

Hornby Island Community School PAC Meeting

Date: October 10, 2023

Location: Raven Room

Childcare: Playground

Time: 3:45-5pm

Call to order: 3:50pm

Recognition of Traditional Territories

We respectfully acknowledge that we are living, learning and playing on the beautiful unceded traditional territory of the Pentlatch Peoples and the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land.

Agenda

1. Introductions

In attendance:

Additions to the agenda

I, _____, will make a motion to approve agenda for todays meeting DATE

First _____ Second _____

Read last meetings minutes

Corrections?

I, _____, will make a motion to approve minutes from meeting DATE

First _____ Second _____

2. Old Business

- Seed Fundraiser Update (Faith) – Faith is working on it (Amanda missed this part of the discussion while getting set up to take minutes, sorry). New: Garden Works Fundraiser (used to be Art Knapp)– we have been offered the opportunity to sell gift cards and get a portion of the funds. Braea will inquire about further details.
- Pumpkin Patch Update – Oct 25th / Field Update (Laila) - Britt made a report on Laila's behalf. The event will be Wed Oct 25, discussion about the time. Settled on 3:45 - 5:30. Donation Jar – let's give a jar the kids to make and decorate, then keep it on hand to have ready for future events.
- Hornby High School Update – (Amanda) – Amanda has reached out to Marieke Holtkamp and Jay Dixon at SD71 to continue the conversation from last year. Jay replied that Jeremy Morrow, the new SD71 superintendent, will be involved in the process as he is directly responsible for the Hornby/Denman schools (this is a slightly different situation than in the past when the Hornby Vice Principal reported to a district Principal)). Amanda reached out to Jeremy Morrow but has not heard back yet.

- Swing Set Ribbon Cutting – Judi will confirm when the swing set can be used. Tentatively the ribbon cutting will be Oct 23. Dierdre will provide more details as a plan develops.

3. Reports

VP -Judi Ayers – school learning goals for the year were developed at the last staff meeting. Focus is on literacy. There will be another whole-school project on learning reading skills through poetry. Later in the year there will be an additional focus on math.

- Teachers will send home an interim report in October. November will be parent teacher student conference on Nov 20.
- 'Feeding Futures' last year HIES was given a grant that was used to pay for the soup and salad program. This year the funding is coming directly to the school. \$2500 left over from last year was rolled forward.
- A portion of the funding will be used Field trips – one whole school was in Sept, another in February and another one later. Puntledge Fish Hatchery was mentioned. There will be a 'special end of year' field trip for Grade 6/7 and Grade 4/5. Grade K/1's will do lots of local field trips and because the class is small enough that they can reasonably use parent drivers. Cedar Coast asked if we would like to be on a list of schools that would benefit from grants, for future visits. Discussion of Vancouver Island Mountain Center vs Strathcona. Parents would rather have May/June field trip for Strathcona. Braea will reach out to a contact at Strathcona as Judi is having a hard time reaching them. Outdoor Ed – would like to go again but need to give feedback for improvement.
- Plaque for Ursula's tree – do we have to get SD71 to do it, or can we do it?
- Request to provide funding to teachers so they can buy materials that are not 'usual' school supplies. Motion: Braea/Faith to donate \$150/classroom = \$450 total.
- Approved. Judi priced out a kiln \$4500. We also have \$1000 of pottery supplies. Britt applied for a grant for iPads but mentioned that we also want a kiln. She applied for another grant as well.
- Casey – request for quiet sensory toys and support equipment. Britt/Faith moved that the PAC provide \$300 towards the wish list. Judi has possible sources of funds for the rest of the list.
- Florette – request for the PAC to provide \$1000. Faith/Braea moved to approve this request.

Treasurers report - Braea

Chequing \$7460.94

Gaming \$2000

Equity \$25

We just spent \$2000 on requests approved at this meeting.

- Christmas Faire is an important fundraiser coming up. Braea will be away until right before the fair which is on Dec 2 and she really wants to make sure we get organized and do lots of work while she is away 😊. Room to Grow is booked for the Monday and Thursday before that.

4. Committee Reports

- Food Program Update
 - Monday Muffins (Laila)
 - Tuesday Soup and Salad (Jade)
 - Wednesday Hot Lunch (Braea)
 - Thursday Hot Lunch (Britt)

Judi asked for a budget for the hot lunches, so that she can provide funding if possible. Approx \$200/time.

We have been offered an opportunity to use the donation jars at the Co-op tills for December. Braea will request via a letter Britt will write.

Discussion of some new hot lunch ideas to try, including rice bowls.

5. New business

- Funds for the Year / Fundraising / Field Trips
- Halloween Bake Sale (Day/Time) Next Bake Sale will be on Halloween.

6. Upcoming Events

- Pumpkin Patch event
- Halloween Bake Sale
- Pumpkin carving event at school – Monday Oct 30 each child will bring their own pumpkin.

7. Next Meeting

Second Tuesday of every month (unless holiday and then TBD)

Date/time/location: November 14, 2023 - 3:45-5pm

8. Meeting Adjourned: 5:08pm

Minutes taken by Amanda Zielinski