

Puntledge Park PAC Meeting Minutes September 20, 2023

Noah Burdett (Principal), Christian Streit (Vice Principal), Shannon Aldinger (School Trustee), Renee van Doorninck (Secretary), Garth Yule (Treasurer), Sara Flinn (Co-Chair), Katie Thompson, Shannon Pots, Kevin Watnick, Alison Lawrence, James Lawrence, Tom Cutler (DPAC rep), Erica Hayden, Karen Andrews (Co-chair), David Frisch, Emily Brown (Volunteer Coordinator), Daniel Sher, Christina Bui

Call Meeting to Order 6:35pm

Land Acknowledgment

Roll Call

Reading and Approving of the Minutes - first: Karen Andrews, Second: David Frish. Approved.

Administration Report

Noah Burdett

Celebrations:

- Working on our first consent week videos - example talk about hugs vs. high fives.
- Upgrades around the school including the painting of the parking lot
- Our breakfast club is up and running again.
- Terry Fox this Friday. Noah is getting the pies this year. Kids will have the choice of taking a pie home or throwing it at Noah.
- Hosting Cross Country Sept 27th.
- Preparing for reconciliation week with activities that include painting the entrance again and re hanging our feather dream catcher and creating large Orange Shirt panels.
- Whacky Wheely Wednesday is back and packed with kids.

Administrivia:

- Enrollment at 514 students
- 22 grade 6 Late Immersion students
- 25 “new to Puntledge students”
- 61 Kindergarten students

- PAC fridge is the single door stainless Fridge and Stainless Freezer. Please don't use the double door fridge. This will be labelled soon.
- Changes to The Weekly. Well the name... and it will link to the website and the handbook when we need to send out general information reminders. Example: be bear away.
- FSAs (Functional Skills Assessments) are just around the corner for our grade 4 and 7s.

District News:

- Feeding Futures is starting to be allocated to schools. Approximately \$15000. Question: Is that enough money? The breakfast program cost about \$11, 000 last year. Last years lunch program (free lunches for classrooms one at a time rotating). This was universally accessible but the food waste was too high. It was generic so it didn't meet what kids necessarily wanted. We didn't target it to those students who needed it most. Noah and Christian will be meeting with teachers tomorrow to ask which students would benefit from a lunch program this year. They might give lunches out to students at the breakfast window - they are discussing.
- Still working to get Criminal Record Checks and Volunteer forms submitted by those wanting to volunteer at the school. These will last 3 years. There is an additional volunteer form that is online that has to be filled out - agree to follow school policies.

Budget Requests:


1. Up to \$5000 for a Gaga Ball Pit - Example at Courtenay El. Tom Cutler to take a look at the plans to see how much it would cost.
2. Up to \$5000 for ½ cost of Dandelions (learning support). Recommended by learning support teacher. It is a reading program for the English Program. It would cost \$10, 000.
3. Up to \$500 to support busing for Horne
4. High School Musical for Spring 2025 \$1000. Would like to purchase in 2024 to prep.
5. Less than \$500 (not costed out) Pocket Microscopes for garden, Trellis work, Cutting boards, Garden equipment

Questions:

- To whom shall I send fundraising advertisements that I receive ? Please forward them to PAC co-chairs.
- Is it possible to have bulk funding in categories? Yes, Garth can provide the specific categories from the gaming grant. PAC can look into details of amounts in each category at a later date.

- Field trip funds can they be used for other class activities? In the past PAC has given \$150 per class plus some other money depending on the grade. Some teachers use all their funds and others use grants and have money left over. Garth reviewed the list of things that the gaming grant money and it is not allowed to be used on classroom supplies. That money would have to be fundraised.

Reports of Officers

Treasurer - Garth Yule. Not a lot has happened since the meeting in June.  PAC Budget . Garth will find out about the gaming grant amount by the end of the month. Garth will file last year by the end of the month.

D-Pac Rep: Tom Cutler. Tom has fundraised about \$450 in gift cards and \$200 in cash from another business to use for incentives for volunteering. Would like to create a letterhead for PAC so that businesses can use that for donations. We can do that. Could ask DPAC about this as they might already have letterhead. Details can be discussed. Noah to look into whether PAC can receive donations from private businesses. First DPAC meeting is in October.

Tom is interested in having a fishing event next year. He will need to ask DFO and stream keepers about this event.

Trustees Report

Shannon Aldinger:

New Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Morrow –

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/comox-valley-schools-appoints-dr-jeremy-morrow-as-superintendent-ceo/>

- Accessibility survey – please share your ideas:

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/accessibility-in-comox-valley-schools/>

- Feeding Futures - \$1.14 million in funding to our district in each of next three school years to feed students; district scan/inventory of existing school food programs to be undertaken

- Consent Awareness Week – September 18 – 22, 2023 in Comox Valley Schools

- DPAC hosted speaker Jesse Wollen – **Conversations About Consent**
- Presentation for parents of elementary students: Tues. Sept. 19 at 7 pm (by zoom)
- Presentation for parents of secondary students: Thurs. Sept. 21 at 7 pm (by zoom)

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=school%20district%2071%20parents%20advisory%20council%20-%20>

or email DPAC directly at DPAC@SD71.bc.ca (& note that both will be recorded)

- Next school board meetings:

- Regular Board of Education meeting: Tues, Sept 26, 7:00 pm
- Open Committee of the Whole: Tues, Oct 10, 4:30 pm
- attendance in person or virtually

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2fHd0wEeSE7W-tlTnkVzEw>

Unfinished Business

New Business

1. Budget: Garth Yule led. Conversation with all attending at a broad level of what the priorities of the PAC are for spending this year.
2. Fundraising ideas/events: Please send ideas you are excited about to

Questions: Will there be a Christmas concert this year? Yes.

Announcements

Adjournment: 8:08pm