

# Final Minutes



## Homma PAC Meeting

**Thursday June 19 2025**

**6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

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

Participants (all virtual): Maryam Shahnaz, Mark David (admin), Ginny Lee (admin), Eric Marriott, Oliver Heel, Jodie, Yoga Murugesan, Nancy Fu, Beth Volpov, Jennifer Tham, Linnet Frank, Joanne Belda, Peggy Leggo, Rahul Coelho, Melanie Wilk, Carla Day, Corrine Haer, Mindy Lam, Cat, Madeleine Wareing

Regrets: Miranda Duffy

Meeting started: 6:30pm

Meeting ended: 7:33pm

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
6:30 - 6:45 pm	<b>PAC Chair Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome / Land Acknowledgement</li><li>• Approval of minutes from the AGM (May 21 2025) <i>Motion to approve: Mark, Second: Jodie</i></li><li>• Review of the agenda</li><li>• Approval of the agenda <i>Motion to approve: Eric, Second: Beth</i></li></ul>	Maryam Shahnaz
6:45 - 7:00 pm	<b>Homma School Admin Team</b> <b>June events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Wizard of Oz</b> (Lee)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Mme Veilleux, along with the support of multiple staff members spearheaded a wonderful Wizard of Oz performance. Please see message attached, “The Magic Behind The Curtain.”</li></ul></li></ul>	Mark David Ginny Lee

# THE MAGIC BEHIND THE CURTAIN

THANK YOU TO ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION OF HOMMA'S WIZARD OF OZ!

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL STAFF WHO WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND BEHIND THE SCENES TO BRING OUR PRODUCTION TO LIFE: MS. BLUE, MS. CHAN, MR. WOLBER, MME MILOT, MLE KIBBLEWHITE, MLE RUBIA, MS. L. SMITH & M. AUTIO!

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO MME VEILLEUX FOR HER INCREDIBLE VISION, CREATIVITY, AND LEADERSHIP IN BRINGING THE WIZARD OF OZ TO LIFE AT OUR SCHOOL. HER UNWAVERING DEDICATION AND POSITIVITY BROUGHT TOGETHER EVERY STUDENT IN A JOYFUL AND INCLUSIVE PRODUCTION WHERE ALL HAD A CHANCE TO SHINE. IT WAS A POWERFUL EXAMPLE OF WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN PASSION, TEAMWORK, AND BELIEF IN OUR STUDENTS COME TOGETHER. THANK YOU, MME VEILLEUX, FOR CREATING AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE THAT INSPIRED CONFIDENCE, CONNECTION, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT IN ALL OF US!



- **Sports Day with a Wizard of Oz theme and Parent Appreciation (Lee)**  
– A staff team led by Ms. Blue organized a fun Sports Day on June 13. That morning, coffee and muffins were provided to thank all the parents that have helped out at the school, whether it be with PAC events, field trip driving, reading with students, grade 7 activities, etc.



- **Spirit Week (Lee)**

- We are in the midst of Spirit week this week!



- **Staff Appreciation Luncheon (David)**

- The Homma Staff would like to express their gratitude for the amazing luncheon prepared by Homma Parents today. It was an amazing spread – so many options and enough food to feed at least 100 people! Thank you so much to all who helped organize, decorate, serve, and greet our staff.

- **National Indigenous Peoples' Day (David)**

- On Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, we recognize National Indigenous Peoples' Day. -National Indigenous Peoples Day takes place on the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. For generations, many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities have celebrated their cultures, languages, and traditions at this time of year. The summer solstice holds deep spiritual and cultural significance for many Indigenous Peoples, marking a time of renewal, connection, and celebration.

## National Indigenous Peoples Day



June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. It's a time to recognize and celebrate the traditions, cultures, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

### • **Grade 7 Activities** (David)

- We have communicated the grade 7 activities to all grade 7 families in the WAAG. They all take place the last week of school.
  - June 23 – Grade 7 Assembly Rehearsal
  - June 24 – Grade 7 Farewell Assembly
  - June 25 – Grade 7 Pizza Lunch and Yearbook signing
- We would like to recognize the grade 7 parents that assisted the Parent Yearbook lead Karen Tyler with the creation of this year's yearbook (Andrea Mori, Penny Leggo, and Lilian Tam).

### • **Leadership Recognition Pizza Celebration** (David)

- We will be hosting the Leadership Recognition Pizza Celebration for all grade 5, 6 and 7s to show gratitude for all their hard work taking on leadership roles in the school, such as lunch monitors, recess monitors, office monitors, morning announcers, Student Council, etc. Thank you to the PAC for financially supporting this initiative of our leadership students supporting our youngest students throughout the year!

### • **Final Schoolwide Assembly** (David)

- On June 26, we will have a final school assembly for the 2024/2025 school year. We will bid our grade 7s farewell with a school circle, where the students will line the hallways and high five all the grade 7s! This assembly will only be with staff and students.

### • **Final Summary of Learning** (David)

- We will be publishing our final summaries of learning on MyEd next Thursday, June 28. Reports from Learning Resource Teachers, ELL Teachers and our Speech and Language Pathologist will be sent home in paper format next week. Core competency work will be sent home in paper format or other online formats, as acknowledged in the Teacher Overall Comment section.

### • **Farewell and Thank You to Our Departing Staff** (David)

As we approach the end of the school year, we would like to take a moment to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the teachers and staff who will be leaving our school community. We wish Mr. Hall, Mme Domai, Ms. Tsai, Mrs. Karaca, Mme Zaozerskaia, and Mr. Gilles all the best!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Check-in on status of the items below/Updates:</b></li> <li>• <b>Saleema Noon</b> (Lee) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– We hope to keep this on the radar for PAC support this coming year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Hip Hop Dance Fine Arts Programming</b> (Lee) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Staff has chosen hip hop lessons for their students' Fine Arts Programming for the 2025/2026 school year. We have confirmed in December. December 3 to 12 (the number of days is still needing to be adjusted to reflect the number of lessons we will need.)</li> <li>– We are still looking for a possible school venue to have a performance for parents.</li> </ul> <p>Gym of McMath most likely not available. Rotunda is a possibility. Also exploring another high school as an alternative</p> </li> </ul>	
7:00 - 7:20 pm	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget update/financial report</li> </ul> <p><b>May into June, 2025:</b></p> <p>Please accept my regrets for my absence tonight.</p> <p>Since last we met, the Homma PAC held two Freezie Fridays on the last two Fridays in May, under the leadership of Tina Oye, and Cat Chappell, respectively. Together these two events raised \$756 for our PAC. Thank you to both Cat and Tina for stepping forward to lead these very successful events! We have two more Freezie Fridays scheduled: Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, led by Andrea Cardoso, and Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, led by Maryam Shahnaz. Corrine Haer also identified a late-breaking opportunity for us to raise some money through an Emergency Preparedness Kits Fundraiser. As a result of her initiative, we were able to add another \$450 to our fundraising results this year. Thank you, Corrine, for your initiative in coming to the PAC with this proposal, and for leading this fundraiser through to completion! We appreciate your work on our behalf.</p> <p>June 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> were our final two Hot Lunch days for this school year. I am pleased to report that our Hot Lunch program this year has generated over \$9500 so far, not including any Hot Lunch concession sales from June 13<sup>th</sup>. Over the course of the year, this is almost 36% more than we had budgeted to fundraise from Hot Lunch. Jodie Weiler, Jeff Anthony and their team of Hot Lunch volunteers are entirely to thank for the success of this program, and for the hours they put in to carefully selecting a variety of suppliers capable of meeting the needs of our school. Thank you!</p> <p>On June 6<sup>th</sup> we held the Homma Derby Celebration Event, led by the indefatigable Jen Tham. I'm sure all are very interested to know how the Homma Derby did, financially. 😊</p> <p>Cheques are still clearing, both on the inflow and the outflow sides of things. However, when all the bills are paid, it looks as though we will have raised a little less than \$7,500 from the Homma Derby. This amount is almost twice as much as we raised from the Derby last year.</p> <p>As with last year, this year we had hoped to raise \$5,000. Not only did we accomplish that, we beat our goal by 50%.</p> <p>Between the Derby's \$2,500 surplus, and the \$2,500 surplus from Hot Lunch this year, we have closed \$5,000 of the \$13,000 gap between the</p>	Maryam Shahnaz, on behalf of Miranda Duffy

	<p>amount of our estimated cushion for next year (\$17,000) and our recommended cushion amount (\$30,000). This is all good news. We can't thank Jen Tham enough for making the Homma Derby happen. Without her deciding to step forward and lead this event, the Derby might very well not have happened at all. THANK YOU, JEN!</p> <p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <p>Two more Freezie Fridays: tomorrow, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. I am also in the process of applying for our Gaming grant for next year. This is the approximately \$10,000 that the school receives from the BC Government to help us fund extra-curricular activities for the kids, as outlined in the 2025-26 budget we approved at our May AGM.</p>	
7:20 - 7:50 pm	<p><b>New PAC exec</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outgoing exec and new exec members</li> </ul> <p>Thank you to all outgoing execs, Corrine Haer, Jen Tham and Jarrod Connolly for their exceptional efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Processes and procedures for fundraisers</li> <li>- New initiatives are very welcome. Please submit a written summary to PAC exec for review and obtaining Admin approval</li> <li>- All events need approval from Admin (obtained through PAC executives)</li> <li>- All spendings need written approval (e.g. through email) from PAC Exec for budget</li> <li>- Certain services, e.g. table rentals incur cost</li> <li>- Scheduling of events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As much as possible: ideas for events should be submitted by September to allow comprehensive planning for the year</li> <li>○ Consideration and timing of events depends on complexity of events and time of the year (how many other events are at the same time, financial strain for families)</li> <li>○ Ideas for initiatives for the hot lunch program should be submitted at least 5 weeks in advance to allow for approvals, planning, communication and purchase of tickets.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Selling snacks and drinks at community events/hot lunch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Juice is not sold through hot lunch due to healthy lunch guideline concerns, as well as garbage management</li> <li>○ Due to mice in the PAC kitchen, excess foods or drinks can't be kept in the PAC kitchen.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Proposal to use Lavash as venue for pub nights. Lavash offers to manage ticket sales through their web-site and to sell tickets for other guests as a fund-raiser to the PAC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Admin and PAC exec will consult with school board and Miranda to get guidance on having 3<sup>rd</sup> parties process payments and what experience already exists.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	All
7:50 - 8:00 pm	<b>Planning and Participation Discussion</b>	All

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Debrief and update about Derby profit Derby profit is included in financial update</li> <li>● Quick updates or debrief on any previous fundraisers/events from the year No updates/debrief</li> <li>● Fundraising ideas for the next year: Parents Pub Night, Winter Craft Fair, Family Holiday Movie Night, Gingerbread House Contest, Homma Merchandise, Poker Night</li> <li>- General rules like approval process and notice time: see above in section "Planning and Participation Discussion"</li> <li>- Movie night will involve licensing questions to be clarified. Movie nights may best suited community building, but do not yield significant fundraising</li> <li>- PAC Exec to establish a separate communication channel to discuss fundraising ideas</li> <li>- Halloween Dance, preliminary planning has started.</li> <li>- December is very busy and probably difficult to do (m)any events</li> <li>- Homma Merchandise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To get bulk discounts, orders need to be consolidated and submitted at one time.</li> <li>○ Without bulk discount, there won't be a profit for the PAC/school</li> <li>○ Suggestion is to do a spirit wear order in October to include new parents but also to keep a "distance" to the student fees that are due in September</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Next year's PAC meeting dates: will be aligned with admin and then communicated.</li> <li>- RDPAC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Attended Parent appreciation dinner</li> <li>○ All trustees, superintendent were present.</li> <li>○ Group discussions on certain topics</li> <li>○ Good networking between PACs</li> <li>○ Consider adding RDPA as a standing item to the agenda.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Suggestion to remind students to mention PAC to their parents. Also any time admin speaks to parents: mention PAC</li> </ul>	<p>Melanie Wilks</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Regan won international garden photo award of Homma garden!</li> <li>- Reminder: parents to sign up for garden volunteering. 2 weeks are still open.</li> </ul> <p>Motion to Adjourn: Eric, Second: Melanie. All in favor</p>	
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**Homma PAC Executive:**

- Maryam Shahnaz, Chair
- Eric Marriott, Vice-Chair
- Miranda Duffy, Treasurer
- Oliver Heel, Secretary
- Joanne Belda & Madeleine Wareing, Fundraising Coordinators
- Beth Volpov, Parent Education Coordinator
- Melanie Wilks, RDPAC Representative

**Next Homma PAC Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held in September 2025.