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Homma PAC Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

6:30 pm – 7:10 pm. Held Virtually.

In Attendance (15): Mark David (Admin); Jarrod Connolly; Corrine Haer; Jen Tham; Penny Lego; Jodie Weiler; Maryam S; Kate Chan; Stephanie; Tina; Yoga; Edmund Tang; Heather Hong; Eric Marriott; Annelisa; Genieve

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
6:30 - 6:45 pm	PAC Chair Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome / Land AcknowledgementApproval of minutes from [Last Meeting] <p>Motion from Corrine to approve. Seconded by Jodie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review of agendaApproval of agenda <p>Motion from Corrine, seconded by Jodie</p>	Jarrod Connolly
6:45 - 7:00 pm	Homma School Admin Update (black) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minoru Winter Wonderland Skate (Mark) <p>We hosted a fantastic Winter Wonderland skate at Minoru Arenas. Thank you to the PAC for offering a hot chocolate and Timbit fundraiser, and thank you to Ms. Chan for helping that night!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Drop off & Pickup process (parking lot chain) (Mark) <p>The parking lot will be chained up starting at 2:10 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 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">School Basketball <p>We will be having three teams this year – a Girls, Boys and Open Team. Students are welcome to join up to two teams and we have healthy lists for all three of the teams. Permission forms and waivers are starting to come in and we have started practices this week. Scheduling for games was earlier today and practices and games will</p>	Mark David Regrets Ginny

	<p>be communicated with each team shortly. We thank all the staff that has offered to help!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Updates – February 18 and 19 <p>There will be early dismissals on February 18 and 19 for Learning Updates. Teachers will be sending out their availability early February.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Classroom Equipment <p>The classrooms have received their outside equipment. Thank you to Mrs. Estrada and Mrs. Buchsbaum for ordering, organizing and delivering the equipment to the classrooms. Thank you again to the PAC for providing the funds to provide this for our students!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AV update <p>The installation continues for the AV purchases recently made by the generous donations of the PAC.</p> <p>4 out of 5 classes AV equipment have been installed already. This was approved in September’s meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sock drive and Brrrr Day <p>Sock drive Jan 28-31. Brrrr day Jan 30, Dropping temp 2 degrees for 1 day at Homma.</p> <p><u>Questions:</u> Jarrod observed parents undoing the chain and going in the exit way and parking in the mini parking lot. Is this allowed? Mark answered “no”. Asking parents to call the office and Mark/Ginny can deal with it to avoid any uncomfortable interactions.</p>	
7:00 - 7:20 pm	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>We finally managed to reconnect with the McMath Secondary School Administration with regards to the matter of the Grade 12 graduation scholarships that Homma sponsors. In November I delivered two cheques to McMath in the budgeted amounts of \$750, for 2023, and \$1,000, for 2024, respectively. In the spring, which had historically been our usual scholarship funding season, we will deliver the \$1,000 for the 2025 Homma Scholarships we budgeted for in June 2024. With this spring payment, we will once more be current on our scholarship funding commitments to McMath.</p> <p>Out of our Operating account, we have paid Homma the \$5,000 we committed to refreshing our iPads, and the \$8,000 for the A/V equipment inventory refresh. We have also delivered \$2,500 in Gaming funding, to</p>	Corrine Haer filling in for Miranda Duffy (regrets)

purchase extracurricular sports equipment, including basketballs, soccer balls, volleyballs, playground balls, skipping ropes, and frisbees.

November & December Fundraisers

On November 22nd, we held our Pub Night Fundraiser. More than 35 Homma parents and families gathered to socialize and enjoy some neighbourhood hospitality at Good Co. Steveston, raising \$453.40 in the process. Thanks again to James Chue, who volunteered to coordinate this event!

November saw us hold two additional fundraisers. Our Poinsettias fundraiser through DeVry Greenhouses raised \$437.03, and our Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser raised \$958.26. Thanks to Corrine Haer for leading the Poinsettias fundraiser, and to Bobby Rangari, Mindy Zhang, and Madeleine Wareing for helping with distribution. Thanks to Georgina Lau for coordinating the Purdy's Chocolates.

In December, Homma Admin arranged for the school's participation in the Winter Wonderland Skating Event at Minoru Arenas. The PAC sold cups of hot chocolate with three Timbits for \$5, which raised \$228.09 after costs. Thanks to Jennifer Tham for leading this opportunity; Matt Wong, who worked with Tim Hortons for the supplies, picked them up, and returned the hot chocolate carafes; and to Linnet Frank, Kelsey Schaeffers, Carolle Bruce, and Mag Villarica for selling the treats to hungry Homma skaters.

These four events collectively generated a total of \$2076.78 in revenue to put towards our PAC-supported events and initiatives. To give a sense of how helpful this fundraising is, \$2000 is about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the cost of the A/V equipment refresh spending we added to this year's budget in September.

Upcoming Events

Hot Lunch ordering for Terms Two and Three is open on the Hot Lunch website. We offer four Hot Lunch dates in Term Two, and nine in Term Three. We continue to offer a limited number of Hot Lunch servings available as cash-based concession sales as an option for families. Thanks to Jeff Anthony and Jodie Weiler, our Homma Hot Lunch Coordinators, for their ongoing volunteer work in support of this much appreciated program!

Thursday, February 27th will be Homma Bingo Night. Tickets will be free of charge for this social event. However, due to space capacity limitations in the gym, tickets must be booked ahead of time. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Thanks in advance to Linnet Frank and Maryam Shahnaz, who have volunteered to coordinate the event, and to Jennifer Kilian and Rahul Coelho, among others, who have stepped forward to set up, call numbers, sell concession snacks, and clean up on the night! We could not hold these events without your in-person support.

[Questions:](#)

	None	
7:20 - 7:50 pm	<p>Planning and Participation Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo Feb 27 Run by Maryam and Linnet – Thank you. • April 4 pub night by Madeleine/Yalda <p>Hoping to do a 50/50 and looking into a gaming license for this to get more people out to this event. Admin requesting email regarding the dates for approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring hanging basket fundraiser <p>We are looking for a lead volunteer to coordinate this. Simple website ordering, plants get delivered directly to the school in time for Mother’s Day. This is a simple fundraiser that requires minimal effort.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derby/Fair/Summer kickoff event June 6 <p>Jen is asking for volunteers to come forward with fresh ideas and to help lead small sections of this large event, for example; concession lead; volunteer lead; games lead; fundraising lead to help run the Derby/Fair as it is our largest event of the year and is much more manageable if people can take smaller chunks of it.</p> <p>Grace Carveth has kindly offered to help apply for the \$2000 Celebration grant from the City of Richmond and is working on the application now.</p> <p>Mark asked PAC executive to touch base with him as this will be his first Derby and wants to discuss before planning gets going. Jen and Jarrod committed to this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Photoshoot Fundraiser <p>We are asking for a lead volunteer for this very easy fundraiser and act as a liaison between the school and photographer. This fundraiser is 100% online (booking session slots and payment) and the school gets an easy \$500 donation. In the past photoshoots have occurred at Gary Point Park, people book a nominal Sitting fee of \$20-\$30 for 1 guaranteed photo and the option to purchase more from the photographer if they choose.</p> <p>Any interested volunteers can text PAC Executive on the WhatsApp Chat, or email contacthommamac@gmail.com</p>	All
7:50 - 8:00 pm	<p>Other business</p> <p>Motion to adjourn from Corrine and seconded by Jodie.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 7:10pm</p>	All

Homma PAC Executive:

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

Next Homma PAC Meeting: February 19 virtual