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# PAC Meeting 2022/2023

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 6:30PM

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## Attendees

Joanne Barr (Chair), Jodi Schneider (Vice and Fun Fair), Valerie Gregor (Sec) Cassandra (Tres) , Jen Storey (DPAC), Heather Morris (Event Co) . Cristi Sacht Trustee

## Welcome

Round table

## Agenda

### Approval Jan Minutes

Approval for January minutes. Cassandra seconded.

Strike approval to amend portion of DPAC minutes

### Approval Agenda

Additions/Omissions - NIL

Jodie motions to approve the agenda, cassandra seconds the agenda

## Principal Report 6:35 to 7

- Water bottles were sponsored by Forbidden Zone and Mane Roads contracting. They are partially made of recyclable material.
  - Kids are using them which is great for Mr. Darnell to see after his hard work putting this together.
  - Huge busy week leading up to winter break. K/1 potluck and Christmas concert were a success.
  - The lost and found exchange will be happening this thursday. More District 71 schools are now involved in it. Miracle Beach Clothing will be going to Puntledge.
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- Starter lunch. 8 students had a party in the multi-purpose room.
- MyEd report cards went home before Christmas break
- Primary's do portfolio based reporting and will be sending home summaries of learning February 16th with comments.
- Open house in March for parents to come in to view the primary portfolios.
- Two classes are doing digital portfolios, Nesbitt and Mckay. Mr Darnell would like to encourage parents to view them. They are available year round.
- Mr Darnell would like people using them to encourage more teachers to use them.
- MDI Middle Years Diagnostic Index for grade 5's was done before winter break. Results are coming soon.
- EDI early years diagnostic index will be done in February.
- The basketball clinic that happened at the school was a success despite starting late. The grade 3 to 5 range involved some younger grades.
- A student teacher is coming from Sweden in April for 3 weeks, working with Mrs. Mckay and staying with her. The school gets a 500.00 for hosting which will go to Mrs Mckays' classroom budget.
- Last week we had toc's in the building to release teachers to plan in grade groups. The focus is on literacy and hitting strategic plan targets.
- Hacker Gal: Sam Mckay is running it, she has about 8 students doing coding activities. It is after school running into April.
- The 6/7 ski trip is on but almost was canceled because of bussing. The mountain is helping with the bussing up and down the mountain.
- Bussing is becoming an issue with many field trips this season.
- Bussing reminders for behavior on the buses. Talking with drivers it seems to be improving. Some of the buses are still struggling.
- Hands on play has become a recent issue, so it is becoming a new topic. Playfighting leads to direct office time with Mr, Darnell.
- Spring Musical in the works, it has been several years. The kids are excited.
- Basketball 6/7 boys and girls doing great. Big thanks to Warren, Kate and Jen for coaching. Big thanks to Warren for coaching on his own since Zale hurt his back.
- February 17th pro-d day indigenous focus at Vanier.
- We just had literary week, Miracle Beach did a full week of it. Action happens every day. A huge thank you to Corrine and Megan for organizing that.
- Food is still provided in the office. Black Creek Bank is dropping off sandwiches on Wednesday.
- Please put out another criminal records check and driver's abstract, information links are embedded in posts and not on the website.
- Strong Start will be starting at Miracle Beach again, it will be running after spring break. Tuesday from 9 am to noon.
- We have two sponsorships for the School Garden, Samba and the BC food and Veg program will cover the costs. The garden fence will go in around spring break.
- Multipurpose Reno is on the go. Will happen in about two weeks.
- Sensory Path, was placed down over christmas break. Phase two will be done over spring break. Kids show they really enjoy it.
- Mr Darnell has been redoing the student parent hand book. PAC please take a look and offer feedback at the next meeting. The handbook is very valuable for parents and students in the school.
- Theater will be coming back to the school, coming at the end of February.

- Question: Joanne, do we have an update for our Elder doors, Zale and Jen need the committee to meet.
- Zale got the 3D printer for the school. We 3D printed a chinese new year cat. It will be very exciting.

## Chair Report 7 to 7:20

Old Business - NA

New Business - review bylaws, review parent communication, AGM

- Joanne was at the board office last night and the Miracle Beach art is featured at the board office.
- Literacy week was a success from Joannes perspective.
- Mr. Colby came in on Thursday to read and that was a success.
- Kids were really excited about literacy. It was a huge success.
- Joanne has been reviewing the bylaws to prepare for the AGM. PAC please review the bylaws and share the feedback. We will pass amended bylaws at the AGM.
- The AGM is in May to keep your ears up for positions that will need to be filled.
- Zale I keep telling parents to talk to you about feeling out of loop. They are not getting feedback from teachers. Parents need to be encouraged to communicate as well. Zale email me or the classroom teacher if they are seeking more information.

## Committee Reports 720 to 730 (Vice)

- Committees formed so far this year are Fundraising, District Involvement, Fun Fair, Hot Lunch, Events Committee Mental Health, we will add committees as the need arises throughout the year.
- Fundraising - Kelly - Next fundraiser is family paint night. Mrs Mckay will be teaching a family paint night from Feb 23 from 6 to 8 pm in her classroom. Sign up in advance only 20 spots will be available.
- The next fundraiser is growing smiles which will run two weeks in April before mothers day.
- District Involvement - Jen and Joanne (Covered in DPAC report) Strategic Planning
- Fun Fair - Jodi Report - Committee meeting Feb 2 to go over terms of reference and assign some jobs. Jodi spoke to Bouncearama, there are two other Pacs having a fun fair the same day. We may not get the items we normally get.
- Hot Lunch - Wendy and Joanne - Hot lunch numbers are back up, we are just under 201 orders. We have two lunches left in this round. We will open up the next order window on the pro d day. The deadline will be the 20th. There will not be hotdogs because of the kitchen reno's.  
Hot Lunch round 4 will open soon with a deadline of Feb 20th, open on February 13th.

- Events- Heather - WE had our first events committee meeting on Monday. We went over the terms of reference and the objective of the committee. The financial literacy event is on the 13th. We are trying to generate some excitement about it. The kids one will be vision board building. February 13th the parent event is from 1:30 to 2:30 in the multipurpose room, kid time is 2:45 to 3:45 in the multipurpose room.

Future events, a movie night idea, a community dinner idea. With more ideas for events people can email [heathervmorris@outlook.com](mailto:heathervmorris@outlook.com).

- Mental Health - Please review DPAC presentations - DPAC website has some older presentations that are always there and available for parents and staff to access. See DPAC report for links. Zale; next week the staff meeting will be present on race which connects with mental health.

## Treasurer Report 7:30 to 7:45

- Insert Report - Discovery Foods January bill has not come in yet. The overall financial statements are sitting at 1400 net income. Bussing invoices from First Choice are coming in very slow which could negatively impact our budget growth.

## DPAC Report 7:45 to 8

- Next Meeting Monday, Feb 5.
- Parent Education Night coming up: Feb 17, 7:830, Sharing Cultural Perspectives, Where Two Paths meet
- Past Parent Education Presentations on drop box:<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uu0gvglwbg8iv6q/AAA76j2PxIDef62eURRRhAeDa?dl=0&fbclid=IwAR2YelcUmmV2u2F-DpnBKOGoS2EmMuYwWwvKg7YHEVTxrdiEOaQ9IBymAA4>
- FAQs:  
[https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid0XKkoi1xWZyEaCUSzWZ84WN1tXnguytroGbfzdaqvzEJoWJUkcSsQL52nnnCrSDNnl&id=104837054772183](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid0XKkoi1xWZyEaCUSzWZ84WN1tXnguytroGbfzdaqvzEJoWJUkcSsQL52nnnCrSDNnl&id=104837054772183)
- Heather will step in as the DPAC rep alternate when Jen is unavailable. Thanks Heather for stepping up. Valerie nominates Heather as an alternate as a DPAC rep, Jen seconds the nomination.

## Trustee Report - Cristi May Sacht 8 to 815

- Cristi attended the board meeting yesterday.
- They will be having the open committee of the whole on February 14th, 2023. Vivian is doing a presentation on literacy and numeracy.

- The District is growing 489 kindy's are signed up. Two additional protables in Cumberland. The board is waiting on enrollment numbers to see how to balance the growth.
- SD 71 is participating in a go electric fleets program. There was funding for an assessment so that is moving forward.
- We moved a notice of motion that our district is inviting Raja Sing to visit and meet the district.
- We have been asked by the Comox Valley food policy council to have a trustee present. Cristi will be participating in that.
- Equity scan had their inaugural meeting
- The indigenous parents advocacy club is starting back up
- Annual general meeting for the BCPC. All the BCTF agreements have been ratified. Almost all CUPE agreements have been ratified.
- The board is having a hard time with a major shortage of teachers, especially french teachers. We are actively recruiting more french teachers and low minorities teachers. This is becoming a provincial problem so we are hoping to see initiatives at the ministry level.
- Consent education, the minister has made acknowledgement embracing what the parents etc want. Erase BC has been launched.

**Notes from Cristi:** Progress is being made towards our bussing issue. Together Director Ian Hasegrave and First Student bus met with Mainroad and they took full responsibility for the situation and agreed to ensure their drivers prioritize school zones more effectively.

Our new school board office on Idens Way is about to have building plans confirmed and submitted by the end of the month. Despite increases in costs due to inflation, our team is progressing and finding cost savings where they can.

Statement of financial information is being finalized at our next board meeting. We have now received the interim operating grant announcement and while all districts are feeling the crunch from inflation, there has been no additional funding granted at this time under special purpose grants: ;learning improvement fund, community link, pay equity and student transportation fund. Our board and senior management team will continue to advocate for additional funding. We feel confident and are not in the deficit situation that other districts find themselves in.

Our board is keen to begin work on our strategic plan and look forward to any comments for feedback from PAC's.



## Open Discussion -

- Distinct musical is Matilda, lots of miracle beach kids, at the Sid, Candice would like to advertise it on the PAC facebook. March 15th to 18th 7pm and a 2 Pm show on the 18th.

## Next Meeting

March 1,2023 @ 6:30.

## Motion to Adjourn

Jen motions to adjourn, heather seconds.