

April 2024 PAC Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2024

Welcome: Dana Orrego

adopt minutes: Dana Orrego 1st: Wade
2nd: Jacky

adopt agenda: Dana Orrego 1st: JJ
2nd: Kourtenay

Principals report: Andrew Ferneyhough

- Gagaball court is going in tomorrow.
- Swings have arrived:
 - waiting for ground preparation
 - Wood chip for now that can be easily replaced with rubberized later
 - Frame can handle saucer. Will look into acquiring an accessible saucer swing next year, including applying for any available grants
- Grade 5 to 6 transitions happening soon. Lake Trail teachers coming here, our teachers going there, usual LST meetings, then a fun day in June at L/T.
- Lots of good meetings with Senior admin over the last few weeks. Tracey Pederson (Principal of Inclusive Ed.) and Tara Ryan (Vice-Principal of Inclusive Ed.) have joined us for several different meetings.
- We have had a team of people working hard on creating a space in the school that is a safe space to go in the afternoons for students
- We finally got some work done around the building on Accessibility – Reflective tape/paint etc.
- Welcome to Kindergarten Tues. May 7th 4:30-5:30
- Jamboree on Monday, May 6th and the Districts on Wednesday, May 15th
- Cedar Week is in progress – Ms. Phye is busy going class to class teaching students how to weave
- Early Connections started today - Monday afternoons - In conjunction with Strong Start and Healthy families staff members

Trustee Report: Sarah Jane Howe

- SD71 Board of Trustees were facilitating a Strategic Planning Meeting.

Chair Report: Dana Orrego

Treasurer report: Jacky Minshall

- General Account: \$9646.23
- Gaming Account:\$ 7400.42
- \$1,000 Walmart Grant was received
- Application for the 50/50 draw has been completed.
- Jacky got a propane tank donated by Canadian Tire for the Penny Carnival

Hot Lunch Report: Nicole Mann

DPAC report: JJ Goff

- Attended the Strategic Planning Meeting at Lake Trail School in place of a formal meeting

Green Team Report: Jesse Sheridan

- Whacky Wheelie Wednesday will be starting up in the coming weeks. First Wednesday will be confirmed in the WAAG.

Fundraising Report: Jessica Witt/Dana Orrego/ Kourtenay Van Velzen

- **Spirit Wear:** Opened on Friday April 12th and will run until Friday April 26th. Purchases are through the Munch A lunch website.
- **Family School Dance:** Friday April 19th from 6:30-8pm.
 - A parent must accompany any child(ren) who are attending. This is not a chaperoned event.
 - Volunteers are still required to ensure this event will be possible. Volunteers are needed for the set up, clean up, running the concession, and providing baked goods.
- A new fundraising chair is being required. Assistance to this position will be available.
- Any questions with fundraising can be directed towards Dana Orrego at this time

Salad Bar Report: Lesia Wick

- On April 17th the salad bar and food program will be highlighted in the Comox Valley Record.
- The second grant from adopt a school' will cover 50% of the food costs for Salad Bar. The remaining portion will be covered through the donations from Munch A Lunch.

Penny Carnival: Dana Orrego

- Volunteers positions that still need to be filled includes:
 - Coordinator for the gym games
 - Cake walk room
 - Outside toys
 - Snow cone
 - Gathering of Silent Auction Items
 - Help with clean up
- An update about dunk tanks from Craig Sorochan, Communications Manager for Comox Valley Schools: Schools have been instructed to no longer include dunk tanks at any school events or activities. Recent concerns were brought forward about the origin of the dunk tank out of the United States. Historical research indicates that these games were once used in ways that perpetuated racial stereotypes and discrimination. This decision aligns with our values of respect and inclusivity.

New Business:

- Welcome to Kindy May 7th: PAC will have a table set up to help new parents complete the drivers abstract and criminal record checks for the fall
- Primary teachers looking for donations of sand toys/kitchen pots, pans, utensils, etc., sidewalk chalk, outdoor spring toys, garden tools and gardening gloves, puzzles for ages K+

Old Business: Dana Orrego

- \$100 is only required now for the guinea pigs

Extra discussion:

PAC Parent of the Month: Kourtney Van Velzen

Adjourn: 1st: Erika
2nd: Jacky

Next Meeting: May 13, 2024