

## **Puntledge PAC Meeting Minutes February 21, 2024**

**Call Meeting to Order** 6:36pm

### **Land Acknowledgment**

**Roll Call:** Sara Flin (Co-Chair), Karen Andrews (Co-Chair), Shannon Aldinger (School Trustee), Garth Yule (Treasurer), Christine Bui, Christian Streit (Vice Principal), Noah Burdett (Principal), Renee van Doorninck (Secretary)

**Reading and Approving of the Minutes:** Defer to next meeting.

**Administration Report:** Noah Burdett

Celebrations:

- Getting through January
- Completed our schoolwide write to gather next steps in literacy and for staff to work together.
- We had a healthy enrollment for our Late Immersion.
- Still looking for Neighbourhood Kindergarten students to join us.
- We explored the Local Education Agreement signed between the district and K'omoks First Nation.
- Select grade 7s are participating in Skills Canada competition on February 23
- Our grade 6 and 7 students have been working incredibly hard on their French oral language speeches.
- We had a great day of learning as a staff on February 19.

Administrivia/Upcoming Events:

- Carnival starts in 10 days with the Family Masquerade dance taking place Mar. 8 from 6-8
- Please check out portfolios if your kiddos have them, other report cards come home March 15.
- Spring break is from March 16 to April 1 (First Day Back is Tuesday April 2)
- We have reached out regarding the bouncers and will ask for 5 this year plus a dunk tank.
- Space is going to be tight for next year depending on how the spring enrollment/transfers roll out.

Christian Streit: The Core Values survey received over 250 responses from parents. They are going to form a working group with teachers to define the terms of the values. This will eventually be turned into "what this looks like in the classroom." Will try and make an image to go with each. Want to incorporate indigenous ways of learning.

Questions:

- Does PAC want to run the concession for the district Track Day (May 15) - Yes. Sara Flin to take the lead on this.



### **Trustees Report: Shannon Aldinger**

- Food scan of the district was completed. The Feeding Futures initiative to build and expand on what is currently happening. Discussed next steps at a meeting last night. Will make a decision of hiring a food coordinator next.  
Link to the Feeding Futures Food Scan Report circulated at the meeting. It is a great starting point for expanding upon our district's food programs. See pages 13-30 of this agenda package:  
<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Regular-Board-Meeting-Agenda-January-30-2024.pdf>
- Strategic planning process. They have hired a consultant to help with this process. Trying to approach this with indigenous ways of knowing. First stage is launching a survey (there are 4 different surveys directed to different groups - parents, teachers, etc). Will they only ask through a survey? They are looking at different ways of engaging but this is still under discussion. Discussed accessibility of survey. More ways to engage would be better. Everyone has different capacities. Making it easy for parents to engage. Discussed if there is an option to have a school wide event to support engagement. Suggestion made to have the survey in multiple languages. Here is the survey for the next strategic plan - PLEASE COMPLETE:  
<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/our-strategic-plan/>  
Here is the link to the last strategic plan (2019 - 2023):  
<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/StrategicPlanOnline2019.pdf>  
Here is the link to the most recent annual review that I can find on our website:  
<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Strategic-Plan-Annual-Report-2021-2022.pdf>  
Shannon Aldinger followed up after the meeting and asked about the Strat Plan survey end date and "am told that it will be running beyond two weeks and that an end date hasn't yet been chosen. That said, the Board of Education's first opportunity to discuss the survey results will be at a working session on March 5th, so we are hoping to receive as many as possible before then. There are further board meetings on March 12 and April 9 - but of course spring break falls between them as well."  
Shannon has offered: "If you or your parents want to have a further discussion about the strategic planning process (formally or informally), just let me know and I would be happy to make time."
- Next board meeting is Tuesday Feb 27 at 6 pm - available in person, by live-stream or as a recording: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2fHd0wEeSE7W-tlTnkVzEw>

### **Reports of Officers**

Treasurer: Garth Yule. No formal report prepared. Grade 7's fundraised \$757.35 from the candy grams. The bursary process is overly complicated and has too many steps as it currently works. Garth will come up with a proposal to streamline this process and bring it to the next PAC meeting.

DPAC: Tom Cutler is away. Link to the minutes to the meeting Feb 5, 2024:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uthyfuq9fg4bb6j/AABvDgRh0qblxEpB-zBudqVra/MINUTES%202024-2-05%20SD71%20DPAC.pdf?dl=0>



### **Unfinished Business:**

1. Masquerade Dance: Garth would like to do a black light theme. Sounds fun and makes decorating costs low. All in favour. Garth and another parent to share DJ duties.
2. Huband White Hatter: Opportunity to share the costs of White Hatter presentations <https://thewhitehatter.ca/programs/cyberbullying-online-personal-protection-ages-12-13-grade-6-7/> for grade 6/7's with Huband Elementary School. Discussion of the benefits of the program and interest from parents and Admin. **Karen Andrews proposed the motion to spend \$340 plus GST on this program for Puntledge Students. Seconded: Garth Yule. Passed.** Renee to email Kristine to let her know Puntledge would like to join Huband so dates can be set.
3. **Fundraising:** Gunter's fundraiser was for grade 7s. Concession for the dance is up next. Toques have all sold.
4. **Expanded lunch program:** Karen can't support this because she has gone back to school. Hold the rest of the discussion until Tom Cutler returns. Can also discuss this with Emily as she has received some interest from the volunteer emails.

### **New Business**

1. **Road safety:** Kirsten - One of the parents with a child at Puntledge would like to speak to the PAC regarding road safety and school zone boundaries and crossing guards. Kirsten did not show so will defer to another PAC meeting. The school can only control up to the gate and then the City of Courtenay is responsible for the rest. The lighted crosswalk and school speed zone have changed since the accident last year. Discussion if there is an advocacy role for the PAC with making requests to the City.

### **Announcements:**

We are looking for volunteers for a few different activities coming up:

- Masquerade dance coming in March
- Free store in April during earth week

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](mailto:puntledgepacvolunteers@gmail.com)

**Adjournment:** 7:50pm.