

MINUTES



Homma PAC Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Virtual

In attendance (9): Derek Cherry (Admin); Ginny Lee (Admin); Jarrod Connolly; Corrine Haer; Miranda Duffy; Penny Leggo; Anna Reithmeier; Jennifer Tham; HH

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
6:30 to 6:45 PM	Update from the PAC Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Approval of minutes from February 2024 meeting <i>Approved by Corrine. Anna Seconded</i>• Review of agenda• Approval of this list of items to become our agenda <i>Approved by Corrine. Anna Seconded</i>	Jarrod Connolly
6:45 to 7:05 PM	Update from the Homma School Admin Team <p>PLEASE SEE ATTACHED ADMIN REPORT at the end of the minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homma Stuffie Project <i>Likely will be done every 2nd year.</i>• Crossing Guard help <i>Asking for crossing guard help 1-3 hours a week. Will put a call out in WAAG and asking for help in the WhatsApp group.</i>• MIPRO portable speaker <i>Derek has ordered this. It has Bluetooth capability and wireless mics. It will be good for events like the Pinewood Derby. This speaker was approved to order in the previous year's PAC budget.</i> <p><i>Questions: Anna asked about plans for Grade 7 farewell?</i></p> <p><i>Answer: Derek answered likely will separate the Grade 7 assembly and lunch. Derek is discussing this with the Grade 7 teachers and as soon as they know they will send out communications to families.</i></p>	Derek Cherry Ginny Lee
7:05 to 7:20 PM	Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget update• Gaming Grant <p><i>\$10,680 received from the gaming grant after missing the deadline last year. Had to write appeals and finally did receive it. Therefore, the budget changes we thought we needed to make, we no longer need to make.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional resource teacher grant• Admin budget requests<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Lion Dance○ The History of Motown	Miranda Duffy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miranda made a motion to add an 11th line item for Resource teacher to receive \$200 from the PAC in accordance with the standard allocations. <p>Anna Seconded the motion.</p> <p>Passed by 7 (motion is carried).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miranda made a motion for \$3,500 to be reallocated from previous education funds to cover the cost of the Lion Dance (at Chinese New Year) and the History of Motown presentations. <p>Anna Seconded the motion.</p> <p>Passed by 7 (motion is carried).</p> <p>Derek thanked everyone for the funding approval as this frees up budget for the general school.</p> <p>Derek: Asked if an updated budget could be emailed to admin. Miranda agreed.</p> <p>Anna: Mentioned next meeting is the AGM. Asked for ideas to be brought back to the PAC for this meeting and advertising on why parents should attend so they have feedback on how the money is spent for the next academic year. Jarrod agreed to put this out.</p>	
<p>7:20 to 7:50 PM</p>	<p>PAC Planning and Participation Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pinewood Derby <p>Jarrod: We are scaling back from the Homma Fair which was hosted last year and this year we are hosting the Pinewood Derby instead.</p> <p>Anna: Car orders are open currently through the Hot Lunch platform and closing on Sunday April 21, so that the car kits can be distributed in time for a families to build it prior to the June 13th race date. Anna is asking Derek to send a stand alone email to remind parents about the ordering deadline this Sunday. Derek agreed to this tomorrow or Friday.</p> <p>Anna: Chris a Homma parent has volunteered to build the track and it is now complete.</p> <p>Miranda: Asked if Chris needs a cheque for the materials? Anna said Chris has all of the receipts and it has cost ~\$500 for the new track.</p> <p>Jen: Wanted to update admin and PAC that the City of Richmond Celebration Grant for \$2,000 for the Pinewood Derby was denied based on the fact that it was “not a public event”, despite making references to inviting the community at large and neighbours in the proposal. Jarrod wrote an email for feedback to the city to protest this decision.</p>	

	<p>Jarrold said there were 12 other PACS who were also denied on the same basis. City council has already voted on this, but we wanted the city to know about the lack of feedback from our proposal before it was denied and how our similar proposal last year for the fair was approved.</p> <p>Anna: Last year there were a smaller number of proposals for grants, so maybe that is why the city needed to be stricter with the number of grants that needed to be denied.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cookie Fundraiser <p>Jen: We will be holding a cookie sale after school on Friday April 26th. 1 table at the front of the school, 1 table at the back of the school. 6 volunteers have been secured! 250 cookies have been ordered from a Homma parent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plant Fundraiser <p>Corrine: The Spring fundraiser ordering deadline has been extended until this Sunday April 21st. The plants will be delivered to Homma on May 6th. Pick up will be 230-330pm in the foyer.</p> <p>Corrine: We are also looking for volunteers for Freezie Fridays. These were easy and high profit fundraisers last year.</p> <p>-</p>	
<p>7:50 to 8:00 PM</p>	<p>Other business and questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reminder: Next meeting is Tues May 14 AGM 6pm - 8pm In-Person <p>Jarrold: Reminder that the next meeting is IN PERSON hosted in the library and at 6pm.</p> <p>Derek: Question about nominations for the PAC executive roles.</p> <p>Anna stated she posted this on the website and through the social media channels.</p> <p>Corrine said that as per bylaws no PAC exec is supposed to hold the position for more than 2 years. She is happy to step back if there are other parents wanting to do the role of Vice Chair as this is her 2nd year. Jen also mentioned she is in the 3rd year of being secretary and happy to step back to allow other parents to do the role.</p> <p>Jarrold motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Anna seconded.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm</p>	<p>All</p>

Homma PAC Executive:

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

Next Homma PAC Meeting: Annual General Meeting - **In Person** - Tuesday, May 14, 6:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

PAC Admin Report

1. *Track Attack and Track Meet at Minoru on Monday, May 27th*

Track Attack has started at Homma. Grade 4 -7 students will spend one hour for eight afternoons rotating through various track stations (e.g. softball throw, high jump, long jump, relays etc.). After the rotations students will be selected for events to participate in during the Minoru track date, which is scheduled for Monday, May 27th. Our goal at Homma is to take students who want to go, and we encourage all students to get involved. On Monday, April 29th we will be sending home a letter of intent for families to let Homma staff know if their child will be participating. This will help us in selecting students for events.

2. *Immunization Clinic*

Kindergarten and Grade 6 students will be having their second immunizations on April 18th.

3. *Written Updates*

Written updates will be provided on April 25th. As mentioned previously, paper copies of written updates will not be provided for term two. We recommend families log onto their MyEd account so that they are familiar with how to access their child's report card on-line. There will be advanced communication about how to access the report card on-line. Currently this information can be found on the school website and in the WAAG. We will also send home the information when the report cards are published.

4. *EASE Homma Stuffie Project*

Under guidance from Mme Veilleux, Homma Grade 6 and 7 students created a stuffie for Kindergarten and Grade 1 students. The stuffie project provided older students with a great opportunity to demonstrate leadership, care, and kindness. Older students also had to use design skills to build the stuffie that the younger students drew. The younger students were so excited and happy to receive their stuffie and our older students were proud of what they sewed together. Everyday anxiety strategies (EASE) were also reinforced through the project. Older students reviewed strategies with the younger students. This has been the focus at Homma this year. This was a fantastic way to celebrate the learning that has gone on.

5. *3 on 3 Basketball Intramurals*

Grade 5, 6 and 7 students have been invited to participate in a fun 3 on 3 basketball intramural program. The focus is on building community through connection. They will play on Mondays and Thursdays at lunch. There is also open gym on Wednesdays for students to play basketball. A big thank you to Mr. Yoo, Ms. Blue, Ms. Chan, Mr. White, Mr. Dholliwar and Mr. Wolber for providing this opportunity for Homma students.

6. *Crossing Guards*

We are still looking for some parent volunteers to help supervise students at the crossing guard leading into the school. Any help would be appreciated. Please reach out to Mr. Cherry if you are interested.

7. *Mipro*

Thank you, Homma PAC, for providing the funds to order a portable PA/Stereo system. We ordered a Mipro for the school with wireless microphones and blue tooth capabilities.

8. *Welcome to Kindergarten – May 15th*

On May 15th from 1:00 – 2:00 pm we will be welcoming new Kindergarten students to Homma. We are looking forward to meeting our newest members of our school community and we are excited to be working with their families. The children will be rotating through some play based learning experiences and there will be information shared about the school, gradual entry and PAC involvement.