

# Approved MINUTES



## Homma PAC Meeting

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Virtual - Meeting link will be shared on the Homma website and Homma PAC Community Facebook group

In attendance (13): Derek Cherry (Admin); Ginny Lee (Admin); Jarrod Connolly; Corrine Haer; Jennifer Tham; Jen Girard; Kourosh Purdavae; Miranda Duffy; Sofia Tuangkitkun; Penny Leggo; Cuihong Yan; Anna Reithmeier; Tina

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Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
6:30 to 6:45 PM	<b>Update from the PAC Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome</li></ul> <a href="#">Land Acknowledgment from Jarrod.</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval of minutes from October 2023 meeting</li></ul> <a href="#">Motion to approve from Corrine and seconded by Miranda.</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="#">Motion to approve from Jen Girard and seconded by Jen Tham</a>	Jarrod Connolly
6:45 to 7:05 PM	<b>Update from the Homma School Admin Team</b> <p>Black font is from the Admin Report. <a href="#">Blue is comments</a> that secretary added to try to capture discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. With Appreciation and Gratitude We want to take this opportunity to thank Homma PAC for all they are doing to fundraise and build community. We are grateful for the time and energy that went into the Halloween Dance, pumpkin carving, and Pub Night. We also are appreciative of the effort that has gone into raising funds through the various fundraising initiatives that are going on in the school. It is nice being able to support such a dedicated group of PAC members. We also want to show our appreciation to the volunteers who generously gave time to help the events run smoothly.</li><li>2. School Wide Events and Activities<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Volleyball and Fun Run Wrapping Up With the end of November upon us next week, we are wrapping up Grade 6/7 volleyball and our Fun Run club. The students were dedicated and worked hard to improve their skills. They also demonstrated exceptional leadership by always representing our school in a positive way. They also supported each other by being encouraging, positive and patient. We would like to thank all the families who helped with rides to volleyball games. We also want to thank the parents who helped with Run Club. We appreciated you coming out to encourage our runners and to help with supervision. Finally, we want to thank the staff who gave up mornings,</li></ol></li></ol>	Derek Cherry Ginny Lee

afterschool, and lunch hours to support a Volleyball team and Fun Run Club at Homma.

b. Karima Essa Dance and Performance We are excited to be welcoming Karima Essa to Homma. Karima is a Vancouver Professional Bollywood Dancer. Bollywood dance is a high-energy, vibrant dance style which originated in the Indian film industry. It combines elements of classical Indian dance, folk dance, and modern dance styles, creating a unique and dynamic dance form that is popular around the world. Karima's workshops are designed to introduce students to the basic elements of Bollywood dance while building their confidence and skills in a fun and supportive environment. She teaches students basic Bollywood dance steps and techniques while using a range of props, such as scarves and Dandiya sticks to add an extra element of fun. Students will also learn about the importance of facial expressions and body language in Bollywood dance, and how to use these elements to convey emotion and tell a story through movement. Karima Essa will be at Homma from December 4th to December 15th. Each class will have an opportunity to participate in daily dance lessons throughout the week. Week 1 will be the English classes and the French classes will be the following week. On Friday afternoon, there will be a presentation that families will be invited to attend. The presentation for families will be about an hour in length. More information has been sent home in the WAAG.

Ginny: Karima Essa cost \$8500 which was funded by the PAC.

Derek: No winter concert this year as there was one last year. Staff feedback was to put one on every other year.

c. Hold and Secure Next week staff and students will have a practice Hold and Secure drill. A hold and secure is a safety response by schools to a threat to the school from outside of the building. In this situation students and staff are asked to stay inside and all access to the school from outside is locked. We practice this drill once a year. It is part of our safe school's plan.

Ginny: Hold and secure drill to prepare for external events, had to enact this when there was a coyote on school grounds.

Derek: Later in the year we will do a Lockdown drill for an internal threat.

d. Shoe Box Initiative Students from the McMath Interact Club are planning a fundraiser for the Shoebox Project. The Shoebox Project is a Canadian charity that supports women experiencing or at risk-of-homelessness, and that celebrates diversity, builds awareness, challenges stigma and promotes equity. Each year, the shoebox project does a holiday drive, where they collect shoeboxes filled with \$50 worth of new personal care items for women.

Some of the items are:

- Shoeboxes
- Personal care or other items
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body Wash

- Deodorant
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Socks
- Chocolate/Candy
- Cosmetics
- Cozy accessories (gloves, hats, etc.)
- Self-care items

Their plan is to collect donations of personal care items and shoeboxes and then they will be assembling them. They have invited Homma students and families to help, by donating unopened personal care items or emptyboxes. Items and boxes will be collected on Dec. 1, 2023.

### 3. School Story Update

a. EASE parent workshop Many classrooms have been using EASE to support students with anxiety. EASE helps educators teach students strategies to address the thoughts, feelings and behaviours associated with anxiety, while also supporting social and emotional learning and the mental health literacy of educators. EASE K-7 classroom lessons have been adapted for use by parents and caregivers to support children’s mental health across home, school and community settings. EASE at Home activities are available as downloadable PDFs in English and seven additional languages: French, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Tagalog, Arabic, and Spanish.at Healthy Minds BC. We have also connected with one of our Area Counsellors about coming in to do a parent workshop for families. Please let us know if the parents are interested in attending this parent workshop.

Corrine suggested that if we can tack it onto the next in person PAC meeting. Derek was wondering if we should do a standalone in January because it can be an hour talk.

Derek and Ginny will decide on a date and let PAC know.

b. Parking Thank you to the school community for your continued support of our parking lot and pick up and drop off procedures. It is really making a difference. We have less late students and everyone feels more safe.

c. School Wide French Cultural Activity We have the opportunity to invite the Maple Man for a school-wide presentation that includes learning about transforming maple syrup, typical French-Canadian music and dance, as well as a taffy tasting! The EFI teachers have allocated \$1000 of their annual budget to this activity, and we have applied for a Core French grant from the District for \$700, which has just recently been approved. We are hoping that the PAC will be willing to cover the \$175 so that the whole school is able to attend the workshops.

	<p>Ginny: Maple Man experience booked for Mar 1. Asking PAC for \$175, the programming is for the whole school.</p> <p>Anna motioned that we vote for the approval of \$175 to support Maple Man. Jen G seconded. Vote held by raising hands and passed by majority vote.</p> <p>d. Furniture purchase for library commons Mme Veilleux, Homma Teacher Librarian, has learned that construction on the Library Learning Commons will begin in January. We are excited about this announcement and look forward to the weeks ahead. To ensure that the Library Commons has furniture, it will need to be ordered in the next two weeks. A big thank you to Homma PAC for providing an additional \$10,000 in funds to help purchase furniture. The total \$30,000 provided by the PAC will help us purchase some great furniture for all students to use.</p> <p>Miranda: Set aside \$20,000 for library furniture from September budget.</p> <p>Anna: Homma PAC has not spent a significant amount on a project since the playground and we have money in the budget for additional \$10,000. We can draw from the term deposit which can be put towards this project.</p> <p>Miranda: We have \$7,000 from term deposit.</p> <p>Anna asked if we have received our gaming fund yet? Miranda answered no, not yet.</p> <p>Derek: \$20,000 not sure we would be able to get everything, \$30,000 would buy a lot more.</p> <p>Corrine: Would support \$30,000.</p> <p>Miranda: \$3,000 raised in September alone which puts us at \$10,000 (\$3,000 plus \$7,000) in term deposit.</p> <p>Anna makes a motion for add an additional \$10,000 from PAC funds towards the library commons project. Jen G seconded. Motion to vote by raising hands. Motion passed by majority vote. Derek thanks PAC for their support.</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> </ul> <p>Currently from Hot Lunch \$638; Halloween \$830; Pub \$430; Purdy's \$952; \$475 pointsettias. This school year we have raised \$3300-\$3400 so far.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Questions</li> </ul> <p>None</p>	<p>Miranda Duffy</p>

<p>7:20 to 7:50 PM</p>	<p><b>PAC Planning and Participation Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● December Events</li> </ul> <p>Penny: Trying to pull together interest for a December craft fair.</p> <p>Derek says on Dec 7 admin are not available anymore due to other commitments.</p> <p>Corrine: We don't have to do a craft fair.</p> <p>Anna: Asked if there was another date that can work.</p> <p>Ginny: Asked about what happens at a craft fair. Penny answered that kids will make crafts in the gym at stations manned by parent volunteers.</p> <p>Corrine: Hot lunch coordinators have asked for at least a 3 week lead time to post additional things for sale on the hot lunch website.</p> <p>Anna: Gym capacity due to tables would be less than the Halloween Dance and parents were very upset at lack of tickets, we don't want to repeat that.</p> <p>Jarrod: Decided as a group to cancel craft fair due to lack of time and volunteer burn out this busy holiday season. Admin also short on time during the busy December season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fundraisers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Halloween family dance update</li> <li>○ Purdy's / Poinsettia update</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Corrine: December 6 pick up for both. Purdy's will arrive the week before and have connected with Admin office staff Barb and Sandy about this. 2 parent volunteers will sort out the chocolates. Derek asked if we need a place for the chocolates to be stored? Anna stated that it comes in pallets and it goes inside the office, but gets sorted quickly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pub Night update</li> <li>○ 2024 fundraising ideas</li> </ul> <p>Corrine: Will brainstorm and table this for the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Call for Volunteers</li> </ul>	<p>Corrine Haer Penny Leggo</p>
<p>7:50 to 8:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Other business and questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jen has a question about Montessori school and its relationship</li> </ul> <p>Derek: No formal relationship with Montessori school or Generations. Field and playground is public property after school hours.</p> <p>Jen was told by her 8 year old (so prefaced it that it may not be true) that they had sold lemonade and candy as presumable fundraisers for their programming and were trying to do this with on the playground. Derek was asked to be informed if this was indeed happening.</p>	<p>All</p>

	<p>Jen asked if Admin had any feedback from the PAC events in the fall?</p> <p>Derek: Suggested online tickets for the Halloween Dance may be the way to go in the future because some parents were angry that tickets were sold out. Unfortunately, the support admin staff and Penny were on the receiving end of some disgruntled parents.</p> <p>Ginny: Suggested that the concession could have been moved to the front foyer to accommodate more people in the gym for the dance. Also suggested that perhaps we could move the DJ to the side to again try to increase gym capacity as his set up took up a lot of room.</p> <p>Corrine: Liked the fact that when Halloween Dance tickets sold out, people could volunteer instead.</p> <p>Anna motioned to end the meeting. Corrine seconded.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 19:49</p>	
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**Homma PAC Executive:**

- Jarrod Connolly, Chair
- Corrine Haer, Vice-Chair
- Miranda Duffy, Treasurer
- Jennifer Tham, Secretary

**Next Homma PAC Meeting:** Thursday, January 18 2024 6:30-8:00 pm