod Seconded</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thank you to Sharmila, parent volunteer extraordinaire!</li></ul> <a href="#">Thank you Sharmila for 13 years of hard work and all that you've done for the Homma Community!! Thanks so much for organizing the Hot Lunch program and running it for so many years. We will miss you.</a>	Anna Reitmeier
6:45 to 7:15 PM	<b>Updates from the Homma School Admin Team. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED ADMIN REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Questions</li></ul> <a href="#">-Thank from Derek for Homma PAC, McMath and all the parent volunteers for putting on the Homma Spring Fair.</a> <a href="#">--Goodbye Val Carriere and Welcome Ginny Lee</a> <a href="#">-June 21 National Indigenous People's Day.</a> <a href="#">-Pride month</a> <a href="#">-Grade 7 Farewell plans:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>915am in gym. Rehearsal</li></ul> <a href="#">-First Day back Sep 5 (Tues)</a>	Derek Cherry Valerie Carriere
7:15 to 7:30 PM	<b>Current Budget Review and Plans for 2023-2024 Budget</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review of proposed budget with updates from the May AGM discussions</li></ul> <a href="#">-Changes made from May 2023 meeting. Extracurricular sports equipment increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500.</a> <a href="#">-Updated Grade 7 farewell budget from \$500 to \$2,000</a>	Marcie Beggs

	<p>- \$3,937 gaming fund being carried over to next year. Can carry over for 3 years.</p> <p>- \$55,520 in operating account</p> <p>- \$6,000 earned from Spring Fair. Projected \$5,000 for next years Spring Fair.</p> <p>- Capital Acquisitions allocated to new sound system (left same amount at \$5,000)</p> <p>- Reduced budget for Teacher's Lunch from \$500 to \$200 based on bringing back parent potluck lunch as previous years were purchased due to COVID restrictions.</p> <p>- Increased McMath scholarships to \$1,000 from \$750. Still split into 3 scholarships.</p> <p>- Library learning commons grant support updated to \$20,000</p> <p>- Miranda had a comment to see if there was room to update \$500 scholarship to 3 students? Anna replied and said she contacted McMath VP but didn't receive a reply if they preferred \$1000 split into 2 scholarships or split into 3? Anna researched last year with other catchment schools and we were amongst some of the highest. Option for \$1200 for (3 x \$400) or \$1500 (3 x \$500).</p> <p>- Derek has ordered picnic tables and these have arrived.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call for vote on the budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 Corrine made a motion to approve budget; Beth seconded. Motion will carry as more than 50% of voters agreed.</li> </ul>	
<p>7:30 to 7:50 PM</p>	<p><b>PAC Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homma Family Fair feedback</li> </ul> <p>- A huge thank you to Penny and Anna for organizing the fair.</p> <p>- Marcie commented: Prize room might need an alternate location, but line was very long.</p> <p>- Possibility of 2<sup>nd</sup> prize room. Take over garden teachers room?</p> <p>- Anna commented: Prize room was well gate kept, perhaps a reason line was so long outside.</p> <p>- Penny commented: All volunteers said parents/kids were happy.</p> <p>- Feedback for food: Lower volume of food ordered/sold compared to last year. We did get \$500 donation for the school from Cultivate Food Truck.</p> <p>- Corrine commented: Should move food truck to back to consolidate food and give more visibility.</p> <p>- Approximately \$6,000 was raised from the Fair.</p> <p>- Gelato: \$40 kickback. Promised 50 cents a cup back.</p> <p>- Cotton Cand: \$337 kickback</p> <p>- Cultivate Food Truck: \$500 kickback.</p> <p>- Concession stand did well.</p> <p>- Beth commented: etransfer for silent auction could have been more streamlined. We now know we can get etransfer to PAC account now and should be smoother going forward.</p> <p>- Square tap option explored, but seemed like a lot of money as they want fee and portion of service.</p> <p>- Corrine commented: If we hired a band/had a beer garden with City of Richmond grant money instead of tickets for games, this might help with the volunteer situation.</p>	<p>Meeting Chair</p>

	<p>-Penny: Not sure if it's an annual event. We must revisit this next year with regards to the details MUCH earlier for planning purposes.</p> <p>-Marcie: Enjoyed the fishing game and thanks for the mom who painted it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAC Meetings for new school year discussion (ex. day and time preferences)</li> </ul> <p>-Meetings need to be in partnership with admin staff. We need to host meetings to meet bylaws and get Gaming grant.</p> <p>-We currently do not host meetings in December/March. Our AGM is in May.</p> <p>-Beth commented: 630pm families are eating and need to go to bed. Is it possible to alternate times/days?</p> <p>-Derek: Would not be willing to change meeting to 830-10pm meeting. Suggested a day time meeting, or moving to 4pm?</p> <p>-Jarrod: Mentioned having PAC meeting right after morning bell.</p> <p>-Derek said at previous schools when PACS would switch meeting times they would get a different group of parents at the day time meetings vs night time meetings. Derek said that the Homma challenge would be to find space physically with empty rooms for daytime meetings.</p> <p>-Admin very busy at 9am and can be dealing with issues that come up on the fly. Staff shortages due to sick calls etc.</p> <p>-Admin stated 630pm time works best or 4pm, perhaps 930am start, but day time meetings need to be virtual due to lack of physical space.</p> <p>-Admin reiterated day time meetings too hard based on workload.</p> <p>-Admin said 530pm would work.</p> <p>-Beth commented rotating day would help.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Appreciation Lunch Reminder (June 21)</li> <li>• Freezy Friday</li> </ul> <p>-Corrine: We made over \$1,000 for 2 Freezy Fridays. We will try to sell the ~200 freezy's we have left on the last day of school. Need 4 volunteers.</p> <p>-Photo day went well. Still awaiting cheque from photographer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RDPA Minutes</li> </ul> <p>-Jarrod: Playgrounds and fundraising came up a lot. Takeaway message as PACS are all doing the same things. Perhaps we can buy 10,000 freezies and save money. Anna: we used to have a RDPA rep, but this position was unfilled at Homma. We can ask again for a Homma rep to attend the RDPA.</p> <p>-Jarrod is volunteering to be RDPA rep for Homma as well.</p>	
7:50 to 8:00 PM	<p><b>Other business and questions</b></p> <p>-Heather asked if meetings can be limited to 1 hour. Anna commented it's hard to squeeze everything in with questions/admin update etc.</p>	All

**Thank you for your time, participation and support of the Homma PAC! Have a wonderful summer break!**



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## PAC Admin Report

June 20, 2023

### 1. Staffing Updates

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, there are a number of staff changes that we would like the community to know about. Mme Ledesma, Mme. K. Yau and Ms. Wang (EA) are all on temporary contract that expire on June 30. We wish them good luck and thank them for all of their efforts this year at Homma.

We also have staff leaving who have been here for several years and have made a difference in our Homma Community. We are saying good-bye to Mme. Boutin, Ms. Brown, Mme Parent and Ms. Zeni. We also thank them for all that they have done at Homma over their time at the school. Their dedication, hard work and care for our students is appreciated. They will all be missed!

We are also saying good-bye to Madame Val, who was appointed Principal at Mitchell Elementary School. In her short time at Homma, Madame Val has made a big impact supporting students in a caring way and helping staff and families. Mitchell is lucky to have Madame Val joining their school community in September. We are looking forward to welcoming Mme Lee, Vice Principal, from Mitchell.

Mr. Choinski is retiring at the end of the school year after over 30 years working in schools. In that time he has inspired many students through his love of music. We thank him for all of his years of service and for all that he has done to support students and families. He will be missed and we wish him all the best in the next chapter of his life.

### 2. Pride Season

Pride Season is a term that refers to the wide range of Pride events that take place over the summer (June to September) when 2SLGBTQI+ communities and allies come together to spotlight the resilience, celebrate the talent, and recognize the contributions of 2SLGBTQI+ communities.

### 3. National Indigenous History Month

June is also “National Indigenous Month”. It is important to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples across Canada. We would also like to acknowledge Indigenous excellence, as **June 21, 2023** is National Indigenous Peoples Day.

### 4. Grade 7 Farewell Plans

A letter was sent out to families highlighting plans for the Grade 7 Farewell at Homma, on Friday, June 23. During the assembly we will be presenting certificates, students and staff will share some thoughts and there will be a grade 7 slide show. The assembly will start at 9:15 am. After the assembly families will have an opportunity to take pictures with their child. Students will have lunch provided to them from 11:30 - 1:00 pm.

**5. Sports Day & Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast**

Thank you to all parents who came to encourage their children on June 9. Students enjoyed the day and the theme “Hungry, hungry Homma!” was a hit! We want to extend a special thanks to the staff team who planned and organized the event. This would not be possible without the extra hours of work and sacrificed lunch break that these teachers have put in. The blue team won this year’s friendly competition.

We also want to thank volunteers who worked so hard to make our school community better this year! We hope you enjoyed some coffee/tea and a muffin on June 9.

**6. 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 2022/23 Homma PAC. We are appreciative of all of your efforts to bring back those Homma traditions that create connection in our community. We recognize that members get involved in PAC to give back to the school community and to create opportunities for our students and families. Often you are doing PAC work, while balancing home life and busy work schedules. We are grateful for your leadership, vision and support.

**7. Thank you and have a great summer**

First day back will be: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 (one hour). First full day will be: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 (except for K)

