

Final MINUTES



Homma PAC AGM

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

In person - Homma Library

In attendance: Ginny Lee (Admin); Mark David (Admin); Corrine Haer; Miranda Duffy; Jen Tham; Eric Marriott; Penny Leggo; Joanne Belda; Beth Volpov; Madeleine Waring; Yoga; Linnet Frank; Maryam Shahnaz; Melanie Wilks; Cat Chappell; Oliver; Anna (14) plus Jodie Weiler virtually.

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
6:00 - 6:15 pm	<p>PAC Chair Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome / Land AcknowledgementApproval of minutes from April 24th meeting <p>Motion to approve: Maryam, seconded by Beth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review of the agenda <p>-Motion to strike yearbook request from Miranda. Approved by majority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Approval of the agenda <p>-First by Linnet; Seconded by Melanie.</p>	Corrine Haer
6:15 - 6:30 pm	<p>Homma School Admin Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monthly updates from the Admin Team (Black). Blue - Questions <p>May events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome to Kindergarten (David) <p>– Homma hosted a fantastic Welcome to Kindergarten event on May 14. There were multiple stations – 4 in the gym, 1 in the library and 1 in the garden. Our entire K team, including our learning resource team, organized this wonderful event. Students and parents engaged together in a variety of activities. Our District Administrator of Early Learning and Arts attended and was pleased to see the endless examples of relationship building with families that took place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Track Meet (David) <p>– Homma’s Zone Track Meet took place today. It was a great event! Thank you to all the teachers who helped either by organizing, attending and supporting out grade 4 to 7 students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Class Photos (David) <p>– The class photos and panorama are currently scheduled to be taking place this Friday, on May 23.</p> <p>June events</p>	Mark David Ginny Lee

- Wizard of Oz (David)

– 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 afternoon performances on June 3 and 5. Ticketing information to come.

Penny asked about families who have kids performing on both days. Mark said we are limited by gym space, and families will need to pick one performance. Families limited to 2 tickets total.

- Sports Day with a Wizard of Oz theme and Parent Appreciation (Lee)

– Ms. Blue, Mr. Wolber, Ms. Chan and Mme Veilleux are organizing a fun Sports Day on June 13. That morning, we will also be providing coffee and muffins 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. Please join us! Communication to come about the early dismissal.

- Grade 7 Activities (Lee)

– 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

- Final Schoolwide Assembly (Lee)

– 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!

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/>

- Saleema Noon (Lee)

– Staff are interested in taking part with Saleema Noon lessons from the Body Science program. 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/>

– Staff were wondering if a hybrid of in-person workshops and access to online programs could be a possibility. We have not yet reached out to Saleema to see if this is the case. Below you will find three options as advertised on their website.

–1. In-person Workshops

–2. Body Science Online in class followed by live Q and A session for students

–3. Just Body Science Online

Beth said it was great when her child did it 3 years ago. Feels online only is more work for teachers.

Ginny suggests parent workshop might work better online.

Corrine asked if Grade 7's had access to Saleema Noon this year, Ginny said she believed that a couple of the grade 6/7 classes received them through online resources.

- 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 did update on what gaga ball is. Company which makes them is in the states and now there are duties etc. We don't have a final cost yet, but approximately \$3k for 1 court. It cannot be on the grass, must be on hard top.

Cat asks if volunteers can put it together? Mark answered district will take care of the maintenance piece and liability piece. If district does this, we have a warranty.

- Hip Hop Dance Fine Arts Programming (Lee)

– Staff has chosen hip hop lessons for their students' Fine Arts Programming for the 2025/2026 school year.

– In speaking with the organizer, she suggests a 7-day residency, which would allow for each class to have 5 lessons, and an afternoon performance. There is also the possibility of adding on an evening performance if we are able to secure a secondary school gym for the evening performance, that would have enough space for all the students and their families. Suggesting late Nov/Early December for the performance.

– The cost of the 7 days of workshops and the afternoon performance for the students to see is approximately \$8,624. The evening performance

	<p>would be an additional \$437 plus any fees we would incur with rental of the gym. (such as janitorial services)</p> <p>– We have reached out to McMath and are awaiting a response about availability. Evening performance would typically be from 5:30 to 6:15.</p> <p>– More information to come. Nothing has been confirmed yet. Bollywood in 2023/2024 was \$7,500.</p> <p>Linnet asks about fundraising for this performance such as a concession sale?</p> <p>Maryam asked how much it would cost to rent McMath gym. Mark said we don't know as there are changes at the district level on costs and the district is in deficit.</p>	
6:30 - 6:35 pm	<p>First call for nominations for PAC executive positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Maryam • Secretary: Oliver • Treasurer: Miranda • Vice-Chair: Eric • Fundraising Coordinator: Joanne/Madeleine • Outgoing mentors: Jenn/Corrine • Parent Ed Coordinator: Beth • RDPAC – Melanie Wilks 	Corrine Haer
6:35 - 6:50 pm	<p>Volunteer Reading Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion <p>Cat wants to start a program at Homma called One to One Reading. This is run by parent volunteers. We rely on staff to see which students would benefit from this program. Cat is asking for a 2-3 hour time commitment once a week during school hours working in half hour segments with the same children each week. Help teachers out a little bit and help the kids by working with them 1:1 to develop a relationship through the year!</p> <p>If you do want to volunteer, you need a criminal record check and a phone call/zoom with One to One staff. There is an education session which is online.</p> <p>Cat is hoping to set up this program up in October, but we need to set up volunteers now to go through the criminal record check and training.</p> <p>Cat is asking people to contact her via email at catchappell@hotmail.com with subject line "One to One Reading" if they have any more questions or would like to join this program.</p> <p>ONE TO ONE A Children's Literacy Program</p>	Cat Chappell
6:50 - 7:20 pm	<p>2024/2025 Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular monthly budget update (black); Questions/discussion in blue. 	Miranda Duffy

April into May, 2025:

Most of our financial focus since our last meeting on April 24th has had to do with our end-of-year events: the Homma Celebration and Pinewood Derby coming up on Friday, June 6th, and four Freezie Fridays to finish up the year. Reports on the financial results of these fundraising events will be delivered at our June PAC meeting, currently scheduled for June 19th at 6:30 pm.

This year we were fortunate to be awarded a grant from the City of Richmond for \$947 in support of our Celebration. Thanks to Grace Carveth for writing our successful grant application.

We have four Fridays remaining in our Hot Lunch program for the year: May 23rd, May 30th, June 6th, and June 13th. Hot Lunch is the largest fundraising initiative that the Homma PAC runs every year, and it has continued to be popular this year. Thanks to the ongoing volunteer work put in every week by Jodie Weiler and Jeff Anthony, we seem to be on track for meeting our Hot Lunch fundraising goal for 2024-25. We cannot thank Jodie and Jeff enough for the time and energy they put into running Hot Lunch: a program that brings joy to our kids, a break to our parents, and literally thousands of dollars to our PAC to help us support our kids and our school.

Upcoming Events

We have drafted a Homma PAC budget for the 2025-26 school year. This draft budget is to be discussed and voted on for approval at tonight's meeting, our AGM.

- Motion: To increase Gaga Ball Court funding from Gaming from \$1,500 to \$3,000.

Motion passed by majority vote.

2025/2026 Budget:

- Presentation of draft 2025-26 PAC budget, for discussion and approval

Ginny: May not need Maple Man this year as we just did it last year.

Miranda: Operating account has been slowly depleting due to overestimation of support for some longtime fundraising initiatives. Perhaps parents' interest in hanging baskets, etc. is fading? If we should decide to continue to hold these fundraisers, we now conservatively estimate **\$2000** in money raised from Pub Night, Purdy's Chocolates, Poinsettias, not \$4000. Purdy's this year was 10% less than expected; hanging baskets (much less than previous years). Same goes for the Spring Fair / Pinewood Derby: We now conservatively estimate **\$3500** in funds raised, not \$5000. Again, these estimates are based on our actual results from the last couple of years.

	<p>Bingo next year: likely not happening next year due to table rental and custodial rental costs. Can't charge for bingo due to gaming license and "underage gambling". However, bingo was always a community building event and not expected to raise money.</p> <p>Might expect to raise \$13,000 next year. Meeting or increasing these fundraising numbers will depend upon parents' capacity to volunteer to run fundraisers, as well as parents' interest in the fundraisers themselves.</p> <p>As a PAC we have a cushion of ~\$17,000 for next year. We do not have a lot of money in reserves. The costs of running PAC activities are ~\$30,000 per year.</p> <p>Good practice should be to keep enough in reserves to run PAC again next year if something were to happen (like COVID) and we could not fundraise approximately \$30,000. We are spending more than fundraising in this budget.</p> <p>Freezy Fridays make more than hot lunch. Very lucrative for less work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vote on budget <p>Madeleine motioned to approve this. Seconded by Maryam. Passed by majority.</p>	
7:20 - 7:50 pm	<p>Second call for nominations for PAC executive positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assign two (2) scrutineers (if needed). Not needed ● Vote / ballots. Following members voted in by majority. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair – Maryam Shahnaz ○ Secretary – Oliver Heel ○ Treasurer – Miranda Duffy ○ Vice Chair – Eric Marriott ○ Fundraising coordinator (optional) - Joanne Belda & Madeleine Wareing ○ Parent Education coordinator (optional) - Beth Volpov ○ Richmond District Parents Association Representative (voted via secret ballot / optional) - Melanie Wilks 	Corrine Haer
7:50 - 8:00 pm	<p>Planning and Participation Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff appreciation lunch June 19 (Camille/Jenny) ● Freezie friday update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 23 - Tina ○ May 30 - Cat ○ June 20 - Andrea ○ June 26 (Th) - Maryam ● Emergency kit update (still waiting on delivery) Shipped tomorrow via UPS. ● Homma Community Celebration/Derby update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 adult shifts left to fill - 30/73 games shifts to fill which were originally earmarked for McMath high school students. Will need to scale back games or put a call out for parents to fill these roles. 	All

Next Homma PAC Meeting:

June 19 6:30-8:00 Virtual