
PAC Meeting 2022/2023

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 6:30PM

Attendees

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

Welcome

Round table

Agenda

Approval Dec Minutes

Jodi Motions Kelly Seconds

Approval Agenda

Additions/Omissions - none

motions to approve, Jodi motioned Jen Seconds

Principal Report 6:35 to 7

Insert Zale Report: Zale not present due to health issues

Chair Report 7 to 7:20

Old Business - reminder to slow down, parent communication

Remember to slow down on the roads.

Follow up on parent communication we will table it to the next meeting when Zale is present.

New Business - N/A

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 - We were going to do a paint night fundraiser but we will postpone in Zales absence. Joanne, can we book her in February? Mrs. McKay gave us dates to look into.

Growing Smiles baskets are still planned for the string.

District Involvement - Jen and Joanne (Covered in DPAC report) Strategic Planning

Fun Fair - Jodi Report - FunFair Committee - Will start in January. Jodi; we are looking to get started this month. We will be starting to look for sponsors and donations. Volunteers are still needed for the committee and event. We will start looking at the games we have available and Huband Elementary to share games. Heather, what do we look for for donations, we look for sponsorship (get marketing at the event) and a thank you. Donate money towards the event and or prizes for kids. The main objective of the Fun Fair is fundraising. June 1st is the funfair date.

Hot Lunch - Wendy and Joanne.

- Hot Lunch round 3 is open for ordering. The first lunch is Jan 20 - Hot lunch numbers are down. Ordering is open until the 19th of January. There was a credit for missing hot lunch so pay the balance you owe not what you think you need to pay.

Events- Heather - The Craft Market went well, 23 families participated. It did start to snow and they shut it down early. That was lame. Overall it was a successful event.

The next planned event is a financial literacy event. A back to back event, one for parents then for kids. Parents attend the kid event. It's called needs and wants. The event will be hosted by a CPA doing volunteer hours. Heather needs to give some dates and some estimated attendance. Heather was thinking of the last week of January or the first week of February. Heather; I will talk to Zale about which of the dates available will work best.

Heather wants to put together an events committee. Nicole is interested. Heather would like to put together a terms of reference and make it a formal committee.

Mental Health - Joanne and looking for more volunteers - Committee will focus on mental health strategies in the school. Finding resources we can share with parents and support staff.

DPAC presently has a mental health series that can be worked with.

Treasurer Report 7:30 to 7:45

Insert Report - View inserted report. We are in the Black for the year but field trips will influence that number.

First choice is struggling to find drivers to do the field trips. Field trips might struggle to get bussing this season.

Fundraisers have done great bringing in more than projected.

292.00 for 50/50 made at the Christmas concert.

Cassandra will do a gaming license for Funfair.

DPAC Report 7:45 to 8

Jen Story - Provincial Resources and Supports introduced: elementary/highschool.

https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdg/subject/phe/supporting_student_health_elementary.pdf.

https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdg/subject/phe/supporting_student_health_secondary.pdf.

Revised ERASE website, info on consent education and gender based violence,
<https://alpha.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase/gender-cased-violence>.

Unacceptable: responding to tech based gender violence committees of the whole meetings - collaborative and exploratory discussions vs decision making/positions taking trustee canton's resolution to advocate for more funding on board level at BCSTA Arden pushing forward safety resolution with Courtenay City council on safety concerns.

BC Trustee Association - great pamphlet about role trustees.


Speakers Series - bringing back companion series of parent education to accompany professional ed "sharing cultural perspective where paths meet" - poster to come Feb 16th, 2023. 7 to 8:30 at Vanier.

Trustee Report - Cristi May Sacht 8 to 815

Notes From Trustee:

Congratulations to our DPAC executive and Joanne for being elected as the vice chair.

Jan 10 first closed committee of the whole meeting for the board. It went very successfully, and Trustees are excited about more time to informally go over



information, have more chances to ask questions and connect through presentations.

Moving forward the board will have a closed committee of the whole and then an open committee of the whole for the public, and for delegations to present. Our next public board meeting is Jan 31/23 and our next committee of the whole meeting is Feb 14/23.

Progress has been made towards our bussing issue. Together Director Ian Heselgrave and First student bus met with Mainroad and they took full responsibility for the situation and agree to ensure their drivers prioritize school zones more effectively.

Our new school board office on Idiens 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 for our next board meeting. We have now received the intern 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 very thankful that we 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 or feedback from PACs.

If anyone is curious, reading about all of the progress and actions taken in each of our schools in our strategic plan annual reports is inspiring but we can do more.

COMOX VALLEY, B.C. –

Kindergarten registration for children entering the public education school system for the 2023 - 2024 school year opens January 10 for Indigenous, French Immersion and Montessori programs.

Registration for neighborhood schools opens January 16.



Navigate Fine Arts eCademy and Compass program registration opens February 1.

To be eligible for enrolment into Kindergarten a child must be five (5) years of age by December 31, 2023.

Indigenous, French immersion and Montessori
Registration for the Indigenous, French Immersion and Montessori programs opens January 10 at 6:00 p.m.


These programs include Early French Immersion (École Robb Road or École Puntledge Park) or the Montessori program (Queneesh or Courtenay Elementary) or the Indigenous program (École Puntledge Park). Placements are on a first come, first served basis in the order received. Siblings of current students in the programs will have priority.
Neighbourhood Schools

Most students will attend their neighborhood school. To determine your neighborhood school visit www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration and click on School Locator. Parents/guardians are asked to register their children at their current neighborhood school beginning on January 16. Registering will help ensure there is a spot available in the local neighborhood school catchment.

Late French Immersion – École Puntledge Park
Registration for late French Immersion will begin at 6:00 p.m. on February 6.

Late French Immersion begins in Grade 6. There is an information session for current Grade 5 students and their families to learn about the program on January 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

Navigate (NIDES) Compass Program Kindergarten and the Fine Arts eCademy (Fae) Kindergarten
Registration for the Fine Arts eCademy and Compass opens online at www.navigatenides.com February 1.



There will be an open house at the Tsolum Campus on January 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for both Compass and Fine Arts eCademy Programs. Registration and program entry for students for the Fine Arts eCademy is based on a lottery system, not first come first serve.

Program Information

Now is the time to consider which program is best for your child. For more information visit: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

Cristi May Sacht (she/her/hers)

School Trustee

Comox Valley Schools

Area C Comox Valley Regional District

Notes taken at meeting:

Cristi, congratulations to Joanne for Dpac Vice Chair.

January 10th trustees had their first closed committee of the whole. Committee of the whole allows everyone to get all the same information all the time. It also allows communication without motions being passed.

The next public board meeting is January 31st the next committee of a whole is February 14th.

Progress has been made with the bussing issue. Ian Haselgrave has met with First Student and Main Road. Apparently Main Road was not aware of the community being upset. Main Road said they will make a conscious effort to do better moving forward.

The new school board office is now continuing underway. Inflated costs have made things tricky. The new school board office will be on Idiens Way in East Courtenay.

Statement of financial information is being finalized. We will be seeing that at the next board meeting. There are areas seeing additional funding due to inflation but areas getting no help with inflation.

The board will keep working on the ministry to work on the inflation problem.

The strategic plan is in the process, Cristi hopes that everyone at the PAC can get into and see what is going on. Please submit ideas and priorities.

Kindergarten opened for School of choice registration. Miracle Beach Registration opens January 16th, 2023.

Jen has a question; Will the equity scan that was talked about be completed prior to the strategic plan being completed so it can inform the strategic plan.

Cristi yes that is being viewed as a tool for the strategic plan.

Jen will there be a formal call out for parent engagement for parents or just collective thoughts sent to DPAC reps.

Cristis does not know at this time, she will let us know. Let the board know if we want to see local engagement.

Joanne would like to see a DPAC link on the district website.

Miracle Beach Pac would like to go back to an in person strategic planning event. Valerie would like the in person event at the school with babysitting.

Open Discussion -

Zale may have gotten removable soccer nets for the field. Heather is happy, her kids are excited.

Next Meeting

Feb 1,2023 @ 6:30.

- Review bylaws

Motion to Adjourn

Kelly Motions to adjourn, Valerie seconds.