

Puntledge PAC January 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

Puntledge Learning Commons

Shannon Aldinger (Trustee), Jen Waller (DPAC), Noah Burdett (Principal), Christian Streigt (Vice Principal), Garth Yule (Treasurer), Renee van Doorninck (secretary), Janine Mummery

CALL TO ORDER 5:37pm

Land acknowledgement

ROLL CALL

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES - defer to next meeting.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Shannon Aldinger - Last board meeting was Dec 13. Presentation on consent education and gender based violence. 2 new ministry supports - Supporting Student Health Guide available to teachers. This will be in Noah's weekly newsletter. Once December minutes are approved then it will be available on the district website. Meetings are recorded and archived on the district website. Equity scan will be done in the district - looking at where indigenous students are not having similar success to non-indigenous students. Information will be on the website eventually. Board is changing the way they will conduct meetings from one meeting per month with sub-committees to 2 meetings per month. Some parts of these meetings will be open to the public, some of them will be in camera. This gives opportunity for more discussion and reflection. Arden students are asking for a road safety audit. City is expected to reach out to schools to look into road safety. If there are concerns, write to the city councillors and the school district. Julia Wells reported yesterday that she has been in touch with the city about the recent road accident. This incident is currently being investigated by the police and then the police will make recommendations to the city.

Shannon would like to educate parents on the role of trustee.

Links provided by Shannon below:

Here is the link to the Ministry of Education & Childcare's news release about consent education:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022ECC0090-001808>

Here is the link to the curriculum supports referenced in the news release (and which I referred to at the PAC meeting):

https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/subject/phe/Supporting_Student_Health_Elementary.pdf

https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/subject/phe/Supporting_Student_Health_Secondary.pdf

Here is the link to the updated erase site (also referenced in the press release):

<https://alpha.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase/gender-based-violence>

Here is a link to information about the equity scan our district is now conducting (re: addressing systemic barriers impacting indigenous students' achievement):

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/indigenous-education/equity-in-action>

And here is a link to the School Board meetings which are held on the last Tuesday of every month (& which are live-streamed & archived on YouTube):

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/board-meetings/>

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Noah Burdett -

Enrollment Update:

- Our French Immersion and Indigenous K are both in waitlist situations (2 classes of 20 for FI and one class of k/1 (20) for Indigenous K/1.
- Neighbourhood K opened Monday morning. So far 12 out of hopefully 20 students registered so far. Likely more to come.

Affordability Fund Update (Kitchen Reno, Free Lunch)

- The Kitchen reno is underway.
- We don't know the exact schedule for now PAC belongings are in the boys change room.
- Our hope is the reno is complete by March
- Free Lunch:
 - Free Lunch had a few glitches to start.
 - We now know that we have enough leftovers to no longer need our PAC lunch makers.
 - To address the issues here is what was included in the newsletter:

We have noticed that some students arrive with a "back up" lunch in case they don't like what we offer. If you decide to send a "backup" lunch with your child please let their teacher know with either a note in the lunch box or through regular communication channels with the classroom teacher. We operate with an abundance of caution which means students with full lunches, and no communication from the family, don't receive a free lunch.

Please let us know challenges that you see and possible solutions.

Parking Lot Changes

- We are adding posts and chains across the gravel lot to prevent access from 8 am to 3 pm.
- Staff is being asked that if they arrive before 8 and plan to leave after 3 to use the lot. We have also created 3 more spaces.
- We hope the changes help create a safer route around the front of the school

Late French Immersion Open House and Registration:

- Where: Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary
- When: January 26th 2023 at 6:30

- What: We will provide a brief overview of the program and a tour of the school
- Who: Current grade 5 students and their families with interest in grade 6 Late Immersion at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Registration opens February 6th at 6pm.
- Garth will be there to give a short chat about PAC
- PAC is paying for babysitting for younger siblings age 5+ in the gym. Garth will help out.

Winter Fete - Christian wanted to say thank you to the parents who volunteered to make that successful event happen.

Sugar Shack (Cabane au Sucre) event on March 4, 2023 - Coeur de l'ile will host this event. We will be given 100 tickets to sell for \$10 each. We will have to help with clean up, host an outdoor station, and student performance. Hoping for 5 parent volunteers for this event. More information will be in the weekly newsletter.

Hot lunch: Request for volunteers for Hot Lunch to stay until 12:40 pm to help out with second recess. Noah to email David Frisch about this.

Questions: none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Treasurer - Garth Yule - 🇩🇪 2022-2023 PAC Budget Garth reviewed the budget so far. Garth to follow up with bottle drive and see about labels.

DPAC - there will be a school district bike swap around April 21. More information to come.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nutrition Committee: How do families access subsidised hot lunch. Noah will connect with the youth and family support worker about how to do this.

Is there a way for families without internet to order hot lunch? Could look into having an order form and cash collection at the office and then nutrition committee can process the orders. To be passed onto David. David might need to step back from hot lunch duties temporarily - any volunteers willing to cover?

Movie nights: Renee to email Alex about next one. Janine suggested March.

Fun Food Fridays: Jennifer Waller. Last week PAC made \$53. Jen would like to have another one on January 27. Current goal is to have it every 2 weeks.

Events and Volunteering: Janine - would like to do a February masquerade dance the same week as Valentine's day. Kids could make masks at home or in school if teachers would like to be involved. Kids can get dressed up for the event. They have some decorations from previous events that can be used. Garth has a sound system and some lights. Have some drinks and snacks to sell. Suggested date of Tuesday, February 14 from 6pm to 8:30pm. Noah to ask teachers if they would like to make masks with the kids on Valentine's Day.

Earth week to be discussed at a later date.

Would like to do a grade 5,6, and 7 dance in June.

Fundraising: Purdy's - Julia Wells to organise for near Easter. Plants/seeds - Jen Waller to look into it. Janine - she will look into tea towel fundraiser details.

There will be a grade 7 garage sale on March 11 - maybe an opportunity for PAC to fundraise at this event. The grade 7's will be fundraising at the same time so don't want to overwhelm parents with too much fundraising.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review of constitution and bylaws -
 - Puntledge PAC Constitution and Bylaws 2011 incomplete - OCR version . The current available bylaws are old and incomplete. Plan to update and vote on a complete version by May.
2. EDAS proposal - revote. This will be deferred to February to when there are more parents and PAC members present to vote on this. Noah to invite Chantal to the February meeting to speak to EDAS.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Road Safety - Janine asking about adding bike safety training to Earth Week. DPAC is looking into a district wide cycling program. This is done with grade 4's and 5's already. Jen to bring road safety education for parents to the DPAC.
2. PAC is in search of another Co-chair and D-PAC rep.
3. Parent Mingler - Is there interest in this event to increase parent engagement? Julia is willing to organise. In the past, there was a September mingler on the first Friday of school - something to be done next school year. PAC keen to have Julia plan something. Would be nice to consider an evening option and an after school option for different parent needs.
4. Alternative to online communication - is there a possibility of having paper copies of the weekly newsletter for pick up at the school each week? Could do this but might take a few days. Noah can put a few on the PAC board.
5. Hoodie donation - Julia Wells proposed to donate extra hoodie from hoodie fundraiser to student who was in a recent car accident. PAC is happy to do this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Kathryn Helm resigned as co-chair.

ADJOURNMENT 7:30pm