

# MINUTES



## Homma PAC Meeting

Wednesday, November 20

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm held virtually via Teams

In attendance (14 parents): Ginny Lee (Admin); Mark David (Admin); Jarrod Connolly; Jen Tham; Miranda Duffy; Jodie Weiler; Penny Leggo; Gwenda; Caylee Raber; Heather Hong; Mindy Lam; Eric Marriot; Tina; Ao Zhang; YM; Rahul Coelho

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
6:30 - 6:45 pm	<p><b>PAC Chair Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome / Land Acknowledgement</li><li>• Approval of minutes from [Last Meeting]</li></ul> <p>Miranda approved; Jarrod seconded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review of agenda</li><li>• Approval of agenda</li></ul> <p>Miranda approved; Jen seconded</p>	Jarrod Connolly
6:45 - 7:00 pm	<p><b>Homma School Admin Team Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>October 22 – 23 – Learning Updates</b> (Ginny)</li></ul> <p>Our first learning updates of the year took place the week of October 22 and 23. It was a great opportunity for parents to meet their children’s teachers, especially as we have many new staff members this year.</p> <p>Next Learning Updates will be in February.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>November 8 – Remembrance Day Assembly</b> (Ginny)</li></ul> <p>We had a very meaningful Remembrance Day Assembly. It was an important opportunity for students to develop empathy, learn from history, and understand the importance of peace and community. It was a moment to honour the sacrifices of those who came before us and inspire the next generation to value and protect the freedoms they enjoy. Many classes presented and we were able to respectfully reflect on the sacrifices made by others to protect peace and freedom in Canada.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>November 12 – 22 – Schoolwide Reading Assessment</b> (Ginny)</li></ul> <p>Once again, we are doing a schoolwide reading assessment (the English classes in English and the EFI classes in French)</p>	Mark David Ginny Lee

which will provide us with a comprehensive view of literacy skills across all students. We are hoping that this will provide us with a consistent measure of progress over time, allowing us to identify reading difficulties early so that we are able to provide early intervention. We look forward to building our guided reading program with the generous donation of the PAC. (\$2500)

- **Nov. 25th Pro-D – Care for Self, Others and Place and Literacy Focus** (Ginny)

We will be meeting as a staff at Homma where in the morning we will focus on the first part of our School Story – Care for Self, Others and Place. As a follow-up to our September Pro-D where we drafted what this would look like for our students in grade groupings (K-2, 3-5 and 6/7), we will be gathering feedback and talking about our next steps as a school: school-wide common language.

In the afternoon, we will have an opportunity look at our recent Schoolwide reading assessment with our Inclusion Support Teacher, Viji Shanmugha and talk about how we can use this data to guide our literacy program moving forward.

- **December 17: Minoru Winter Wonderland Skate – 7:00 – 8:30 pm** (Mark)

We will be hosting a Winter Wonderland skate at Minoru Arenas. We will be inviting up to 300 Homma students/parents and providing tickets for our staff and their families to attend for a more community feel. Tickets will go up on Cashonline - \$5 per person. If the PAC would like to fundraise at this event, you are more than welcome. Otherwise, some of the staff will be on hand to help fundraise.

- **Written Learning updates online Dec. 19th** (Mark)

Published in December.

If you need a written copy, please email the office. As we continue to go paperless, we appreciate your support with downloading a copy at home.

Please take a look at the proficiency scale – the goal is “proficient.”

- **Drop off & Pickup process (parking lot chain)** (Mark)

The parking lot will be chained up starting at 2:30 pm in order to keep our parking lot safe and facilitate pick up from different after school cares. At that time, we will only allow access to

	<p>District vehicle and employees, as well as the after-school care vehicles. We thank you in advance for your support in keeping our students and staff safe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>School Volleyball (1 more game at Westwind)</b> (Mark)</li> <li>• <b>Circus school update – First two weeks of March</b> (Ginny)</li> </ul> <p>We were able to apply and secure two mini-grants through CPF. They have offered us a total of \$826 towards the total cost of our workshops.</p> <p>Admin additions with regards to comments about the budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AV update</b> – the installation has begun for the AV purchases recently made by the generous donations of the PAC.</li> <li>• <b>Gaga Ball Court</b> – Coach Cliff website</li> </ul> <p>Questions: Jodie asked: Is Winter Wonderland replacing Christmas concert?</p> <p>Mark answered: Yes, the winter wonderland is replacing the Christmas concert. In the future there are hopes to bring a concert back, but not in December.</p>	
7:00 - 7:20 pm	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b></p> <p><b><u>October into November:</u></b></p> <p>Out of our Operating account, we have paid about half (\$14,341) of the \$30,000 we committed to the Library Learning Commons project last year. We will pay out the remainder of this project funding as the school submits their paid invoices to us.</p> <p>We still have not had any response from McMath about who there is responsible for administrating their scholarships; so we still haven’t been able to send them our Homma Scholarship funding.</p> <p><b><u>Hallowe’en Dance</u></b></p> <p>We held our Hallowe’en Dance on Tuesday, October 29th. While we hold the dance primarily for fun and to build community at Homma, we also raised about \$1,900. (We are waiting for the last one or two requests for expense reimbursements to trickle in, before we can confirm the final amount.) This money would help us cover about ¼ of the</p>	Miranda Duffy

unforeseen A/V equipment inventory refresh request we received from the school administration in September.

### **Fundraising / Upcoming Events**

Our Hot Lunch Program continues. We offer four Hot Lunch Fridays in November, and two in December, which will close out Term One. We continue to offer cash-based concession sales of Hot Lunch as an option for families.

Thank you to Jodie/Jeff for Hot Lunch program for running Hot Lunch.

To mark the holiday season, we are once again holding fundraisers through Purdy's Chocolates, and through Growing Smiles (poinsettia plants and other winter greenery). Last year these two fundraisers combined generated over \$1,400 in very welcome and appreciated support for our school. If parents have been intending to place an order, it's not too late: The deadline for both is November 22nd at 8 pm. Link to the Purdy's fundraiser:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1769635-119085>

Link to the Growing Smiles fundraiser:

<https://tomekichihomma.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

James Chue has volunteered to plan our Pub Night fundraiser again. Thank you, James! This year's event takes place on November 22nd at Good Co. Steveston from 8 pm.

Questions:

Ginny also asked about status of Gaga ball funding? Miranda gave background about gaga ball court. Gaga ball court was requested by Grade 6/7 kids last year.

Miranda asked: Is the gaga ball court a permanent fixture? If so, who maintains it etc. Investigating whether PAC would pay for it through gaming funds or operational funds?

Miranda asking for formal proposal of the gaga court from admin.

Mark: Asking to table this discussion and asks Miranda to have a discussion with admin directly and report back at the next PAC meeting as Mark installed a gaga ball court at the last school he was at and is able to answer many of the questions.

Jen asked if ~\$1900 earned from Halloween dance has been assigned yet? Miranda answered that this money has not been

	assigned yet. We have ~\$1,500 ear marked for Gaga ball court in budget.	
7:20 - 7:50 pm	<p><b>Planning and Participation Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Halloween Dance Review</li> </ul> <p>Jarrood: There were many parent volunteers which is amazing. The front entrance was a choke point. Clean-up was easy as lots of parents helped.</p> <p>Mark: Families had a lot of fun. Lots of positive feedback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pub Night (Nov 22)</li> </ul> <p>Thanks to James for planning pub night! Happening Friday Nov 22 at 8pm at Good Co.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upcoming fundraisers - Poinsettias / Purdy's</li> </ul> <p>Reminder order deadline Friday Nov 22 at 8pm</p>	All
7:50 - 8:00 pm	<p><b>Other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jen asked parents to step forward if they want to run fundraisers or have ideas for events and want to run them to please email <a href="mailto:contacthommapiac@gmail.com">contacthommapiac@gmail.com</a></li> <li>Question from Jodie: Is Bingo was happening in Feb? Jarrood answered that PAC hopes it will run in February, but we still need to sort out the details.</li> <li>Question from Jen: Does admin need funding for the Grab and Go fridge? Who currently funds it? Mark answered that it is funded by the government and they are ok for funding. Ginny said there were some growing pains of when it is appropriate for kids to take food from it, staff try to emphasize need vs wants and the traffic light system is working. Staff are working hard to not stigmatize the use of the fridge.</li> <li>Question from Heather: Is food being wasted from the grab and go fridge? Ginny answered: hard boiled eggs were not very popular, fruit and granola bars are popular. We don't see a lot of food being wasted. Heather asked how often it is restocked? Admin answers it is restocked every few weeks. Heather voiced concerns about kids who are consistently not bringing lunch and admin reports that classroom teachers are communicating if kids have a need and Ginny said that there are always sandwiches and fruit for kids who forget lunch.</li> <li>Question from Heather: Are kids expected to go outside all winter? Admin answered: Kids are expected to go outside and dress for the weather. Heather asked if there is a structure where kids can go to be protected from the</li> </ul>	All

	<p>elements in the winter? Answer: Homma has the gazebo and kids can go there for recess/lunch.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn the meeting: Heather approved and Jodie seconded.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 7:26pm</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:** January TBD