

DRAFT MINUTES



Homma PAC Meeting

Thursday, April 24th

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

The Virtual Meeting link will be emailed to parents and reminders to join will be sent via FB and Whatsapp Chat.

Participants (13): Mark David (Admin); Ginny Lee (Admin); Jarrod Connolly; Beth Volpov; Niki Boileau; Miranda Duffy; Corrine Haer; Maryam Shahnaz; Jennifer Tham; Jodie Weiler; Mindy Lam; Heather Hong; Linnet Frank; Penny Leggo; Emily; Rahul

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>Beth approved; Corrine seconded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review of the agendaApproval of the agenda <p>Jen approved; Beth seconded</p>	Jarrod Connolly
6:45 - 7:00 pm	Homma School Admin Team <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monthly updates from the Admin Team (black font supplied by admin team, blue font added minutes). <p>Basketball Season (David)</p> <p>– We had a wonderful season and ended off participating in two tournaments with our grade 7s. We’d like to thank all the coaches that volunteered their time and efforts to making this a memorable season for all our students: Ms. Blue, Mrs. Kishi, Mr. Wolber, Mr. Yoo, Mr. Wood, Mr. Hall, and Ms. Chan. We were so lucky to have enough coaches to work with all three of our teams – Boys, Girls and the Open Team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">One Woman Circus (Lee) <p>– The feedback we received from both staff and students was positive. As mentioned previously, we were Sand’s final school as she completed her last residency at Homma. She generously donated a bunch of her materials (peacock feathers, flower sticks, spinning plates, etc.) to Homma which we hope to place in our Gym equipment room. Some of these skills plan to be showcased later this year...keep your eyes out! J</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome to New Staff! (Lee) <p>– Welcome to Mme Emma Zaozerskaia – working with Mme Courtemanche (grade 2/3 EFI), and our two Teacher Candidates: Sarah Rubia and Liz Kibblewhite – working with M. Autio and Mme Joinville.</p>	Mark David Ginny Lee

- PAC Rentals (David)

– Moving forward to next year, there will be a cost for the extra custodian needed as well as tables, etc., for evening events, such as Bingo night, Pinewood Derby, etc.)

Jarrold asked if the table rental costs are being implemented district wide and asked if this is new. Mark confirmed that Homma is not being singled out and it is being implemented district wide starting Sep. Jarrold brought up that Bingo night will be in jeopardy as we can't charge for this as it is against gaming rules and underage gambling rules.

Mark: Charging for tables and delivery was already implemented and we had to talk them out of it for the Derby this year.

Jen: Wanted to highlight to the PAC and all parents that events like bingo (when we ordered 46 tables) will not be able to happen with our current break even funding model if we are being charged \$8/table plus \$100 delivery fee. This would have been ~\$470 this year for table rentals alone.

Mindy asked in chat if parents can donate to PAC/the school directly?

Miranda: Brought up that if people donate, she is not sure if we cannot write or issue Tax Receipts. Jarrold confirmed that we cannot issue tax receipts. Jen said that she asked a tax lawyer and said that registering as a charity/society is a LOT of work, very expensive and not worth our time for the small amount of donations we would likely receive. However, the hot lunch website is able to accept donations, once Jodie/Jeff make it live on the HL website, but tax receipts WILL NOT be issued. Ginny asked Jodie if it could be made clear on the HL website in this section of donations and Jodie said it could.

April events

- Concours d'Art Oratoire (David)

– Many students from our French classes participated in the District French Oral Speaking competition which took place at McRoberts this year. Félicitations to those students who won their categories as well as those students who participated!

- Science Behind (Lee)

– Division 2 had their Science Behind Showcase on April 10 in the gym. Congratulations to Division 2 on a job well done! We learned so much by asking questions about your projects, and you demonstrated an exceptional understanding of your scientific topics of choice!

- Band Concert (Lee)

– A huge thank you to Ms. Du for organizing and helping the grade 5,6 and 7 band classes perform for their families on April 16! We had a great turnout for the band showcase – a perfect dress rehearsal for the upcoming Gateway Theatre concert on April 29! Well done to our band classes! They sounded fantastic!

- Run Club (Lee)

– Run Club is back up with the help of Ms. Blue, our two UBC Teacher Candidates, Mme Rubia and Mme Kibblewhite, and a former Homma student, Colin Chan! Run Club takes place on Tuesday mornings at 7:55 am. We welcome any parents who want to run along with their students! Please make sure that you have signed a yellow permission form if your child wants to participate – extra forms can be found at the office.

- Elections (Lee/David)

– Homma will be hosting elections on Monday, April 28. Please try to carpool, walk to school, ride your bike to school, to ensure that you are able to make it to school on time!

- Written Updates (David)

– Written updates will be published on Tuesday April 29th online on your MyEd accounts. Questions to teachers following...

- Track Attack (Lee)

– Leading up to our upcoming Zone Track meet on May 21st, grade 4 to 7 students will be participating in Track Attack, which is multiple days of track activity rotations. Thank you to Mme Smith and M. Redding for being our Homma Track Representatives and organizing the Track Attack and Track Meet activities! There are approximately 300 students that will be participating, so this is no small feat! J

May events

- Canadian Parents for French Grant - Immersart (Lee)

– The grade 6 and 7 EFI classes are the successful recipients of another CPF grant for a French interactive workshop that will be taking place on May 2. In the afternoon, all EFI classes are invited to attend a French interactive story telling performance. Thank you to the CPF for providing so many French grants to Homma this year!

- Welcome to Kindergarten (Lee)

– Homma will be hosting the Welcome to Kindergarten event on May 14. We hope that the PAC will join us to welcome next year's K parents and encourage them to join the wonderful PAC! [Jarrod will attend and speak on behalf of PAC.](#)

- Track Meet (Lee)

– Homma’s Zone Track Meet will be taking place on May 21, as mentioned earlier. More information to come – it will be communicated via the WAAG and other necessary channels, likely some newsletters. We look forward to taking all of our grade 4 to 7 students!

- Class Photos (Lee)

– The class photos and panorama are currently scheduled to be taking place on May 23.

- Wizard of Oz (Lee)

– Mme Veilleux, along with the support of multiple staff members, is spearheading a Wizard of Oz performance which will take place the first week of June – two performances! Stay tuned!

Some ideas moving forward:

- One To One – A Children’s Literacy Program (Cat Chappell)

– A parent would like to initiate this Children’s Literacy Program which would be a volunteer program where you would read with students weekly. Please see the link for more information: <https://one-to-one.ca/>

2 hours worth of time commitment a week to read with the kids. Would love to do this for September. She is looking for volunteers.

- Saleema Noon

– Staff were wondering if this is a consideration for next year? We have had her come and work with students, typically every other year, but we didn’t have it last year. <https://www.saleemanoon.com/>

- Update on Gaga Ball Court (David)

– We will need to choose the location of the Gaga Ball Court in consultation with the District. The wheels are in motion; the order/information has been received. This court shouldn’t be more than \$3,000 for one court.

Mark and Miranda: Request for gaga ball court from students. Mark awaiting for quote for lumber cost and discussion with works yard to find a spot for this. Gaga ball must be on blacktop space, can’t be on grass. Wheels in motion and purchase in the queue for this after discussion with works department. Hardware is from USA. Mark estimation ballpark \$~3000. Miranda says we have budget to do this out of Gaming Funds. Realistic goal for installation is Fall 2025.

	<p>Miranda: Requested Penny to type in the chat or unmute herself if she had additional questions as the original question/email came from Penny regarding following up on the gaga court and the status of it.</p> <p>Miranda: If people have additional questions about the gaga court, please reach out.</p> <p>Jodie: Asked about Grad events and if admin has dates and an idea of times (school hours vs evening). Mark answered that all graduation events will be taking place during the day and admin/teaching staff are still working out dates etc, but to stay tuned.</p>	
7:00 - 7:20 pm	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget update. Black font is from Miranda. Blue font indicated additional minutes. <p>We held our Homma Family Bingo Night on February 27th. This annual event is intended to build and strengthen our Homma community, so fundraising is not the main goal. Nevertheless, we raised just over \$280 from sales of snacks, drinks, and pre-ordered pizza. Thanks to Rahul Coelho and Jen Killian as well as Maryam Shanaz and Linnet Frank.</p> <p>Building on the One-Woman Circus Workshop led by Sand Northrup in March, we held a circus workshop fundraiser, offering circus supplies to be enjoyed at home. We also seized the opportunity for an additional, last-minute fundraiser around the sale of 50 peacock feathers from the Circus Workshop itself, which alone netted us about \$200, bringing our total fundraising from all circus workshop-related items to about \$685.</p> <p>We held two more fundraisers this spring: our traditional hanging baskets fundraiser, and a new initiative: Emergency Preparedness Kits. Based on the response, interest in hanging baskets seems to be waning. We generated about \$205 from this fundraiser this year; less than half of the \$500 we had hoped to raise. By contrast, Emergency Preparedness Kits will net us \$556 in revenue.</p> <p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>We have begun drafting the Homma PAC budget for the 2025-26 school year. The budget is to be voted on and approved at our May PAC meeting, which is our AGM.</p> <p>We may need to drop hanging baskets as a fundraiser for next year. Mindy provided feedback for hanging baskets that pick up time is limiting. Jarrod answered that it is limited by volunteer availability. Encouraging people have friends, neighbours etc. to pick up if they cannot.</p> <p>Corrine: Few extra hanging baskets for sale the day of pick up as we have to order a flat of things and that cuts into PAC profit margins as well.</p> <p>We plan to hold four Freezie Fridays: two in late May, and two in late June.</p>	Miranda Duffy

	<p>The Pinewood Derby is the star attraction of our upcoming Homma Celebration on Friday, June 6th.</p> <p>Maryam asked how much money PAC has now: Miranda answered and is happy to discuss with any parents, but we don't post this information publicly.</p> <p>Beth asked if kids can pick up fundraising items in chat box. Corrine answered: Kids can pick up on behalf of parents, but be mindful of size of events like hanging baskets which may be difficult for K-5 to carry and chocolates may be eaten! Just to keep this in mind.</p> <p>Miranda has motion to increase budget for Grade 7 year book and Fun Day snack as these numbers were from 2018 and inflation has gone up 18%. Motion to increase increase to \$200 from \$150 and second motion to increase Fun Day from \$400 to \$500.</p> <p>Jodie asking if the goal is to reduce the cost to families for the year book? Not sure that \$50 will make a difference. Ginny: \$150 has gone towards students/families that can't afford it, not to make it cheaper for all grade 7's. Ginny states that \$200 is likely to just cover all yearbooks for low income families. We will defer the motion once Ginny has the final numbers for this year and final costs.</p> <p>Miranda: Last year \$600 spent on Fun Day snacks (budget was set at \$400). Jodie asked if we should increase budget to \$600 if that was spent last year? Ginny commented that there were a lot of waste last year. Suggested just granola bars and cutie oranges. We got the feedback from the kids too that this is their preferred snack. Motion to increase Fun Day budget from \$400 to \$500. Motion to move Miranda. Jodie seconded this motion. Motion is carried with majority vote.</p>	
7:20 - 7:50 pm	<p>Planning and Participation Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff appreciation lunch (Camille/Jenny) <p>Jarrold: Camille and Jenny are keen to volunteer to organize this again this year. Thanks Camille and Jenny.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaga ball court update. Discussed in admin section • Circus Workshop items update. Discussed in admin section • Hanging basket update. Discussed in treasurer update • Emergency kit update. Discussed in treasurer update • Homma Community Celebration/Derby update <p>Jen: Update on Community Celebration update. Face painter/tattoo artist booked; likely caricaturist; many games and activities will be available.</p> <p>Maryam asked how many car kits sold: Jen answered 128.</p> <p>Jen highlighted the fact we couldn't secure a fundraising lead for the community Celebration/Derby which has traditionally been a large fundraiser for the school. 2 years ago we had a silent auction; last year we had raffle baskets but since no fundraising lead was secured, fundraising at the Community Celebration event will be limited and PAC will pivot to hold</p>	All

	<p>4 Freezy Fridays to try to make up lost revenue. Asking for parents to help in any capacity to volunteer for Freezy Fridays as well as many volunteer shifts that will be posted for the Homma Community Celebration/Pinewood derby night on June 6.</p> <p>Maryam: Asking about 2nd parent pub night. People organizing event had issues securing venue and this is no longer happening as they have not reached out that anything has been booked.</p> <p>Corrine: Before any event we need 6 weeks lead time for hot lunch processing, tickets to be sold and to let the venue know the numbers/orders etc. Therefore a 2nd parent pub night will not be happening until next school year as the end of year is packed.</p>	
7:50 - 8:00 pm	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDPA Election <p>Jarrold: Encouraged people to apply for this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC executive roles <p>Jarrold: Reminding people we are voting for PAC executive roles at our next meeting (AGM).</p> <p>Miranda: Mentioned that officially all PAC execs will resign at the next meeting and await to be voted in.</p> <p>Corrine: Announced she is stepping down from her position of Vice Chair. Jen also announced her intent to step down from secretary role as been in role much longer than 2 years (as recommended in bylaws).</p> <p>Other:</p> <p>Ginny: Recommend people carpool/walk to school on April 28 as it is election day and Homma is a voting location. Gym access through the foyer only. Jodie asked: How is the security going to be for the public going into the school? Mark answered that they will have enough staff from elections Canada to monitor and make sure public is going straight to the gym and not anywhere else.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC will start planning for next year <p>Maryam wants to try to hold 2 parent pub nights next year.</p> <p>Jodie asked: if we can join virtually as next meeting held in library IN PERSON and Jarrold answered that we will try our best although we may not have the ideal technology set up.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn meeting from Jodie – seconded by Heather. Meeting ended at 7:56pm</p>	All

Homma PAC Executive:

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

Next Homma PAC Meeting:

The next meeting, on *Wednesday, May 21st*, will be the *Annual General Meeting IN PERSON*. Ask about childminding services.

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