

February PAC Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2024

Welcome: Wade Wick

-adopt agenda 1s JJ, 2nd Kourtney

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Presenters and Reports

SD71-

Director of Operations- Ian Heselgrave

- Discussed his role and responsibilities within SD 71
- Addressed that space within SD71 continues to be in a state of crisis as enrollment continues to rise.
- Child Care facility at Arden:
 - Purpose is to provide a seamless transition for children from the early years (daycare/preschool) into the school setting. Arden previously had Wee Care to provide before and after school care, however, a lack of space with growing numbers did not allow for the program to continue at the school.
 - Parents voiced their concerns about the additional vehicle traffic that the childcare facility would add. Concerns for student safety getting to and from school.
- Feeding futures: continue to work on kitchen enhancements.
- Swings:
 - Ian provided an update and clarity on the process of schools acquiring new playground equipment
 - Staff time is the biggest barrier in having such projects completed as they have other roles and responsibilities such as snow removal, lawn maintenance ect.
 - Possibility of 1 to 2 new playgrounds or swings to be added to a school per season.
 - School funds are utilized to complete these projects.
 - Engaging conversation about leaving the rocks where they are currently located and exploring other locations for the swings. The rocks remain very popular among the students and provide healthy play that is being encouraged.
 - Suggestions to be considered: Poured in place rubber surface vs woodchips
 - Poured rubber surface would allow the option of an accessibility swing similar to the one at Hornby Island School, which was possible through a Variety Grant.

Path forward:

- Ian Heselgrave and Mr. Ferneyhough to look around and find a better location for the swings next week. Placement is important and supervision needs to be factored in as well.
- 3 separate quotes will be necessary
- PAC will apply for any additional grants that may be required ie: BC tire Stewarship
- Possibility that the new equipment could be installed in May/June or September-November.

Trustee Report: Sara Jane Howe

- No new updates at this time

DPAC Report: JJ Goff

- Gina Taylor the physical literacy teacher for SD71 provided a presentation about the importance of physical literacy and that it is as important as reading and writing for students. Gina works on the fundamental movement skills that students require to build up in order to keep active. Examples of fundamental movement skills include running, hopping, skipping, jumping, balancing, dribbling and catching.
- White Hatter Series:
 - started February 6th with 2 more online presentations (Feb 15/20). The first presentation is geared towards students in grade 6-8 and appropriate for both parents and students to watch. The following 2 are meant for parents.
 - If you cannot watch it live the link is available for 48 hours after
 - Permission was given by DPAC to have the link shared through the schools email. However, this is only for Arden families and DPAC asks that the link is not forwarded to others.
- Update from the Superintendent:
 - New cell phone policy is in the works
 - continuing to work on effective and open communication remains a priority
 - The draft for feeding futures has been completed and a vote will take place at the end of February.
- School Messenger App:
 - Arden currently does not use the app. At this time, the current system in place is felt to be manageable with the schools numbers and is considered a good touch point for many of the families attending Arden.
 - Decision to implement or not implement the app is at the administration level

-Parents who support the implementation of the app feel that it streamlines the communication process between children at multiple schools. It was also highlighted that the app allows for notifications to be sent to their cellphone such as snow days and hold and secures

- Tribune Bay Centre is closed indefinitely. Any schools that have booked trips will need to ensure that they receive their refunds. The closure is due to lack of funding.
- It was brought forward that some parents are looking towards establishing an anti racism committee within the district. They are looking for individuals who have experienced racism personally. For anyone who has had personal experience please email DPAC directly dpac@sd71.bc.ca
- 2 schools shared that they did a West Coast Seeds fundraiser and raised a total of \$3000
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Arden-

Principals Report: Andrew Ferneyhough

- Congrats to JJ for a great evening with Dr. Cam
- Pro-D Day this Friday February 16th: A zoom presentation by Dr. Dustin Louis
- Summary of Learning- Student led conference will take place March 7th from 245-4pm.
- Reverse permission form sent out for the Sexual Health Units in February and March.
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Chair Report: Dana Orrego

- Camp Bob day trip for students requires \$1500 in additional funding. In previous years students have not paid to attend. A motion put forward by Dana to have the \$1500 covered by PAC if a grant is not secured. Voted. 1st Jacky 2nd April. Motion passed.
- May 8th is Jamboree. This is an event for grades 4 and 5 students. Arden still needs to apply to participate. 5-6 parent volunteers will be required.

Treasurer Report: Jacky Minshall

- General Account: 6133.50
- Gaming Account: 14,950.33
- Laura Lee to provide an invoice for the total cost of the skiing trip and PAC to reimburse.

Committees and Team Leads-

Hot Lunch Report: Nicole Mann

- Total profit for this session is \$1875. (\$1400/hot lunch & \$475/ donations to salad bar)
- Hot Dog Day is February 29th and the estimated profit is \$450. Nicole has reached out to local grocers for possible donations, which would allow for a higher profit margin.
- All hot lunches are being served out of multipurpose room

Salad Bar Report: Lesia Wick

- Adopt a school: Still waiting for a response on whether Arden has been chosen again. Funding currently covers salad bar until the 1st week of March. Donations will be utilized to cover any additional costs if Arden is not chosen.
- 240-250 students are being served
- Still down to 1 small green bin for compost.
- Some money from the adopt a school program has been used to purchase some additional protein for the salads.

Green Team Report: Jesse Sheridan

- Benoit came and provided an in depth presentation about bike safety and his own personal experience.
- Students who attended the presentation were sent home with a paper contract to be signed by the student and parent that provided information about bike safety and what was covered. All students who signed the contracts and returned to the school will receive a bike light that Benoit has purchased through his own fundraising efforts.

Fundraising Report: Jessica Witt

- Coffee fundraiser: 36 orders in total with a profit of \$180
- Purdy's easter chocolate fundraiser is open until February 27th. Chocolates will arrive March 10th for distribution
- Possibility of a West Coast Seeds fundraiser. Jessica to follow up.
- Movie night is Thursday February 15th in the school gym. The Super Mario movie will be playing. Could use more baked goods donations including gluten free options.
- Spirit Wear will be up and running after spring break.
- Dance to be discussed in March

Penny Carnival Report: Dana Orrego

- Start up money required for the Penny Carnival is \$6000.
- Motion put forward by Dana to request that \$6000 be available to pay deposits, and additional costs associated with the start up of penny carnival prior to May 23rd. Voted in favor 1st Doug 2nd Erika. Motion passed.
- Volunteers will be required: set up, heavy lifting, shifts at different stations
- Silent auction items are needed.

New Business:

YANA presentation- Kourtney Van Velzen

- YANA is available to all Comox Valley families who need to travel for medical care of a child under the age of 19 or a pregnant mother.
- Funding: Travel funding is available for day trips or longer stays when medical services are required outside of the Comox Valley.
- Treatment must be deemed medically necessary from the care team.
- More information can be found on their website info@yanacomoxvalley.com Or you can contact Kourtney (Client Care Specialist) by phone; office 250-871-0343 or by cellphone 778-231-7970 if it is outside of office hours.

Fundraising- Elisa Camp

- Will discuss at next meeting

Ms Bell-

- A motion was put forward by Ms Bell to have PAC cover the cost of a new cage for the guinea pigs in her room up to \$300. Voted 1st Erika 2nd Jessie. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Summary of Dr. Cams Presentation- JJ

- Great turn out. Thank you for all the support from parents and staff who attended.

Swings- Ian Hesselgrave *update*:

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Open Floor for questions and discussion

PAC Parent of the Month Parking spot draw

- April Murdoch

Adjourn 1st JJ, 2nd Nicole

Next Pac Meeting March 11, 2024