

## **Puntledge PAC February 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

February 15, 2023 5:00pm soft start, 5:30pm call to order  
Puntledge Learning Commons

### **CALL TO ORDER - 5:30pm**

#### **Land acknowledgement**

**ROLL CALL** - Aimee Pollard (Outdoor education teacher), Noah Burdett (Principal), Julia Wells (Chair), Garth Yule (Treasurer), Renee van Doorninck (secretary), Emily Brown (Volunteer Coordinator), Shannon Aldinger (School Trustee), Sarah Race, Christian Strait (Vice Principal), Janine Mummery

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Last two months of minutes approved. First - Garth Yule, Second - Julia Wells.

#### **TRUSTEE REPORT**

**Shannon Aldinger** - last board meeting on January 28. Doing the equity scan. The budget process is starting. They are expecting to get news on the strategic planning process for the 4 year plan for the district. The Ministry has announced an anti-racist plan. There will be a great parent presentation put on by DPAC tomorrow at Vanier at 7pm with an indigenous focus. It will discuss the history of the area.

Question: Will the Comox Treaty change anything for education? Shannon is not sure and will bring an answer to the next PAC meeting.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**Noah Burdett** -

Late Immersion:

Thank you to Garth and the team for helping with the child care and sharing with the potential new families. We have 18 registrations (below the goal of 22 for the first week) we will continue to reach out to the district. 28 is the ultimate goal. Last min. change to the URL at the district level created confusion. The issue is being addressed at the board level.

Spring Sale:

We will be selling tables for \$25 and run a small concession. We hope that PAC can advertise for us on the PAC page. We will have a mix of crafts, garage sale, and a silent auction. Grade 7's will be fundraising for their field trip as well.

Affordability:

We can do another round of Free Lunches which will take us close to May. We will revisit once each class has had 2 free lunches. So far it has worked well but would need more staffing to expand beyond the breakfast program and the lunch program. Able to cycle through the school every month and a half with current staffing.

Question: Would it be helpful to have more parent volunteers? Not at this point. Maybe after Spring Break.

Garden:

Aimee Pollard presented. The garden was installed in the Spring of last year. Aimee is now at the helm but is not an avid gardener by background. The kids worked hard to build it. They were in the garden yesterday getting it cleaned up. There were some things that didn't get done last year from the original plan eg. the shed. No need for a shed as we have a storage solution in the school that is working and there is a concern about vandalism if the shed was constructed. The Art Card Fundraiser money was earmarked for future garden projects.

#### Logistics:

- Keep tools and materials where they are in the courtyard. Scrap shed from any plans going forward.
- Garden map will be kept in this area
- White board in this space will have the "To Do List". Please add to it as needed.
- Once we have this all sorted, share out and encourage others to get into the garden more!
- The garden can be booked online and if/when it gets busy, we may need to make use of this booking tool.

#### To ask about:

- building up the current garden beds (better growth and accessibility for all learners)

To ask for: · Speedibin composter \$589.00 · Small folding tables \$69.99 x2= \$139.98 (to be kept in courtyard and be able to move out in wheelbarrows) · garden set of flashlights \$36.99 (18/pack) x2= \$73.98 · Garden set of magnifying lenses \$18.69 (15/pack) x2 = \$37.38 · pickling kit \$32.95

<https://www.perfectpickler.com/vegetable-fermenting-kits/fermentation-value-package/>

- Raised containers for more accessible planting \$229.99

[https://www.costco.ca/cedarcraft-elevated-cedar-planter-76.2-cm-\(30-in.\).product.100858154.html](https://www.costco.ca/cedarcraft-elevated-cedar-planter-76.2-cm-(30-in.).product.100858154.html)

Total (not including shipping costs) \$1103.28 + \$132.40 (tax at %12)= \$1235.67

#### Other items on our wishlist:

misc garden supplies- trellises, stakes, starter soil, large pots for potatoes

Possibly another shelf for storage in the courtyard

Storage container

**Garth passing motion: Allocate \$1650 for the garden for this year. Julia seconded. Passed.**

#### Presentation

Jesse Reuben (an inspirational singer/songwriter/performer) is now confirmed for April 21.  
Perhaps there is a tie in with Earth Day?

#### Carnaval

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We are planning a week of Francophonie including stations for the kids, the maple man, and then the Cabane à Sucre at Coeur de l'île. Noah will ask for some volunteers for the event at Coeur de l'île. Going to tie in black history month as well.

#### Cabane à sucre

Our annual Cabane à sucre, which has been on hiatus since Covid, is back on and we would like to invite your family to attend. This is a celebration of French Canadian culture and is hosted by SD71 French immersion schools and École Au-cœur-de-l'île, the Francophone school. We will have face painting, bouncy castles, fiddling, dancing, student presentations and French Canadian food.

A limited number of tickets will be available for sale at the office for immediate family only, starting at **9:00 February 21.<sup>st</sup> Exact change/cash only**. Each ticket costs \$8 which covers your entrance and an amazing, traditional meal.

When: Saturday, March 4 4:30-7:30

Where: Ecole Au Coeur de l'île- 566 Linshart Road

*Professional Development Day on Friday*

***Sharing Cultural Perspectives: Where Paths Meet*** with special guests the Kumugwe Dancers, Hereditary Chief Wedlidi Speck, and Dr. Jesse Morin.

*The Tribes of the Pentlatch Territory*

Looking at the history of the territory beginning with the Pentlatch, E'iksan and K'ómoks Peoples, presentation will provide an historical overview, the cultural landscape, and a contemporary profile of the three cultural groups, offering a greater understanding of the diversity and the complexity of the cultures that we live with today.

One Love Dance: was a success! Thanks to the PAC and volunteers. Music and decorations were amazing.

X-country skiing: going well. Thanks to the PAC to help with cost. Wood Gundy used to be a main sponsor but they are no longer sponsoring so costs increased.

House Keeping:

End of the year Fun day: Confirming we have the funds to carry on and I will book the castles. Does PAC want to extend to an afterschool event with families? Yes. Details TBA depending on the number of volunteers available.

Track Concession: Confirming PAC wants to run the district concession. Yes. Julia Wells will take the lead on this.

Mary Poppins and Munch a lunch: Curious if we can use the program to help with Ticket sales for Mary Poppins. Yes. MunchaLunch will be the platform for selling tickets.

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Treasurer - Garth Yule. Garth has caught up on cheques for reimbursement for various expenses.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Nutrition Committee:** next meeting is at Gladstones on Feb 23 at 5pm. We will need someone to lead this committee. Shauna Hart is the new hot lunch coordinator.

**Movie nights:** Next movie night March 3, 2023. Lots of concession items left over from the dance that can be used.

**Fun Food Fridays:** Starting again every second week. Other Fridays can be used for student fundraisers.

**Events and Volunteering:** Emily Brown has access to the volunteer contact list. Hoping to get something out to parents to ask for more people to sign up for this list. Was able to get volunteers for the dance. Has sent out a request for volunteers for the movie nights. Emily to connect with Ingrid Sly about tech to get volunteer contacts. Signup.com was used for volunteers to sign up and that worked well.

**Parent mingler** - Julia Wells is unable to do this right now.

**One Love Dance** - Janine Mummery reported. Such a success. Lots of fun. Raised \$650 from the concession.

**Earth week** - Earth Day is April 22 so it will be that week. Renee to email Jen Waller, Aimee Pollard, Janine Mummery, Pamela Powell, Emily Brown. Teachers liked the morning activities for the whole school before school started as well as presenters and kits for the school.

**Fundraising:** Purdy's - Julia Wells to do this when it's ready for Easter. Plants/seeds - Jen Waller not here for update.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. EDAS proposal - Chantal is having car troubles so she couldn't attend the meeting today. We will defer to the next meeting.
2. Bylaws - PAC executive will meet this month to revise current bylaws so they are complete and will bring them to the March PAC meeting for circulation.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The hoodie gift from the PAC to the student who was struck by a car was well received.

**ADJOURNMENT 6:48pm**