

ÉCOLE COBBLE HILL

# PAC MEETING MAY'24

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Part 1)

22 MAY 2024 / 8:35AM / DRAFT MINUTES

**VOTING ATTENDEES** Kathryn Wong, Sylvia Cox, Kimberly Audy, Erin Fikowski, Christine Oglend, Heather Theofanous, Jen Currie, Jess Adelman, Lorna Cameron, Nadine Eror, **Quorum present.**

**NON-VOTING ATTENDEES** Ian Zibin, Grant Mellemstrand

**Call to Order:** 8:42AM

**Adopt Agenda:** Christine, Lorna

**Review & Approve minutes from April 24:** Heather, Nadine

## TEAM LEADER REPORTS

### Chairperson: Kathryn Wong

- Picnic committee met, planning underway. Keeping things simple to minimize the workload on volunteers. Similar to last year - Panago pizza for sale, no hot dogs this year, more drinks than last year. Thanks to Country Grocer for donating ice cream treats and ice!
- Bursary winners selected from 12 applicants. Tough choices to make.
- Last hot lunch today! HUGE THANKS to Heather Theofanous for leading Hot Lunch this year.

### Treasurer: Kimberly Audy

#### MONEY IN

- Drumroaster sales for April 168.75, May \$55. (only 4 orders)
- Blueberries - profit \$1227.
- Spirit Wear for the year \$724.15

#### MONEY OUT

- Receipts coming in now for transportation and teacher classroom reimbursements.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Hot Lunch: Heather Theofanous

- Today is the last lunch for this year! Heather is very grateful to all the hot lunch volunteers.
- Heather is already considering possible other vendor options for next year.
- Heather agrees to stay on as Hot Lunch Coordinator next year along with Nadine Eror assisting.

### Grade 7: Sylvia Cox

- Yearbook is almost completed and will be sent to the printer early June.
- Gym decorating will take place after school/ early evening on Tuesday June 25th, grade 7 parent helpers required!
- Next committee meeting is Monday May 27th at 6:30pm.

### DPAC: notes prepared from DPAC Minutes

- DPAC Meeting this month was their AGM. Next year's DPAC executive will be:
  - Chair: Carmen Sundstrom (Cowichan Secondary)
  - Vice Chair: Keirsten Tymko (Chemainus Elementary)
  - Treasurer: Lindsay Stewart (École Cobble Hill!)
  - Secretary: vacant, no nominations
- DPAC thanks all PACs for their time, energy and contributions to our schools. Reminder to PACs that it's okay to say no! What we can achieve as volunteers comes down to human capacity.
- Asst Superintendent Jeff Rowan reviewed the 4 goals of their Strategic Plan Re-Generation: Learning, Indigenous Ways of Knowing, Individual and Collective Well-Being, Caring for Place.
- Quw'utsun Secondary (Cow High replacement) is delayed 3 months. Tech shops at new school will be open for September, but rest of school not until after winter break
- SD79 will be walking in the Pride Parade June 23rd, they have purchased a banner to walk behind, anyone is welcome to join the walk!
- Trustee Strachan:
  - Recognising its importance for families, Trustees have put forward a motion to find better funding options to fund the Strong Start program. This is supported by all Trustees in the province.
  - SD79 Trustees as well as trustees from 8 other districts wrote letters to the Ministry,

advocating that they reevaluate funding equations for schools. Funding currently is based on enrollment, but SD79 (and other districts) project declining enrollment over next few years. Combined with inflation and higher costs, funding on a per student basis will no longer work. SD79 did receive a letter back from the Ministry stating that they will look into it.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **Principal: Ian Zibin**

Considering a change to the School Supply process for next year. Ashley Goodwin presented a new option on behalf of staff. Staff would really like to go back to bulk ordering as we did in the past. Bulk ordering allows staff to reuse shared supplies from one year to the next, and only order what they need to complete a class set, also gives us all a better discount. Ashley has confirmed that School Start could do a bulk order. Parents only have to pay a set amount for supplies. SD79 will not allow clerical staff to manage school supply orders, so parent involvement is required to manage the payments for this to happen.

Teachers would place their orders in June, SchoolStart deliver the supplies direct to the school (free shipping!), to arrive bundled by division before school begins in September. Parents asked to pay a set amount for supplies during the month of September, teachers/admin to follow up if payments not made. Heather will research payment set up options with Munchalunch.

Parents will NOT need to shop for their own supplies for 24/25, more info to come!

### **Vice Principal: Grant Mellemstrand**

Boat load of upcoming field trips! Thanks to PAC for funding all field trip transportation.

Soccer and rugby were successful, ÉCH track meet tomorrow. For those who qualify, the District level track meet is split on 2 days; ÉCH will participate on May 30th.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Staff Appreciation Lunch**

Last year we went back to the Potluck model, personal touch was much appreciated by staff and allowed many families to contribute. Tuesday June 18th seems the best day, admin has added it to the school calendar. Heather will create a SignUp Genius to help ensure a variety of foods.

### **Emergency container**

Lorna & Tom Miller have managed our emergency supplies for many years and have only 1 more year at ÉCH, so we are looking for someone to take over from them. It's not a huge time commitment, a lot of the job is keeping inventory of the container. Treat water every few years, check dates on long-term food, replace items as necessary.

- This year's remaining emerg budget = \$420. Suggest ordering a new 10x20 pop up tent as the current tent is missing parts that can not be sourced. Sylvia to research options.

### **PAC Elections for 2024-25**

Chair - Kathryn Wong by acclamation

ViceChair - Jen Currie by acclamation

Treasurer - Kimberly Audy by acclamation

Secretary - vacant, to be voted at June meeting

Member at Large - undecided, to be voted at June meeting

DPAC - Lindsay Stewart by acclamation

### **Next meeting: June 12 6:30PM - AGM (part 2, budget for 24/25)**

Adjourned at 9:56 AM