

PHSS PAC MINUTES – JAN 2024

Pender Harbour Secondary School PAC

Date / time Jan 15, 2024 Meeting called to order at 5:38 pm by Chairperson Anne Pino

ATTENDANCE / INTRODUCTIONS

Anne Pino (Chair), Mary Mackay (Vice-Chair), Jodee Young (Treasurer), Jeni Stafford (Secretary), Chris Lekakis (Principal), Tanis Zayshley, Melanie Ewen, Cheyenne Howitt (Community School), Zoe Mackenzie.

AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda for tonight's meeting was approved with a couple of additions.

The minutes from the last meeting (Dec 11, 2023) were approved.

REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS

Treasurer's Report – Jodee Young

We have \$6,591.90 in funds available in the regular account (\$4,091.57) and the gaming account (\$2,500.33)

The final profit from the chicken fundraiser was \$1,677.05 (Revenue = 23,698.00 & Costs = \$22,020.95)

246 boxes were sold (compared to 211 last fall 2022 and 261 in the spring 2023)

In response to questions, Jodee explained how the gaming account can be used adding that the rules have changed recently. The funds must be used within 24 months and can only be used for non-curricular items.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Community School – Cheyenne Howitt

- Community sponsor families – We were able to help 11 families during the holidays. We were able to provide this support without pulling from other financial resources in our budget.
- In addition to the support provided by the community in the sponsor project, we (along with PHSS, MPES, SCCS Youth Outreach, Elves Club, PH Food Bank, and Lyn Charlton's Spreading Kindness) we able to support many more community members with food support, basic necessities, etc during this holiday break.
- SCRD budgets for Recreation & Youth Programs are under review by the SCRD.
 - Recreation budget includes after school programs (art, fishing club, t-ball, drop-in sports (pickleball, volleyball, badminton, hockey) as well as Community School involvement in community events (Winterfest, May Day, etc)
 - Youth Program – This directly affects Darcie's work with youth and connecting youth with services in and out of the community.

This topic was discussed at length at the PAC meeting with members expressing great concern about the possibility of losing the 10K in funding that the SCRD has provided for the last 10 years.

DPAC / Trustee

Debbie Martens stepped down as the DPAC rep. Rachel Eastman from MPES will help keep us informed. Tracey McClelland, our Trustee will be at our next PAC meeting.

All parents are welcome to attend DPAC Meetings, in person or via zoom. More information can be found

here: <https://sd46.bc.ca/families-and-students/dpac/>. The next meeting will be Jan 25rd at 7 pm. Location CSS Library. The minutes from previous meetings can be found at the link.

Principal's Report – Chris Lekakis

1. Counselling / Elective Posting: Posting going out this week for a 1.0 position (Foods, Counselling and Career). Ms Sumner will be going on mat leave. Ms Lloyd is the grad sponsor this year.
2. Temporary Bussing Changes: Egmont Express is continuing to run as is until the new driver training is completed. Communication will go out about any changes.
3. Presentations / Activities @ PHSS:
 - Vaping Cessation Presentations by Vancouver Coastal Health tomorrow.
 - Grade 7-9 Career / Trades Presentation – Friday, Jan 19th. Will include information on solar panels and coding. These presentations related to our Careers curriculum.
 - YDI (10/11s) and MDI (s) youth surveys date on Jan 31st. These are youth surveys done through universities to see how our youth are doing.
4. Blanket Exercise: Postponed. New date will be communicated. Exercise is done by our district indigenous team.
5. PHSS Athletics:
 - Basketball coaches are needed. Please contact Mr Lekakis if you are able to help. First practice will be Thursday morning at 7:30 am.
 - Will be looking for girl's soccer and ultimate coaches for the spring.
 - Possible – Golf and Track
6. New Chromebooks: Every student now has a Chromebook, which must be checked in and out daily. 50 new Chromebooks were recently purchased at a significant investment. The school hopes that the devices will be better cared for if they are personalized and further emphasize personal responsibility and accountability. Chromebooks are part of our flex-ed model. The devices are equipped with office 365 and the students use google classroom.
7. Field Trips:
 - SFU – District Indigenous Team Jan 19th
 - Whistler “Schools on Snow” – Feb 14th and Mar 6th day trips with 8 hours of skiing in groups of 6 assigned based on ability.
 - Costa Rica – Spring Break.
8. PHSS School Growth Plan and Budget Considerations:
 - Thank you for the feedback last meeting
 - Rolling out expectations to students over the next few weeks regarding our school program.
 - This will include reinforcing expectations for planners, teacher advisory, seminars and cell phones. The goals / standards haven't been achieved yet (still developing). The school will be raising the bar.

NEW BUSINESS

Compassionate Systems Leadership Tools (CSL)

- Lens through which decisions are made.
- MPES would like to share the cost of running the education for both schools. All parents would be welcome.
- MOTION: Jeni made a motion to spend up to \$250 to share cost of CSL education to offset funding not available elsewhere (eg: DPAC). Mary seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Winter / Spring Chicken Fundraiser

- Jodee explained that Erica from West Sechelt would like to collaborate on a chicken sale.
- ACTION: Jeni volunteered to investigate “shopify” as a potential online sales app.

Communication – Sources of Information for Parents

The following are sources of PHSS information for parents:

- PHSS Two Weeks at a Glance – Sent by email from Janice to parents
- My PHSS App – Available through Google Play or Apple App Store
- MyEducation BC System - <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspn>
- PHSS PAC Facebook Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/501807006527628>
- SD46 Page - <https://www.facebook.com/SD46SC>
- SPACES – Through teachers, specific to classes
- Reach out to PHSS staff via phone or email

ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

The next regular PAC meeting will be Feb 12th at 5:30.

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