

Puntledge Pac Meeting Minutes November 15, 2023

Call Meeting to Order- 6:31pm

Land Acknowledgment

Roll Call - Karen Andrews (co-chair), Renee van Doorninck (Secretary), Alison Lawrence, Tom Cutler (DPAC exec), Garth Yule (Treasurer), Noah Burdett (Principal), Christian Streit (Vice Principal), Emily Brown (volunteer coordinator)

Reading and Approving of the Minutes - First: Karen Andrews, Second: Tom Cutler

Administration Report - Noah Burdett

Celebrations:

- A very Fun Halloween Dance! Special thanks to the decorators, volunteers and DJ Garth.
- A great walk for Wenjack to the food bank.
- We had over 70 students grades 3-7 participating in cross country
- Volleyball and basketball are underway.
- We had a wonderful Remembrance day assembly and a loud and fun Recognition assembly.
- Classes that are choosing to work with EDAS have begun.

Administrivia:

- Numeracy and Literacy Frameworks: Building guiding district frameworks to support learning and assessment practices k-12.
- Starting to set dates for registration. Similar to last year starting the week after we return for French Immersion and Ind. K and Neighborhood the week after that. Tentative Jan 15-19 and Jan. 22-26.
- Silent Auction, spread the word.

<https://new.biddingowl.com/AuctionLanding?QueryAuctionId=ac16938e-aef4-4a13-8aa1-2df2e4665a16>

- Book Fair 22, 23, and 24 - Still seeking volunteers. Prioritise volunteers for 23 and 24 as kids tend to browse on the first day.
- Parent teacher conferences are open to bookings. So far, we have not had too many questions about the process. Same as last year.
- Winter Concert ticket information will be out soon. Munchalunch will likely be ready tomorrow Thursday Nov. 16.
- We have shared the how to bring an Idea to life document.

Questions:

- Has Pam reached out for support for the book fair? - Yes.
- Are we at a place for the school to take over Fun Food Fridays? (likely the grade 7s) - Yes.

Christian Streit - Asked the kids what they wish their parents could learn about - DPAC question from last meeting.

- Help pre-teen kids make friends.
- Learn how to manage challenging interactions with peers/friends.
- How to balance school/after school activities. How to manage stress.

Trustees Report - Shannon Aldinger not available tonight but provided notes below.

From October 24, 2023 Board meeting - Board of Education:

- extended the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan to end of this year and prepared focused priorities for 2023-24 (see attached)

- created first incarnation of annual work plan: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Board-Working-Plan.pdf>

- formed ad hoc policy committee – Trustees Waite (chair – Area B), Shannon Aldinger (Courtenay) and Chelsea-McCannel-Keene (Area

- heard presentation re: 2023 report of Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL): <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Framework-for-Enhancing-Student-Learning-Report-Comox-Valley-2023.pdf>

- District Accessibility Committee – survey still open: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/accessibility-in-comox-valley-schools/>

- Provincial announcement re: change to grade 10 social studies starting 2025-26 – changes to include education on holocaust, Japanese internment and residential schools
- FREE Virtual Workshops: “Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities” Offered via the Ministry of Education and Childcare’s ERASE (Expect Respect and a Safe Education) Nov 28 and 30, 2023 7:00pm – 8:00pm Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/family-session-establishing-safe-caring-respectful-digital-communities-tickets-732343096917?aff=oddtcreator>

Details (from provincial promo): Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe & caring use of technology at home and in community. This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

Next meetings:

Regular Board of Education meeting: Tues, Nov 28, 7:00 pm

Open Committee of the Whole: Tues, Nov 14, 7:00 pm (note new time)

Attend in person or virtually or watch via recording:

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

Reports of Officers

Treasurer - Garth Yule. So far we have earned \$5845.80 on top of the \$10,000 gaming grant. Most of the money is from hot lunches (doing better than last year). Halloween dance made \$420.

D-Pac - Tom Cutler. There is an email you can sign up for to be alerted to the upcoming Speaker Series events. No one has signed up for the Food Safe training from Puntledge. There is enough in the budget for 2-3 people per school to take it. Tom and Karen to discuss outside of meeting possibility of a salad bar at school. Karen will sign up for the FoodSafe training.

Unfinished Business

1. Update to fundraisers - Karen Andrews. Would like to do a Christmas movie night. Looking at December 1. Alex is not available to help out but his notes are available from previous movie nights. Garth can do sound. Emily to put the call out for volunteers for concession. Pre-order pizza on Munchalunch.. Karen to email Noah re: details soon and to write something for "The Weekly." Tom will connect with Alex re: details of last movie nights.

Karen would like to find out if there is interest from parents in having a bake sale

Karen talked to Gunther Meats - they are able to do a fundraiser with the school in the new year. Karen to continue with this fundraiser.

-Hot Chocolates fundraiser- Alison Lawrence. Too late for winter orders. Alison to follow up about later chocolate selling events in the year.

School hoodies - Renee van Doorninck. This year we will be offering pullover and zip style hoodies and toques. Hoodies will cost about \$30 each. Toques will have to be ordered ahead so we will order 50 and sell them until they are gone. Toques will be about \$15. Plan to sell all school gear at cost not as a fundraiser. Details to come as supplier confirms.

New Business

1. Set meeting date for December PAC meeting as it currently conflicts with the Winter Concert - cancelled for this year. See you on the third Wednesday of January.

Announcements

Huge thank you to the parents who organized and volunteered for the Halloween Dance, everyone had an amazing time!

Huge thank you to Karen and Renee for taking the lead for the Puntledge Hoodies. Stay tuned for more details as they continue to work on the details!

Volunteers Needed - we are looking for volunteers for the Book Fair for November 21st to the 24th. Please check your email if you are registered for our volunteer emails or volunteer at <https://signup.com/go/rOOYNbj>

If you would like to be added to the Pac Volunteer email list please reach out to our amazing Volunteer Coordinator Emily @ puntledgepacvolunteers@gmail.com

Adjournment - 7:30pm