

ÉCOLE COBBLE HILL

# PAC MEETING FEB '24

28 FEBRUARY 2024 / 8:30AM / DRAFT MINUTES

**ATTENDEES** Sylvia Cox, Katelyn Luscombe, Kimberly Audy, Christine Oglend, Jennifer Currie, Heather Theofanous, Jana Anderson, Erin Fikowski, Erin Nicholson, Kathryn Wong, Diane Barr

**Call to Order:** 8:42 am

**Adopt Agenda:** Katelyn, Christine

**Review & Approve minutes from January 24:** Kimberly, Heather

## TEAM LEADER REPORTS

### Chairperson: Kathryn Wong

- Carnival and Potluck were a huge success. Thank you to Ian and Grant and all staff for extra energy spent on the week's events. Dances were a hit too!
- Grade 7 Bottle Drive success! Thanks to all who donated refundables.
- Grade 6 bake sale was also a huge success. Thanks to Christine for taking the lead on this.
- Next week's Pizza Day is a fundraiser for Grade 6 students to offset their year-end trip costs.
- Coming up: March 6 we booked Kerri Isham to come talk to parents - 6 Must-Have Conversations with your (pre)Teen. The feedback from last year's parent talk with Kerri was great. Please RSVP through Eventbrite RSVP so we have an idea how many are coming.
- Year End picnic will be Thursday, June 20. Sylvia has booked the inflatables.
- Sylvia, Erin F., Kat and Ian met with Habitat Playground to discuss our future options, including possible playground additions and terracing the slope. More discussion later in meeting.
- Blueberry Fundraiser: While we had finished fundraising for the year, parent Hailey Bergstrom-Parker offered to take on a blueberry plant fundraiser. So it's on! Ordering through March with delivery after Easter Break, around April 10
- Pre-washed - but not worn - slightly imperfect pink hoodies were added to the Otter Shop at a discounted price.
- Email account [fundraising.echpac@gmail.com](mailto:fundraising.echpac@gmail.com) has been reinstated for use with fundraising activities.

**Treasurer: Kimberly Audy**

- Gr 7 Bottle Drive + Hot Dog Lunch - \$2941.10 - \$61.26 off each student's trip
- Gr 6 Bake Sale + Pizza Day \$2195.35 - \$52 off each student's trip

### **MONEY IN**

- Drumroaster December \$135.50, Feb \$176
- Purdy's bonus cheque \$276.76
- Reimbursed by school for their portion of grad hoodies \$756

### **MONEY OUT**

- Lorna added a few things to emergency container (backpacks, hard hat) \$79.03

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Hot Lunch: Heather Theofanous**

- Next week the Grade 6 students will distribute (pizza) hot lunch. We need some grade 6 parents to come help out.
- Opening for the final session of hot lunch opens March 6 and closes 25th.
- No Hot Lunches in June because there's too much going on.

### **Grade 7: Sylvia Cox**

- Fundraisers are done.
- Next committee meeting is April 8 at 6:15pm.
- Parents have been asked to submit 3 photos of their child for the year book and slide show. Sarah Doyle is accepting the submissions.
- Grade 7 students asked to think about anything they'd like to leave the school as a legacy gift.

### **DPAC: Lindsay Stewart (read by Sylvia)**

- Jason Sandquist presented how the district does their annual budgeting. He shared that enrollment in the district is down and movement into our district in 2022 was the lowest they have seen in 8 years for the ages of 1-16. Also noted they anticipate about 520 new kindergarten registrations this year and that our school has waitlist of 9 (Prevost and MB Nature school did not require one)
- Progress on the School Messenger is going well. They are currently testing District level alerts;

School level alerts will be tested in Feb/March with implementation in April and classroom level alerts do not yet have a rollout timeline. Stay tuned for more info!

- Safe Arrival program is being tested in Feb/March with an estimated 6 months to implement, so should be available for next year
- Old Cowichan Secondary will be fenced over the summer as they decide what to do with that space; new high school is on track for Sept 2024 with furniture being delivered this summer
- Discussed the proposed pedestrian overpass for Duncan near the high school - they estimate 171 per day run across the highway (mostly students). Project requires funding. SD79 and DPAC will both be writing letters of support to the Ministry for this project
- Finally - an invitation to all schools if they wish to send someone to the annual BCCPAC conference which is May 3-5, which is a great event to hear from senior Ministry staff on what they are focusing on, many presentations from other educators. DPAC has enough funds to cover the registration and hotel costs for 4 additional people to attend. If anyone is interested, they need to email DPAC by March 8th

## ADMINISTRATION

### Principal: Ian Zibin

- Thank you to the parents and families for bringing in all the food for Carnaval.
- Student Learning Surveys will go out to all Grade 4 and 7 parents and students with a deadline of April 30 to complete
- Concours d'art oratoire (French speech arts competition) District Competition for Gr. 5—7 hosted here on Tuesday, April 9th
- District Chess Tournament: Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> (Grade 2—7)
- TC10K practices have started and take place every Tuesday after school from 2:30 – 3:30 pm and continue until Race Day, Sunday, April 28th. Thank you to Erin Fikowski.
- Dufflebag Theatre's whole school presentation of Cendrillon (Cinderella) on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 in the gym.
- Grade 8 Transition Letters went home for both Quamichan and FKSS students entering Grade 8 in September. Information includes: Course selection forms, School tour dates and Parent Information Nights.
- Programming for kids and clubs at recess. Thank you to the students and teachers who support these clubs.

- Volleyball 6/7 Mini-tournaments have been running since the start of September. Thank you to the athletes and Trevor Ruck.
- District Wrestling Tournament: Thursday, February 29th. Thank you to all the athletes who participated. Thank you, Karen Ward, Ayla Whitehead and Ashley Goodwin.
- Mathematica: Grade 3—7. Students are preparing for the assessment and will receive the results in June. Merci à Grant Mellemstrand.
- Spring Break / School Closure: Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> -- Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. School re-opens Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Q:** Some parents are concerned about the seemingly low numbers continuing on with French Immersion after grade 7.

Discussion occurred relating to the various factors why many south-end students are opting to leave French in favour of attending Frances Kelsey for high school. For most, it relates to the physical location of the French option. Parents asking if SD79 would ever consider creating a French option at FKSS. A couple of parents (Lindsay Stewart & Natasha Goudar) who currently have grade 1 students are actively advocating for increased French presence in our community. This may involve recreating a local chapter of Canadian Parents for French, perhaps creating some sort of French Immersion committee at the DPAC level.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Playground additions**

- Visit with Adam Walsh from Habitat Playground: What could this playground use? Lack of accessibility is a primary concern. Preference is to put in stairs and a ramp to reduce slipping and falling hazards, but also improve accessibility for people with strollers, wheelchairs, etc. Ian is reaching out to SD79 to see what they could do towards this goal.
- Where the playground is situated now, there isn't a lot of space for additional items. We could fit some small spinning items (ie. Cups, but these may not be the best option. More space is available around the spiderweb, room for saucer swings even. Another consideration is to add smaller structures around the track corners like balancing beams, stumps, more natural looking things that encourage fitness activities and also lend themselves to different types of imaginative play.
- Length of life in existing playground - it's dated but not yet on its last legs. There are still replacement parts available from its manufacturer.
- Accessibility component is the priority.

Next meeting: April 24, 6:30PM

Adjourned at 9:50AM