

# PAC Meeting 2022/2023

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 6:30PM

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## Attendees

Joanne Barr (Chair), Jodi Schneider (Vice and Fun Fair), Valerie Gregor (Sec) Cassandra Tomlinson (Tres) , Jen Storey (DPAC), Heather Morris (Event Co), Nicole Spooner, Trustee Cristi May- Sacht (absent due to illness)

## Welcome

Round table

## Agenda

### Approval Jan Minutes

Approval for Feb minutes. Motion Jodi, Jen second

Approved amended minutes motion Jen, second Jodie

### Approval Agenda

Additions/Omissions

Add: Under trustee report insert Cristis written report. Motion to approve amended minutes by Jen, seconded by Jodi.

## Principal Report 6:35 to 7

- **Star Draw, stars to students doing positive things. 6 students from the draw getting pizza lunch on March 8th.**
  - **Basketball. We had a great season. Basketball for the boys is done; they did not make it out of their Jamboree. The girls are heading to the finals at Isfeld on March 8th. Their first game being at 4:00. Go Girls!**
  - **Mrs Greval, Mr Beigler had a very successful ski trip. It worked to take the bus at the bottom of the hill and it saved costs. Overall it was successful.**
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- We have a ton of clubs going right now. Drawing, 7th generation, hacker gal, chess and leadership. A Lot is happening at lunch. Chess Club is for all grades.
- Learning summaries for grade k to 3 were sent home. If you have any feedback please share with the school.
- The next report card for Intermediate grades will be coming out soon. March 17th.
- February 17th was indigenous PRoD. We had the majority of staff there.
- We had successful kindergarten dental and hearing screening.
- Pink Shirt Day went well and was positive.
- We just ended Black History Month, most classes were focusing on black authors. The library did a display.
- We took 5 and 6's to skills Canada, feedback was really fun.
- Green thumb theater came and put on a great show in the gym. The whole school came out except the Kindys. Their teachers felt the topic was intermediate. One of the cast members was a former Miracle Beach Student.
- Started to review the code of conduct with teachers. Another meeting will be set in a few weeks. We hope to be done by June, tie it into the staff handbook.
- Strong Start is going to begin April 11th 9 until noon on Tuesday in the multi purpose room. Families can register now, just come into the office with a birth certificate. It will be run first come first serve.
- March 2nd is the last day of term 2, we are almost 2/3rds of the way through the school year.
- Spelling Bee again, school spelling bee is March 7th. Top Spellers will go to the district Bee. Only grade 4 to 7. Parents are welcome to the school spelling bee. District bee is March 16th.
- School Spirit day, 10th backwards day, 17 is wear green, 24th PJ Day. Last day before spring break.
- Portfolio open house for the teachers that report using paper based portfolios. March 22nd, probably starting at 8:45 to 9:30, parents can come and review them briefly in the child's class. Parents can take the portfolio home then return them after spring break.
- Student Teachers are back, she is in Doreen's class until May 19th, 2023.
- Grade 4 and 7's were sent home about the parent learning survey. Parents please complete the survey. We hope for a great response. If you complete the survey and return it your student will be entered in for a student lunch. The paper copy will be sent home for the entry in lunch. Information we get from the learning survey will be shared with a future pac meeting.

- **Spring Break starts March 27th - back April 11th, 2023.**
- **We are doing some purchasing. Using up our budget, we are going to buy some new gym equipment. We will be getting outdoor basketball hoops and outdoor soccer nets. PAC moms would like to see full size soccer nets. If we have money left over we will buy a new fridge for the multipurpose room. We have \$3000.00 dollars to spend on literacy resources.**
- **Bathroom issues have gotten better.**
- **Bussing issues seems to be improving. Drivers are submitting reports and it seems to be working.**
- **Kitchen reno should be starting this week or next week.**
- **The garden fencing will be put in over spring break.**
- **We are still working on playland, we have bussing issues. If we can not get bussing we have an alternative.**
- **We inventory our emergency container and we have sent a list to the district.**
- **District is going to fix the parking lot pothole.**
- **We have changed some lunch time supervision scheduling. We have created some lunch monitors. We took grade 6's not in leadership and had them lunch monitoring. We have put them into the easier classes. The challenging classes have adult staff.**
- **We are actually trying to build capacities for clubs etc for younger kids. The grade 7's are doing a great job of leadership but we need more succession and a culture of community leadership.**

## **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.

- Parent communication in relation to erase and bullying. Joanne has had quite a few parents mention racial slurs coming to light. Joanne is curious about what is communicated with parents. Zale, if it is something super minor I don't always call home. If it is major I will call home. The situation would be contextually and how it affected the school community. As a school we try to notify as often as we can but it always is based on the incident and what surrounds the incident. Generally, we look at each incident as how it will affect the school as a whole and how to move forward.
- February Joanne attended to a portion of the ProD experience. Dr Jessie Morinand Wendlie Speck gave a speech. 150 parents were in attendance. It was an amazing presentation that was very eye opening to Joanne and encouraged all parents to participate. Wendli can date things which makes the talk so powerful, connecting history to where you live.
- Reporting Absence, when are parents called when they forget to call in. Why is the phone call so late? Joanne would like to know what the right process is. Zale mentioned that using the app is a great way. The district standard for teacher attendance is being processed. The safe arrival is done after that is all complete. That can influence when the Student Messenger calls go out. On a normal day the calls come

around 10am. Joanne will get DPAC for a bit of information about what the rest of the district is doing. Zale is curious what the district standard is.

- At The April meeting, we won't have much to report because of spring break. Would we like to motion to skip the April meeting. Valerie motions to miss the April meeting, Cassandra 2nds the motion. If we feel we need to have a meeting we will address that then.
- Our next meeting is May 10. We have moved the May AGM meeting to May 10 motioned by Heather seconded by Valerie

#### Fundraising - Kelly -

Paint night, no invoice, we are not sure what the profit is from the night. It was a success. The pictures look great and everyone had fun.

Next fundraiser is the hanging baskets for mothers day. They are through growing smiles. We are hoping to send the paperwork home as soon as we get back from spring break. Then delivered May 10th.

District Involvement - Jen and Joanne (Covered in DPAC report) - Joanne attended skills Canada for part of the event. Joane Volunteered at the brooklyn salad bar to get ideas about starting a salad bar at Miracle Beach.

District note: The new volunteer consent code of conduct. There are new district guidelines for volunteers. It is an online form at the district level. It will travel from school to school being online. This has not been passed at the trustee level and is still in draft form.

#### Fun Fair - Jodi Report -

We have booked a bounce house. The Fun Fair is moving along. We changed the date to May 31st so it did not conflict with other schools. It worked better for booking. Barnyard party animals will be at the Fun Fair. Jodi has emailed DQ to see if we can do dilly bar sales. Snow cones and cotton candy will be there. We have a few donation letters out. Anyone wanting to donate to the Fun Fair or know of a local business reach out to Jodi.

#### Hot Lunch - Wendy and Joanne -

We are sitting at the same numbers as usual. About 200 orders.

#### Events- Heather -

Last event was the financial literacy event. We had 8 rsvps for each. 0 adults attended the adult version. Evenings might be better. 4 kids attended the kids and parents event. Overall the event was great and the kids enjoyed it.

The next event that will be planned is a movie night. A PJ movie night with a concession. Maybe a younger kid movie and an older kid movie. Thursday the 23rd is a potential date. PAC suggests doing a single movie. Potentially Thursday the 23rd at 5 to 7.

Committee meeting coming up. It will have to be before April, Heather is away. HEather would like more people to be involved to help organ;ized events.

#### Mental Health - ERASE, where paths meet.

## Treasurer Report 7:30 to 7:45

We are looking good. We have some bussing coming in. We need to have the hot lunch rounds deposited. It should be roughly 5500. We are still making profit on hot lunch revenue.

We are still in the black for the year.

We are waiting for confirmation on the elder doors.

## DPAC Report 7:45 to 8

- Heather attended the last DPAC meeting
- DPAC has minutes available on the DPAC site
- Environmental educator was the speaker, talking allot about reducing waste, they noticed a lot of waste that came from hot lunch
- Chair talked about the volunteer code of conduct, enrollment for september
- Bussing and transportation committee has been formed
- Emergency preparation committee will do a sea can audit on the district level
- Workshop on consent in communities, learning about consent is valuable for parents to be informed
- Meeting was the first in person meeting. They will be having a high bred model using jabra.
- Strategic plan ends in 2023,. They are deciding if it is a referash or a re-do
- Talk to a trustee about anything you want brought up to the strategic plan, come to a pac meeting, talk to the DPAC rep.

## Trustee Report - Cristi May Sacht 8 to 815

Trustee Cristi May Report- March 1 2023

Busy and exciting February in our District and doesn't look like it's slowing down for March!

Feb 17 sharing cultural perspectives:

where paths meet, was hugely attended and was an empowering day of sharing stories.

We have the musical Matilda on sale now

and playing at Vanier with 43 student's performing March 15-18.

Next public committee of the whole

meeting topic will be International Program/ Environmental Stewardship Update which I'm very excited for, on March 7 at 4:30pm.

We are updating our AP's for volunteers

in our school district, which will be distributed to principals, and stored in one central database for the SD to prevent overlapping.



News on our student affordability fund

is extremely positive that we can carry over until next year if we have a surplus.

Cumberland will be receiving 2 new

Modular's which we budgeted in our previous years budget due to enrolment numbers.

Our Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for

2022/23 received 3 readings and I'm thrilled to say is a balanced budget!

Not all SDs were as fortunate our senior management team and board has been planning ahead.

IEC are working with the culture

kits team at Qualicum First Nations to provide teachers with vetted culturally appropriate Indigenous teaching materials from across BC and Canada.

The first IPAC meeting since 2019 is happening March 7 and I have the honor of being the trustee liaison.

The Board has formally invited Minister

Singh to visit and tour SD71 and share all of the phenomenal things happening in our schools.

I am happy to be the first Trustee

liaison on the CVFPC and a part of the School Food subcommittee, which has an active and diverse membership, with some general goals: Building relationships, partnerships and support between SD71, DPAC, food growers and groups providing school food programs.

All students in the Comox Valley have daily access to a healthy meal at school.

All students have access to food systems.


Hope to create more regionally resilient and accessible food programs for all students.

Group has plans for A, B, C and D for

funding "ready communities" and looking to collaborate on plans. Farm to

Cafeteria Canada is funding pilot projects with a view to report on policy.

Encouraging schools to register on the



map online, any community partner or school (preschool, school (K-12), or before/after school program) that is growing, cooking with, sourcing, serving, and/or teaching students about food.

<https://www.farmtocafeteriacanada.ca/our-impact/school-food-map/>

Currently the following schools from

SD71 are listed: Lake Trail Community School, Courtenay Elementary, Aspen Park Elementary and Brooklyn Elementary.

BC Farm to School Conference, UBC May

17-19. Group encourages SD71 staff, parents, trustees and leadership to attend.

Looking forward to update from Vivian on school garden program and copy of the assessment.

Coalition for Healthy School Food- Goal: All

children in Canada will have a healthy meal at school each day at low or no cost- Universal no stigma. Inviting MPs to school food programs.

Focus on message \$1 billion in budget 2023 (over 5 years) 200 million per year. Letters to the Minister of Finance by Feb 28.

Latest news update: Budget 2023 invests \$214 million

over 3 years to expand existing school food programs and increase capacity to address student hunger in all districts.

And apologies I'm not feeling well so I could not

attend in person. I hope you all have a wonderful meeting and I look forward to receiving the minutes,

Cristi

## Open Discussion -

- Matilda tickets at Vanier are still available. 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th of March, held at GP Vanier. Miracle Beach alumni are involved.
- Let's think of ideas to encourage and draw parents to the AGM.



## **Next Meeting**

May 10th, 2023 AGM

## **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn, Jodi seconded by Cassandra.