

Puntledge PAC May 12 Agenda

May 12, 2023 6:45pm

Puntledge Learning Commons

Garth Yule (Treasurer), Tom Cutler, Jen Waller (DPAC rep), Olivia Ohman, Karen Andrews, Sarah Flynn, Hannah Slomp, Mike Waton, Katie Thompson, Alex Clarke, Casey Sapetta, Josh Heileck, Nickie Wittaker, Noah Burdett (Principal), Tanya Mortyn, Shannon Aldinger (School Trustee), Julia Wells (Chair), Renee van Doorninck (Secretary), Rebecca Johnson, Mike Optis, Lara Graves, Emily Brown (Volunteer Coordinator)

CALL TO ORDER - 6:54pm

Land acknowledgement

ROLL CALL

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February, March, and April 2023. Approved.

TRUSTEE REPORT - Shannon Aldinger (notes to come from Shannon)

Last Regular Board of Education meeting – April 25, 2023:

Feeding Futures School Food Programs Fund – update:

Province to provide \$214.5 million in operating funds over the next 3 years to all districts; our district will be receiving \$1,141,262 (for 2023/24)

Funds are to be used for food for students, with a particular focus on the 20% who live in poverty or otherwise face challenges in accessing food; funds can also be used to staff a full-time district level School Food Coordinator

Additional \$5 million has been set aside for food infrastructure proposed to assist districts in creating and delivering food programs. Districts can make applications to access these funds.

Will not impact community links funding (although if community links used for food programs, those funds should now be available for other expenses)

District is re-establishing its Student Affordability Fund committee - first meeting was May 4

Accessible British Columbia Act [SBC 2021] chap 19

<https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/21019>

Requires school districts to develop by Sept 1, 2023:

An accessibility committee

An accessibility plan (to be reviewed & revised every three years)

A tool to receive feedback on accessibility, such as an email to receive comments

Notice has gone out to parents and staff seeking volunteers interested in serving on a District committee. Volunteers with lived experience (or with a child with lived experience) sought.

Last Committee of the Whole meeting – April 11, 2023 - report included last month

1 st public meeting re: preliminary 2023/24 budget:

see district website & note opportunities for consultation:

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/budget-2023-2024-consultation/>

SD71 enrolment projected to be 9,918 FTE (an overall increase of 146 FTE)

Ministry increases to operating grants

Other:

New Acting Superintendent Geoff Manning (replaces Tom Demeo), effective yesterday
BC School Trustee Association – AGM April 27-29 - SD71 Motion:
That the BCSTA advocates for the Ministry of Education and Child Care to provide clear guidance about how to respond to student complaints of peer-to-peer sexual harassment,

sexual exploitation and sexual assault – passed with overwhelming support from the school trustees of the 60 school districts present

Strategic Plan (2019 to 2023):

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/StrategicPlanOnline2019.pdf>

Next Meeting Dates:

Regular BoE: Tuesday, May 30 at 7 pm (School Board Office)

Committee of the Whole (budget): Wednesday, May 17 at 4:30 pm (School Board Office)

Tom asked about how the district reaches out to homeschooled children who might not have access to the food at the school. Shannon believes that there is access but she will follow up.

Josh asked about how the school will respect the dignity of the families and students when providing food. Often students are identified by admin and counselling staff. There is a self-identifying program for breakfast foods. Looking at a model where days that provide food there will be options for some families to pay and others not to and then all kids will get food and no children will know. Discussed how hot lunch works now - some people pay and some people go through the family support worker to get a subsidised lunch (contact Noah if you need this). There is an option to donate while ordering hot lunch to subsidise other lunches.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Noah Burdett -

Mary Poppins: May 15-18th thank you for allowing us to use Munch a Lunch.

Enrollment: We are projected to have 518 students next year in 23 divisions if school were to start tomorrow with no summer registration or transfers it would look like this:

1 division of k/1 Indigenous Ed,
7 divisions k-5 neighbourhood English program,
13 division of French Immersion k-7 and
2 divisions of Late Immersion.

Our numbers are very tight so there may be some changes depending on enrollment

District Calendar Changes:

1. Make October 2, 2023, a Non-Instructional Day in lieu of the Stat. Holiday (Reconciliation Day) on Saturday, September 30th in order to be in line with the Provincial Stat. Holiday.
2. Move the August 31st Non-Instructional Day to September 5th.

This will make the first official day of school with students in session

September 6th a ½ day.

Field Trips:

Thank you for your continued support. We have a number of great learning opportunities happening including a grade 7 trip to Strathcona, grade 6s to Camp Bob, and lots of trips to deep bay and even Horne lake caves.

Food Programs:

We are ending our Free Lunch program June 1st.

We will have served over 1200 lunches.

Our Breakfast club will continue until the last week of school (June 23) we will have provided Approx. 7000 breakfasts.

Welcome to Kindergarten May 31 3:30-4:30

Does PAC want to send a representative to meet new parents? Renee will be there with her child so will do this.

Question: How do field trips work? The school encourages field trips. Some are for all students in a grade and others are dependent on each teacher.

Bussing: bussing is expensive. Is there a way to offset the cost? PAC funds each student \$20 for field trips. Teachers will pair up to share a bus for a field trip or apply for a grant. Using parent volunteers for driving is challenging as there is a lot of paperwork to complete to volunteer.

Hannah Slomp - asked about theatre troupe that visits the school to perform. Hannah will take this on to find out about options and bring them to PAC/admin.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Treasurer: Garth Yule. There will likely be a small surplus at the end of this year.

DPAC - Deferred.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Deferred.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Constitution and Bylaws: Vote on revised version of Constitution and Bylaws. Garth Yule. Approved. Suggestion that a policy be added that the Constitution and Bylaws be reviewed and revised regularly (suggested every 5 years).

NEW BUSINESS

1. PAC executive call for nominations. Looking to fill DPAC and Chair positions. Call for nominations for Chair: Sara Flinn and Karen Andrews for Co-Chairs. Call for nominations for Treasurer: Garth Yule. Call for nominations for Secretary: Renee van Doorninck. Call for nominations for DPAC rep: Tom Cutler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT - 7: 52pm.