

Puntledge PAC December 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2022 5:00pm soft start 5:30pm call to order

Puntledge Learning Commons

Julia Wells, Emily Brown, Renee van Doorninck, Garth Yule, Jason Craft, Noah Burdett, Jennifer Waller, Tanya Mortyn, Shannon Aldinger, Janine Mumary

CALL TO ORDER 5:35pm

Land acknowledgement

ROLL CALL

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TRUSTEE REPORT

Shannon Aldinger - Not sure if she will be assigned to this school ongoing but is here today. She has just gone through an orientation process. Family affordability fund - lots of information from the principal. There will be some enrollment pressures due to the influx of people moving into the area. New school is worth investing in as a new building is likely a way off. The ministry of childhood education and childcare issued a news release to prevent gender based violence - will reform the curriculum to include consent. Will be from K - 12. ERASE = expect respect and a safe education - portal on website will include sexual assault and consent.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Noah Burdett -

Follow Ups:

Grade 7s and 5s have not done grad hoodies in the past and are not currently interested. Teachers are not wanting to add this tradition. They already have Puntledge clothes. There has just been a request for many from parents for Strathcona.

The names of teachers interested in PAC parents have been forwarded to Emily Brown.

Kindergarten Orientation:

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The district is putting together an informational video that will be shared hopefully before the break. We will post it on our website once it is ready.

Early Immersion Information session:

Thursday, December 15th at 5:30 pm in the Ecole Robb Road library

1909 Robb Avenue, Comox
Child minding will be available in a nearby room.

Late French Immersion Open House:

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Where: Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary

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When: January 26th 2023

at 6:30pm

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What: We will provide a brief overview of the program and a tour of the school

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Who: All interested students that will be entering grade 6 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Does PAC want to provide child Care? PAC will provide child care - Julia to arrange. PAC to send a volunteer or two to briefly discuss the PAC and recruit new parents.

Tentative Registration:

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Kindergarten French Immersion and Indigenous general registration will early January

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Placements into choice programs are on a first come, first served basis in the order received.

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The indicated school of choice will contact you and provide directions about confirmation or wait listing for placement.

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Siblings will receive priority but must register in the allotted time.

Neighborhood Kindergarten Registration begins mid January.

Late French Immersion registration will open early February

Affordability: Will be able to feed the students once a month from January to the end of the year.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

DPAC - Jennifer Waller. There are new committees at the DPAC. Go to DPAC website for more information. A highschool student was hit by a car in a school parking lot and there will be some safety actions in the new year. Winter concerts are listed on the district website. There is a robotics tournament this weekend at highland - all are welcome.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Clothing sales: Julia Wells. Clothing is here and sorted today.

Nutrition Committee: Garth Yule. One meeting so far. Chatted about short and long term plans but summary to come. More options for hot lunches, monthly lunches, and eventually a daily hot lunch program. Discussion of how to make monthly hot lunches inclusive.

Movie nights: Julia Wells. Was a success. Will be another one in the new year. Thank you to Alex for running a great event and writing a great follow up report after.

Fun Food Fridays: Jennifer Waller. Jen is doing hot chocolate and juice as well as treats. They have enough volunteers.

Winter Fete: A group of parents has gotten together to organise a free event. There will be donation boxes. Lots of different entertainment. Potluck. There will be an outdoor space to manage the capacity of the gym. They have enough volunteers.

Dances: there is interest from a parent group to do a Valentine's dance for all students. They would also like to do a graduation dance for the grade 5-7's near the end of the year. Will have to talk with Noah about the timeline so it works with other events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Murals - Jason Craft. Presentation on school murals. Has been doing murals in schools for 18 years. Can work with the students of the school to design the mural. Can be flexible with almost any space. Coating on it helps with easy cleaning of graffiti. Usually between \$4000-\$7000. Does outdoor murals in the summer. If PAC decides to have a mural done then contact him and pay a deposit. Next year is booked up other than December. Can do it on plywood if need to transfer it to a new school if this is a consideration. Has worked collaboratively with indigenous artists or has an elder to support indigenous aspects of murals in the past. Jason is able to come in and look at space and give a quote at any time.
2. Learning Support Teacher funds request - Julia Wells. Resolved.
3. Alumni Bursary - Julia Wells. This has been completed.
4. Review of constitution and bylaws - defer.

5. Parking/drop-off signage- Julia Wells. Would like signage at the kiss and go lane to deter people from parking in that lane. Noah has looked into parking lot signage and is working on adding it.
6. DPAC - discuss strategic plan for Jenn to bring to the next DPAC meeting. Can find the strategic plan on the school district website. Parents can take a look and provide feedback to Jennifer Waller to bring to the next DPAC meeting.
7. Babysitting rate increase - Julia Wells. PAC meetings have been running longer than last year. Kids have been paid \$20 which works out to \$10/hr for 2 hours but meetings have been 3 hours long. Julia - Proposal to change stipend amount to \$30 per night. Seconded. Approved.
8. Welcoming parents - Julia Wells. Discussion of unclear bylaws. Bylaws to be discussed further at a later date.
9. Bulletin Board - Julia Wells. Julia is having trouble keeping up with posting on the bulletin board. Looking for a volunteer to take over if anyone is interested.
10. New Events and Fundraiser committee and volunteer coordinator role - Emily Brown. Emily has made a ticket that could be sent home to parents to offer time to volunteer for events. Emily would like to form a volunteer committee and lead it as volunteer coordinator. Ingrid Sly has offered to help with things like this in the past so might be able to help with communications. She will create an email address to attach to this. Hoping to gather some information and get ready for next September. She will reach out to teachers who are interested in parent volunteer PAC liaison in their classroom. PAC is very excited about this and doesn't need to vote to have Emily take on this role now.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 7:55pm

ADJOURNMENT