

## **PAC Meeting - Sept 22, 2020**

### **Outside @ Room to Grow**

#### **Attendance:**

Alexandra, Alissa, Judi, Faith, Braea, Andrea, Jennifer, Cindy, Marc

- Alexandra read the minutes to June 20, 2020 meeting

#### **- VP Report**

- week 2: the plan was to just start school with some mandates in place & get more organized as we go along, finding our new 'regular'.

- great to see the work on the new school

- Ian Heselgrave to come view the progress tomorrow

- building is currently somewhat ahead of schedule

- the teachers/students have taken the theme 'Building' into the classrooms for this fall & are currently working on 'Firm Foundations'.

- school is full with 42 students: 21 primary & 21 intermediate

- lots of returning kids & 12 new students

- with the increase of families growing, hoping for a 3rd teacher when we move into the new school, hopefully sept 2021 - we would require around 50 students to get a 3rd teacher.

- sept 30 - all #s into District for full funding / another in feb for partial student funding.

- in District 71, 5 ways of schooling this year:

- face to face, in classroom

- distance learning

- home schooling - family in charge of child's education, Alissa can do assessments + some resources maybe available, including use of the school library

- immune-compromised kids

- community connections - distributed learning teacher facilitating connection with the school & resources

- next steps:

- solidifying as a group

- maybe looking at revisiting Visioning for moving into the new school

- Andrea brought up the idea of a memorial for the old school - could we create an online platform where community members & others could upload photos & stories about their connection/history with the old school

- perhaps creating a labyrinth

- most challenging part of the new school year is that parents can't be physically present @ the school

- other teachers who are also working with other schools (including Kevin) are keeping physical distancing or masking when necessary - also 1 teacher is working with a plexiglass barrier between herself & kids so they can see her face fully

- re: physical contact between kids: kids are being asked to minimize contact with

one another as much as they can

- Custodian actually has less hours this year - starting earlier (while school still in) & ending @ 5:45pm

- question: is PAC able to put \$ towards 1 additional hour/day of Custodian work?

- District should pay for adequate hours of cleaning!

- Alissa will look into this

- Judi (intermediate teacher) - feeling very welcome, really likes the vibe of the school & community, enjoying getting to know the kids

### **- Field Trips**

- Alissa doesn't see us being able to do off-island field trips this school year/anytime soon

- looking for local resources/adventures

- Outdoor Education Centre

- \$30/student/day, which is quite high

- costs for going off-island is really high - bussing + ferry cost &

challenges - make paying a little more for on-hornby possible

- other field trip ideas:

- hire bus to take kids to local hornby destinations for outdoor learning - helliwell, big tribune, other beaches, etc.

- Natural History Museum

- Conservancy Hornby Island

- doing a tree planting initiative that perhaps the kids could get

involved with

- Parks Canada - helliwell

- Indigenous Education - have Indigenous leaders/teachers come here

to teach - created an Indigenous Tea Garden on Denman, maybe something like that on hornby

- Less Structured Learning Opportunities - Cindy put forward the idea of field trips that held open-ended learning experiences, like creating art @ the beach

- are parents able to facilitate learning outside of the classrooms if they wear masks? Alissa will look into these possibilities.

- please keep bringing ideas to Alissa - this is ongoing & she's open to ideas

- Alissa will draft some ideas + estimated costs

### **Treasurer Report:**

- Regan resigned: "Adios amigos!" - we will miss her humour, dedication & mad treasury skills

- accounts:

- General: \$16,159.58

- Gaming: \$900.00

- Petty Cash: \$86.30
- Rozi still has signing power - need to take her off

### **HIES:**

- After School Programs
  - happy to have Kim Fagerland facilitating again this year
  - sent out a survey to kids regarding what programming they are most interested in having
    - still waiting to receive some - then will tally up & go from there
  - Outdoor Learning
    - lots of interest from those present
    - can PAC help finance some outdoor gear to have @ the school - rain jackets, pants, rubber boots?
      - let's contact local businesses to see about donations first: Coop, Canadian Tire, Valhalla Pure, etc.
      - could have tubs with themes: containing all the gear/learning resources needed for that theme/activity
- funding cut by \$6000

### **Fundraising:**

- Tea Towels:
  - ask Jules re: redoing portraits also including all the new students for this year's design
    - Seed themed tea towels to be released in the spring
    - Andrea will talk to Jules about these ideas
- Winter Faire:
  - cancel Kids Craft Faire as we know it
  - Wreaths:
    - yes! let's carry on with the wreaths this year
    - Braea & Jennivieve will oversee
      - make sure we have enough volunteers to pull it off before we commit
  - possibly bring back the Bird Ornaments
  - possibly create an in-school kids craft faire just for the kids - to purchase from one another - maybe kids + staff
  - Cindy wondered about creating Boxes containing different kids' crafts:
    - Boxes with different price points... \$20, \$30, \$50, etc.
      - have pricing on sliding scale so folks can give more if inspired
      - boxes could have different themes
      - each craft came with a small written bio by each kid who's work is in the box
        - need to brainstorm how/if kids make \$ &/or it all gets donated towards something for all the kids involved
        - PAC could put out a note giving each family the options for how they want to participate/contribute towards the Kids Craft Faire: being on a committee,

donating \$, etc - all parents involved/contribute in one way or another

**Gift for Regan:**

- gift certificate for Beulah Creek Nursery
- Cindy motioned \$100 gift certificate, Jennifer 2nd, all in favour
- Alexandra will ask Jala to purchase

**AGM next PAC Meeting**

- looking for new Treasurer
- Braea put her name forward for Treasurer
- please join PAC!!!
- currently just Alexandra & Jala
- Alexandra will book Room-to-Grow for fall, winter, spring PAC Meetings
- Alexandra will email re: next meeting day, time, location
- best days either Tues or Wed
- will offer Zoom participation

**Meeting adjured @ 4:55pm**