

ÉCOLE COBBLE HILL

# PAC MEETING APR'24

24 APRIL 2024 / 6:30PM / DRAFT MINUTES

**ATTENDEES** Kathryn Wong, Sylvia Cox, Kimberly Audy, Erin Fikowski, Lindsay Stewart, Christine Oglend, Katelyn Luscombe, Heather Theofanous, Ian Zibin, Grant Mellemstrand

**Call to Order:** 6:33PM

**Adopt Agenda:** Christine, Heather

**Review & Approve minutes from February 28:** Heather, Katelyn

## TEAM LEADER REPORTS

### Chairperson: Kathryn Wong

- Gr 6 pizza day was successful
- We hosted Kerri Isham on March 6, lots of positive feedback from parents who attended. Kerri's powerpoint slides will be sent out to all those who attended. Anyone else who would like a copy of her presentation can reach out to [ecolechpac@gmail.com](mailto:ecolechpac@gmail.com) and we will send it by email
- Year-end picnic planning underway, to be discussed later in meeting
- Very successful blueberry plant sale, thanks to Hailey Parker for taking it on
- Playground accessibility discussion is still underway. Ian has connected with SD79 and they are aware of the need, but our fire suppression system is scheduled to be replaced this summer, so that will take priority.

### Treasurer: Kimberly Audy

Kim was quite ill recently, so March reports are not yet finalized.

#### MONEY IN

- Drumroaster (no sales in March) April \$168.25
- Blueberries - waiting on final profit, but over \$1500
- SD79 reimbursed us for tax paid on previous expenses \$104.17

#### MONEY OUT

- Nourish Cowichan donations = \$575 for spring session, total for year = \$1662.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Hot Lunch: Heather Theofanous

- THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who continuously show up to serve hot lunch!
- Subway in Mill Bay has reached out as a possible vendor (we currently use Shawnigan Subway) A few different options available at Mill Bay to be considered.

### Grade 7: Sylvia Cox

- Ceremony will be Wednesday June 26th at 9:30am, so cake and visiting with parents is wrapped up before recess time. All families of grade 7 students are welcome to attend.
- Danya Hillyard has agreed to lead decorating the gym on the afternoon prior.
- Sarah Doyle is working on compiling the yearbook now that (most) photos have been submitted. Thanks to Grant for getting all grade 7s to submit their written entries. Printer's estimate came in under \$800 which is well within budget.
- Giesu will turn images into a slideshow to be shown at the ceremony.
- Next committee meeting is Monday May 27th at 6:30pm.

### DPAC: Lindsay Stewart

- Meeting began with a lovely presentation from Nourish Cowichan. Anyone is welcome to go visit their site to see what they do. They welcome fruit and veggie donations from the public. Their program has grown so much, their operating budget is now close to \$1million.
- Reminder of what DPAC is: DPAC reps are intended to act as a **liaison** between their school and the district. Their role is to bring concerns from schools to the district level, and provide updates from the district to their school community.
- School Messenger / Safe Arrival program now being used at a test school. Full roll-out expected for Sept '24
- Darlene Reynolds (Assistant Superintendent) spoke on the changes for QMBNS/Bonner. Many parents showed up to ask about this contentious issue, asking for clarity on how the process works, concerned with lack of consultation. As per board regulations, consultation in this kind of situation is not required. Consensus that parents did not appreciate the abrupt way it was handled. A delegation of QMBNS parents will be presenting their questions and concerns at the next SD79 meeting, which is a more appropriate audience to address these concerns.

- Next DPAC meeting is AGM - all positions to be elected. Lindsay has been serving as DPAC Treasurer and will run again for the same position. ÉCH PAC supports her nomination.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Principal: Ian Zibin

- TC10K Team for ÉCH is ready to run this Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Salmon Release Program Div. 10-13 are traveling to Goldstream on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> to release the fry.
- Grade 7 Graduation: Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am
- Grade 5 Girls' Soccer Tournament: Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 6/7 Girls' Soccer Tournament: Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>
- District Drama Challenge for Intermediates Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Quamichan School
- Rugby Tournament: Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Rugby Club, *mixed genders, grade 7 only*
- Young Entrepreneurs Fair for Grades 6/7: Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> all-day

**Q:** *How does the Fair work?*

**A:** *Students set up in the gym. Classes will be touring the fair during the school day to purchase items if desired. Parents are welcome to attend at any time of the day. Fair will remain open for up to an hour after school if students are able to stay. Students will share, 2 per table.*

- Class and Whole School photos: Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- ÉCH Grade 4—7 Track Meet on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Chesterfield Track (all day)
- Ready Set Go Event for New K students is at the school on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.
- Fire Prevention Trailer will be here on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> in the morning
- District Track and Field Meet: Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> all day for those who qualified.
- Thank you to all the volunteers at the school.
- A survey will be coming home for grade 4 & 7 parents regarding the FSA. These results help guide planning at school, deadline to submit survey is May 3.

## Vice Principal: Grant Mellemstrand

Year end field trips are set: grade 7 to Strathcona, grade 6 to Thunderbird, grade 5 to Camp Imadene. Due to a shortage of drivers, SD79 is having difficulty fulfilling extra bus requests. Some trips such as Strathcona will require the use of a private coach bus. End of year field trips will need to be booked early in order to secure requests.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Further discussion around the idea of a Buddy Bench. Lindsay raised a request from some kids (grades k-2), that they are seeking a way to connect and make friends at recess time. While no one disagrees with the idea of Buddy Bench, perhaps these social concerns could be sorted by other means. Unfortunately, other area schools have seen Buddy Benches become a negative for many. Instead of investing in a new fixture, perhaps an existing area could be designated for kids to meet others, perhaps a sort of Buddy Club
  - Ian shared some of the strategies the school uses to help kids feel safe and socially confident at school. Recess is an opportunity for kids to engage in less structured play. It is important that kids feel safe talking to adults about various scenarios without fear of discipline
- Work order has been put in for stairs and a ramp to make the playground area more accessible. Ian continues to work with SD79 on this, but the fire suppression system replacement will take priority this summer. PAC is prepared to support with funds to make it happen when SD79 allows.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Appointment of interim PAC Secretary -**

Erin Nicholson stepped down from this role in March. Vacancy was posted twice in the weekly bulletin. Sylvia Cox has been covering the role and will continue to do so as no others have expressed interest. Sylvia steps down as Co-Chair to fill the role of Secretary. Kathryn Wong remains Chair.

### **Year-end picnic! June 20th - Committee needed!**

- Thursday June 20 4:30-7:30pm
- Inflatables with attendants are already booked
- Committee formed includes Lindsay, Katelyn, Christine, Heather, Kathryn
- Picnic Committee meeting May 15th 8:30am

### **Canadian Parents for French -**

Lindsay Stewart & Natasha Goudar have started a local chapter of CPF. In response to seeking more opportunity to support French language learning, their goals include supporting the transition to high school in French Immersion, and bringing more French culture to our community.

- Ian to help coordinate with staff at ÉMP & Quamichan.
- Membership is free to join right now, visit [cpf.ca](http://cpf.ca)

**Next meeting: May 22 8:30AM - AGM (part 1, elections for 24/25)**

Adjourned at 7:47PM