

# MINUTES (REVISED) – OCT 2023

## Pender Harbour Secondary School PAC

Date / time Oct 16, 2023 Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by Chairperson Anne Pino

### ATTENDANCE / INTRODUCTIONS

Anne Pino (Chair), Mary Mackay (Vice-Chair), Jodee Young (Treasurer), Julianna Roth (Hot Lunch), Tanis Zayshley, Melanie Ewen, Sylvia Showler (Pender Harbour Reading Room Guest), Jeni Stafford (Minutes)

### AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda for tonight's meeting was approved with minor changes.

The minutes from the last meeting (Sep 18, 2023) were approved.

NOTE: The AGM followed immediately after this meeting and is documented in separate minutes.

### REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS

#### Treasurer's Report – Jodee Young

Regular account balance: 2,005.09

Gaming account balance: 2,500.14

Total funds available as of 16 Oct 2023: 4,505.23

The treasurer's report was approved without objection.

#### Community GUEST – Sylvia Showler

Sylvia Showler gave a presentation on the Pender Harbour Reading Center. She explained that membership has not been increasing. The center is funded with the help of grants and donations including from the SCR D and the Sechelt Library. The Reading Center works with the Sechelt library. Borrowers can order from the Sechelt Library and have books delivered directly to the Reading Center. Similarly, Sechelt Library books can be returned to the Reading Center.

The group filled out a questionnaire on the use of the Reading Center and brainstormed about how to increase interest in the center. Some ideas:

- Inviting the elementary school kids to the center.
- Book donations
- Magazine exchange
- Lend other items
- Craft nights
- Book clubs

#### DPAC

The minutes from the last DPAC Meeting (Sep 28<sup>th</sup>) can be found here: <https://sd46.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/0923-DPAC-MinutesUpdated.pdf> WE NEED A DPAC REP!

All parents are welcome to attend DPAC Meetings. More information can be found here: <https://sd46.bc.ca/families-and-students/dpac/>. The next meeting will be Oct 26<sup>th</sup> at the CSS Library, 7 pm.

## HOT LUNCH Update – Julianna Roth

Everything is going well. Donations are coming in!

The next hot lunch will be taco salad.

## Principal's Report

1. Staffing - NEW POSTING: 0.3 FTW Counsellor / Jr Elective Teacher – adding more supports through district funds to meet the needs of our students.
2. Temporary Bussing Changes
  - Staffing shortages affecting service.
  - Bussing company is going above and beyond to fill those shortages – extraordinary measures include flying drivers in from all over the province.
  - Temporary measures being put in place while the recruiting, training, onboarding measures are occurring.
  - What this means to families: Our three bus routes are being combined into two routes TEMPORARILY so that we can ensure all students are still serviced. There have been no conversations about or plans to make this change permanent.
  - How can you help? Refer anyone interested in working as a bus driver to reach out with any questions / concerns / expressions of interest.
3. Field Trips
  - Indigenous Ed Field Trip / Paddling – Amazing day of learning.
  - Ed Hill donated a painting to the school inspired by our last canoe trip in 2018
  - Writer's Fest – Wednesday
4. Hot Lunch Update – Taco salad on Wednesday. THANK YOU again to parent volunteers!!
5. Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences – This Thursday
  - Written informal learning updates coming home on Tuesday with students. Parents and students will have Thursday to meet with teachers.
  - Book a 10-minute slot from 4:30 to 6:00 pm by calling or emailing the office.
  - Open house / drop-in style from 6:00 to 6:30.
  - 6:30pm – Learning Community Dinner – Please have the family join us for dinner. RSVP through the main office.
  - WE WANT STUDENTS THERE FOR THE CONFERENCES so that we can close the communication loop.
6. Cell Phone Policy – In full effect. If necessary, please only contact your child before school, at lunch or after school.
7. Fall Sports Teams
  - Cross Country: Meet on Wednesday on the North Shore.
  - Volleyball: Boys' games on the North Shore today.
8. Terry Fox Run – Friday Sep 22: Raised \$520.
9. Leadership / First Aid
  - 32 students completed their Standard First Aid.
  - Grade 11 / 12 students completing their FOOD SAFE in November
10. Swim Program starting – Bronze Star has started on Wednesdays.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Water

The blind test for water has not been done yet.

### NL Course

The NL course that was scheduled for early Oct was postponed due to lack of registration and scheduling conflicts. We need 6 participants. Members asked if it could be offered on other days. Tanis is organizing a

course in January in Sechelt.

## NEW BUSINESS

### PHSS App

Janice is still missing from the staff contacts in school app.

### FSA Results

The PAC is concerned about the low numbers in literacy and math on the Sunshine Coast. Are there any efforts to improve?

### BCC PAC Membership

Jodee moved to renew membership. Tanis seconded. Approved.

### Whistler Trip

What is the status of the Whistler trip for this year?

### First Aid Certificates

When will students receive copies of their First Aid Course certificates?

### Fundraising Efforts In Progress

Puzzles – The Pender Harbour Rotary is selling puzzles. Link will be shared on facebook page.

Chicken Sale – Collaboration with the Elementary School. Jodee looking at vendors (eg: Pemberton Freightways). Delivery will be Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. Order forms will be sent out this week.

Samosas and Chutney – Shusma would like to do a samosa and chutney fundraiser. Christmas? Grads?

Purdy's – ~~Michelle Nooski~~ Grad Class

Grad fundraising coordinator / Committee TBC – Just getting started. There has only been one meeting.

IGA Fundraiser – Jodee will look into making the cards available in the office.

## ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.

The AGM will start immediately.

The next regular PAC meeting will be Nov 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

Future meetings will be the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30pm (Dec 11, Jan 15, Feb 12, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13, & Jun 10).