

Minutes Draft



Homma PAC Meeting

Wednesday October 15, 2025

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Virtual

Please send agenda items or questions to contacthommapac@gmail.com

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
6:30pm – 6:35pm	PAC Chair Welcome <i>call to order Maryam Shinaz</i> - Land Acknowledgement - Approval of previous meeting minutes (Sept 2025) <i>Maryam - call for approval of previous meetings</i> <i>-first Joanne Belda</i> <i>-seconded Linnet Frank</i> - Review of the agenda - Approval of the agenda <i>first Joanne Belda</i> <i>second Raul Coelho</i>	Maryam Shahnaz
6:35pm - 6:50pm	Homma School Admin Team Volleyball 6/7 – it's in full swing. Games scheduled with family of schools and will continue until mid-November. The schedule has been posted on the WAAG. Student Photo Day - Oct. 20 (retakes on Nov. 12) Early Dismissal-Oct. 23 (PLEASE NOTE 11:50am dismissal). Only 1 day Pro-D Day – Oct. 24 It's a Provincial wide Pro-D for staff. Many different workshops and opportunities for staff across the province. School is closed. FSAs – The month of October continuing to write them in class Safer Space: Children of the Street presentations – https://www.childrenofthestreet.com/youth/ workshops provide young people with the information and practical tools they need to learn how to keep safe from sexual exploitation. Children of the Street is dedicated to preventing the sexual exploitation and human trafficking of children and youth in BC. Goal through education strategies, public awareness initiatives, and family support. Remembrance Day Assembly - Nov. 10 (Ginny) The assembly will be taking place after recess on November 10. At the moment, we have several classes who will be presenting,	Mark David Ginny Lee

	singing, reading Flanders Fields, etc. Due to gym capacity, we will only be able to accommodate students and staff. • Hip Hop Jess Dance Programming – December 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15 & 16 (Ginny). Lessons will be in a Day 1/Day 2 rotation (English classes on one day and French classes on the other day – there are 2 different instructors and only one speaks French). On December 15 and 16, it will be the dress rehearsals and afternoon performance. The English group’s dress rehearsal and performance on one day and the French group’s dress rehearsal and performance on the other day. Budget items/questions: 1. Can we see about increasing the Garden budget – sharing Sarah Regan’s budget (Ginny) Yearly basic upkeep is about \$1500. This includes: soil (\$400), garden tools and supplies (\$500), plants (\$300), Seed Starting equipment (\$200), lending library (\$100). Yearly teacher consumables is about \$1000. This includes basic school supplies, groceries, and special student projects. New initiatives (or initiatives that aren’t annual) include, but are not limited to: Replacing mulch, adding shelving to the greenhouse, repairing the bug hotel and music wall, updating the mud kitchen, replacing trees that didn’t survive on the berm, replacing the wooden picnic tables that will be at the end of their life soon, purchasing new teaching resources such as storybooks and small loose parts), etc. Mme Regan does a great job applying for grants every year, which she also uses to offset the above expenses. We are wondering if it would be possible to add additional funds in the Garden line – Instead of \$2150 = \$2300? 2. Is PAC willing to subsidize the Hip Hop Dance lessons? (Ginny) Final cost = \$11,877.40 = \$23.75 per student = each student gets 4 lessons, one rehearsal, one performance. At a later date: 3. If we do the Saleema Noon workshops, would the PAC be willing to help with the costs for the school – teachers are hoping for in-person workshops and/or access to the online lessons.	
6:50pm – 7:10pm	Treasurer’s Report Homma PAC Meeting, October 15th, 2025	Miranda Duffy

September into October:

We started the 2025-26 school year with:

- \$8,078.84 in our contingency fund
- \$47,504.71 in Operating funds, and
- \$11,238.47 in our Gaming Account.

As mentioned in the September Report, we are still waiting to receive some final invoices for the work that was done in the summer of 2024 to revitalize our Library Commons. These were funds that the PAC had committed to the Library in our 2023-24 budget.

Gaming

On September 26th, the Community Gaming Grants Branch notified us that our application for a Gaming grant had been successful. We received our grant of \$10,720 on October 3rd, which brings the current balance of our Gaming account to \$21,856.47.

Fundraising

Jeff Anthony and Jodie Weiler have our Hot Lunch Program up and running. We have offered two Hot Lunch dates so far, plus this coming Friday's Hot Lunch offering from Takeya Sushi. We continue to offer cash-based concession sales of Hot Lunch as an option for families.

We also held a Homma Social Night on October 3rd at Lavash Seaside Grill in Steveston Village. We made \$544 on ticket sales, and \$149 from the 50/50 draw, for a total of \$693. Congratulations to Madeleine Wareing and Joanne Belda on their first event!

Upcoming Events

Niki Boileau is leading the coordination of our Homma Hallowe'en Family Dance, which takes place this year on October 29th from 6-8 pm in the Homma Gym. We hold the dance primarily for fun and to build community at Homma.

Respectfully submitted,
Miranda Duffy
Homma PAC Treasurer

Ginny Lee – inquiry regarding support for financial support re Ms Regan for Garden Support – notes forthcoming from Ms Lee

yearly garden upkeep budget 1500, 400 worth of soil, 500 worth of garden tools and supplies

300 plants, 200 seed starting , 100 toy library

1000 teacher consumables

Garden budget line is 2150

asking for \$150 more

→ **Motion to raise garden budget line to 2300**
-first Jodie, seconded Melanie

-motion passed

Second inquiry - subsidize the Hip Hop Dance lesson

Miranda – question on whether this would be applicable to the gaming funds

Mark David – gaming funds are typically associated with extracurricular activities

Determined to vote on this without consideration of Gaming Funds

Questions on why we are carrying \$30k cushion annually

-Miranda: based on the recommendations of previous Treasurer (accountant)

→ **Motion to support the Hip Hop Dance with \$5000**
first Jodie
second Eric Marriott

Motion passes

Inquiry from Maryam Shinaz re whether the PAC can or should fund a refresh of french primary school books for the library

Ginny – school budget not yet set, and there are difficulties around supply and availability of french language books

Miranda – last year we did not supply any money to the library
Historically we supplied \$2000 to the library annually, in 2023 we ear spent \$30,000 out of the fundraising operating budget and \$2000

Thought of potentially restoring a \$2000 allocation out of the Gaming Fund

→ **Tabled to be discussed at the next PAC meeting (November)**

7:10pm- 7:40pm	Events and Fundraising Discussion • Post mortem from Social Night Update from Joanne Belda Social Night – overall successful event hoping to have 4 week lead time for next possible Social night to allow parents more time to purchase tickets and organize donations from local small businesses • Updates on upcoming potential and confirmed events Mini Fall Portraits – have a photographer who is willing to volunteer her time Nov 1, 7, 8 and 9 if rain – Nov 14, 15, 16 Pure and Sweet Photography \$35 – 20min session and online gallery Cheque to PAC Poinsetta’s and Purdy’s -concerns around stacking too much fundraising activities in December ArtCards – happening, specific dates and details to need to be completed to be sent back during Nov 3 to 7 week, to be returned for first week of December • Artwork for spirit wear contact Mike, same contact as Mr Cherry has used ready to go with ordering Hawk and staff logo (trillium logo) last order date Nov 14, for arrival in December, date tbd Homma Parent who owns Milltown -20% discount on ProD Days for Homma parents and staff,	Joanne Belda
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	for those who wear their spirit wear -Milltown – possible location for next Social Night in new year Movie Night – will need to be after January, in the new year	
7:40pm – 8:00pm	Other Business/Questions Dance update -Halloween Dance – all the volunteers are organized -still need people to sign up for the bake sale potluck -every child that is attending needs a parent/guardian in attendance also Gaga ball update -waiting on quote for wood -location on Homma grounds still not official – conversation with School Works Yard to happen ● Playground upgrade Nothing certain in the works Admin would like to pursue this, but this is a conversation that requires Call to adjourn meeting Maryam Shinaz Seconded Eric Marriott	Maryam Shahnaz

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 Wilk, RDPAC Representative

Next Homma PAC Meeting:

November (virtual)