

PAC General Meeting

November 13 2024

Attendees – Heather , Samantha Seeley, Julie Shaw, Melissa Neufeld, MeganPeacock, Cole Logan, Joanne Barr, Val, Mike Johnson, Jen Storey **Quorum** - yes

Welcome 6:30pm

Land Acknowledgement

Minutes and Agenda

Approval Agenda for November – Jen asked for amendment to move Dpac report before principles report, Joanne motion to approve, Meghan second

Approval Minutes from October – Joanne motion to approve, Meghan second, motion to amend at next meeting with needed additions, all in favour.

Principal Report 6:35 to 6:45

-see attached

Chair Report 6:45-6:55

Chair report November 2024

Thank you all for taking the time to come to the November General PAC Meeting. I've heard from more than one parent recently expressing their gratitude for all we do for the school community.

October was a busy month, and December will be even busier! November is a good time for us all to catch up on things, spend some rainy days with family, and get ramped up for the end of the calendar year.

Student survey results are in!

Here is the process that I took:

1. Tallied every single line item.
2. Categorized each request into one of these categories:

Outside sport

A request for an outdoor upgrade we could handle.

Technology

A request for a technology upgrade we could fund.

Educational

A request for more educational

material/support.

Inside sport

A request for a gym upgrade we could handle.

One group Only one group asked for this so an outlier.
Comfort

A request for comfort such as
heat/cool/seating etc.

Structural

A request that would only be possible from
the district and will be forwarded to Zale.

Administrative A request that requires programming

3. Determined the top five requests:

Item Sum Category

Swings 30 Every group

Arcade/ Video games/ VR 24 Technology

Gaga ball pit 18 Outside sport

Zipline 16 Outside sport

Craft room/art club/art

books/supplies 10 Educational

Hockey/Ringette/ Ice Rink 10 Outside sport

Trampoline /mini tramps 10 Inside sport

4. Eliminated "Interesting requests":

Pool This was the 4th most asked for item!

Tunnels

Foam Pit

Bugatti

Hospital

Walmart

Hotel

Waterslide

Bowling Alley

Roller Coaster

Rocket

Jetpack

Hot tub

Mini Golf

School pets

Escape room

The full spreadsheet is available for anyone who is interested.

Fundraising Report

Halloween Dance - Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Halloween dance a success! We raised over \$1000 and it would not have happened without their help.

Growing Smiles – This plant sale is currently running until Nov 21 st . It's been a slow start but we are hoping for a strong finish. Flyers were sent home last week. Cori is going to be emailing out information this week to parents and it will be in the next newsletter. Spread the news!

District Speaker Series

Committee Reports 6:55 – 7:10

Fun Food Fridays – menu deadline is Thurs next week, baked potato feedback was they need sour cream, new options available. ATE catering, food made at Locals, they have good pricing and delivery, Joanne creates the menus w/ student input.

Fundraising – Thank you to all the volunteers, \$1000 raised, next year look at moving one week earlier in Oct. Cupcakes were amazing. Growing smiles has 8 days left -20% of goal reached. Mike to add to FB and email to increase engagement.

Events – Makers Market Friday December 13th. Discussion around adding Santa, games or photo booth to fund-raise or keep it only kid focused. Meeting to be arranged to discuss. Open gym is slow but enough kids attending to keep going to spring.

Indigenous Connections- no report

Policy and Procedure – no meeting since previous report. Handbook discussion, heather to create notes.

Fun Fair – no report

DPAC Report 7:10 – 7:15

November 13, 2024: DPAC Report to Miracle Beach

- DPAC Website: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/dpac/>
- Helpful links, past speakers series events.
- School concerns resolution chart:
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/ohntspgrgy8ta0si7h4tl/School-Concern-resolutions-chart.png?rlkey=kpaуз71z0wsz7hqruxdzб2mb&e=2&st=boyсq4vb&dl=0>
- Discussion about PAC and parent engagement. Recognizing the regular ebb and flow and conversation about communication, social media reminders, dedicated places, reaching folks outside of big school newsletter etc. broadening what PAC is, demystifying roles and increasing access - focus on more than fundraising. And if fundraising is your thing key it to specific objectives and timelines.
- Critical Incident Presentation: Tara Ryan and Sean Lameroux. Shared some basic information: Formal 22 in 3 years. 20 incidents in 2021, Informal: family, personal loss, etc. trained in Traumatic Event Systems Model, District CIRT upgraded in 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.
- Area of learning: Working on how to share enough/not too much/ too little

- Parent/Caregiver Notification:

- Parents of injured/directly involved: immediately
- Parents of those directly impacted like a witness: next
- Parents from the class: email
- Communication: what can be shared to contextualize - ‘there was a medical emergency, no students were at risk’ there was a “lockdown for 15 minutes”
 - How do we provide enough information. Individual class, grade, parent etc.

Committee Presentations: Highlighting Emergency Disaster

Longstanding needs outlined in 10 year old report that the committee brought to leadership. Not too much has changed - specific contexts relevant to MB: communication/phone issues during power outage. Pick up/release logistics (one road in/out sign out etc)

Trustee Report 7:15-7:20

No report

Treasurer Report 7:20 – 7:25

Notes from Joanne

PayPal 15th and 30th transfer each month to simplify. Fundraisers do get combined but Joanne breaks it down on a spreadsheet. Etransfers are easier to track and no added expense.

Mental Health report

Notes and links from Joanne

Next Meeting

November 13

Every second Wednesday of the month.

Open Discussion

How to find criminal record check info for parent volunteering. Zale to put links back up on website.

Motion to Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 7:45 Heather motion, Jen Second, all in favour.