

ÉCOLE COBBLE HILL

PAC MEETING OCT '23

18 OCTOBER 2023 / 6:30PM / DRAFT MINUTES

VOTING ATTENDEES Sylvia Cox, Kimberly Audy, Erin Nicholson, Kathryn Wong, Christine Oglend, Heather Theofanous, Tammy Chester, Jennifer Curry, Katelyn Luscombe, Megan Walter, Kelly Rawson, Erin Fikowski

NON-VOTING ATTENDEES Ian Zibin

Call to Order: 6:35

Adopt Agenda: Christine Oglend, Kimberly Audy

Review & Approve minutes from Sept 2023: Christine Oglend, Heather Theofanous

TEAM LEADER REPORTS

Chairperson: Sylvia Cox

October Recap - We have A LOT going on! Halloween and Holiday planning are well under way. The first few months of the year always feel extremely busy, but we promise it slows down. In the new year we focus more on things like parent education and grade 7 festivities.

- Art Cards are underway - thank you Kelly Rawson!
- Purdy's booklets went home; deadline Nov 25, should arrive in time to hand out at the winter concerts.
- Staff appreciation. Kathryn brought in donuts in Sept and Erin brought in pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving.

Treasurer: Kimberly Audy

1. **Money In:**
 - a. Gaming funds received \$7540 which covers most of transportation budget

- b. Hot Lunch after supplies profit of \$5640. Highest number of orders ever, with 6 lunches this session and 3 of them being pizza means a larger than average profit.
- c. Spirit Wear sales \$194.00
- d. Drumroaster \$268 for October, larger than average order!
- e. Purdy's already at \$461.67 profit

2. **Money Out:**

- a. Nourish \$334 raised from Hot Lunch donations

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hot Lunch: Heather Theofanous

We have been getting up to 15 parent helpers which is amazing, but then we also often have 20-odd students wanting to help and it gets very congested and confusing. We have enough parent help that we don't need to utilize students.

DPAC: Lindsay Stewart

1. DPAC has received their Gaming grant, which for DPAC is capped at \$2500/year. Although the funds are modest, the plan is to use them to support educational opportunities within the District, PAC 101 Workshops and other things of this nature
2. **PAC101 Workshop** is tentatively booked as October 30th (evening) 6-9pm at Quam. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there! PAC executive members are highly encouraged to attend, as it helps to increase support for PACs at other schools and share information and learnings.
3. **AEDs at the schools:** Carmen Sundstrom (DPAC Chair) confirmed that 2 years ago, a motion was passed at the BCCPAC AGM to have an AED installed at every school in BC at no cost to the school. Although the resolution was passed, there has been no lobbying to the Ministry to make this happen, which would be the next step. BCCPAC can only lobby on behalf of the District - so they can communicate that this installation is desired and supported by parents, but cannot request or demand it. Carmen does not believe this is likely to be approved unless a grant or some sort of funding is found to make it happen. She suggested that if you want this in a timely fashion, having PAC pay for it and install it is likely the best option in the near term

ADMINISTRATION

Principal's Report: Ian Zibin

- CSL (Communicating Student Learning) and Learning Updates (formerly Report Cards) BC Ministry of Education Reporting Order. School districts will have three formal written updates. These written learning updates will go home to families at the end of January and a summative written learning summary at the end of June. A third written learning update will go home to families in either March, April or May. In addition, teachers will provide two informal learning updates which consist of either student-led conferences, portfolio and e-portfolios, parent/teacher conferences, written comments, journals (digital paper), exhibition of learning or showcase of learning, student work samples with descriptive feedback from the teacher, phone conversations and/or emails.
- Earthquake Drill: BC ShakeOut Oct 19 at 10:20 am
- Fun Friday Dance Party: On Fridays, we have a kid-friendly dance party at lunch recess where we play music on the playground and students can dance. It has been a success.
- Extreme Composting Program at ÉCH: Each class has compost bins and in less than a week we have seen a vast reduction in classroom waste.
- In addition, we have our Roots and Shoots Team who tackle recycling in the school, as well.
- District Cross Country Event: Oct. 26th (Grade 3—7)
- Field Hockey Tournaments: Grade 5/6: Oct. 16th Grade 7: Oct. 17th Co-Ed: Oct. 23rd
- Soccer Tournaments: postponed due to poor field conditions. We are looking to reschedule.
- Thank you to all the parent drivers for getting students to the tournaments.
- Thank you to our coaches: Karen, Ashley, Ashlee, and Trevor
- Scholastic Book Fair: Week of Oct 23rd – 27th in the library.
- Métis Lessons: All week Oct. 23rd – 27th with Corrine Chow.
- Halloween Dance: Oct 27th
- Halloween Costume Party Afternoon: Oct. 31st. We ask that younger children change into their costumes in the afternoon to avoid being ruined at recess.

Q: Can you give us an update on why Edge is taking so long to return photo proofs?

A: Instructions were sent in French twice. Admin will look into alternative options for next year's contract.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Automated External Defibrillator:**

Discussion around benefits of purchasing an AED for ECH. Current cost ~\$2000 for the model that Ecole Mount Prevost has. 1 or 2 other elementary schools in SD79 have an AED on site. Long life batteries required, no special training is required. Will follow up at November's meeting and consider a vote once more information is collected.

2. Book Fair:

Books have been delivered; set up is tomorrow. Big thanks to parents who hung posters, set up books and volunteered to staff the Book Fair. Will be open before school, after school and during the Halloween party.

Note: no online store this year but any reorders made will be delivered November 1st when the supplies are returned to Scholastic. We will also have a draw for a few book prizes this year!

3. Halloween

- Dance is in the gym again and the music will be a little quieter, and more lights. Adding Photo Booth and games to the gym to help better utilize our largest space.
- May need to cancel some of the games, etc if more Sign-Ups don't happen .
- Pizza & drinks for sale, polled attendees re drink options. No hot dogs this time.
- Sylvia met with 23 grade 7 students who are going to run the haunted house.
- Working on strategies to reduce line ups.
- Thanks Katelyn for leading the quiet room, Diane for running cupcake walk again.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Raffle Baskets & Silent Auction:** Making a comeback! These were big fundraisers for us in the past, many were looking for them last year. Erin Fikowski will lead the Silent Auction, great opportunity to promote businesses from our school community. Raffle baskets; each class gets a theme to bring in items. Newsletter will go home explaining the process.
2. **Food Drive:** Collection Dec 1-15. Early concerts will provide easy opportunity for collection. Christine Oglend will organize and collect. Ian will supply families from South Cowichan in the form of parent and child age composition so it's anonymous. Darlene will also set up donations on school cash online.
3. **Spirit Wear:** We used to get cloth library bags but last year Susan switched to plastic bags. We have been told it will always be this way moving forward to protect books. In response to parent requests, we will add cloth tote bags similar to the old 'library bags' to the Otter Shop. Also plan to restock the otter shop with low or out of stock items.

Question Period & additional discussion:

Q: Have any conversations started happening regarding sexual health education?

A. (Ian) Grades 4 and 7 are busy completing FSAs and they're also working on report cards. Ian hears that this component of the curriculum is very important to families, and will likely begin in the new year.

Some parents feel that our younger students are lacking basic knowledge and would like to see more consistency across classrooms. Parents would like to see teachers committed to using tools, letting parents know what they're learning and when they're learning it. PAC will consider a Parent Education night in the new year (as we did last year, with Kerri Isham or similar) to align with these topics being covered in classrooms.

Next meeting: November 22, 8:35 AM

Adjourned at 8:06PM