

PAC MINUTES – DEC 2023

Pender Harbour Secondary School PAC

Date / time Dec 11, 2023 Meeting called to order at 5:36 pm by Chairperson Anne Pino

ATTENDANCE / INTRODUCTIONS

Anne Pino (Chair), Mary Mackay (Vice-Chair), Jodee Young (Treasurer), Jeni Stafford (Secretary), Chris Lekakis (Principal), Julianna Roth (Hot Lunch), Tanis Zayshley, Melanie Ewen, Carole Logtenberg, Jen Peters, Cheyenne Howitt (Community School), Tracey McClelland (School Trustee-elect).

AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda for tonight's meeting was approved.

The minutes from the last meeting (Nov 6, 2023) were approved.

REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS

Treasurer's Report – Jodee Young

We \$4,991.00 in the bank with a few unpaid invoices (hot lunch expenses, postage etc)

The chicken sale was successful with approx. \$2k in profit. There was a discussion on how to manage the fundraiser in the future to limits potential losses and to make the distribution more efficient.

Community School – Cheyenne Howitt

- Continuing with hot breakfast 4 days / week. Thank you Cindy!
- Snack fridge is doing what it should be doing: Feeding hungry kids.
- Spanish class starting at MPES in the new year.
- Community Giving Project for the holidays: We are collecting recipient and sponsor families.
- Trustee early voting and general election held at PHCS.
- Cheyanne has been working out of PHSS one day / week. This is going well.
- Lesley from the Foundry spent time at PHSS on Wednesday to give information to students. Let students know about the advisory board they can join.
- First aid for grades 9 to 12: Paid for 41 participants.

DPAC – Tracey McClelland (School Trustee-elect)

“Food and School” Pilot: Looking at consolidating where food is purchased, prepared and delivered to schools. This project is not meant to replace what PACs are doing. The goal is to provide for hungry kids.

Strategic Plan: We had a good discussion with the Superintendent of Schools, Kate Kerr, on the 2nd stage of the strategic plan. There will be sessions at each of the schools. It was very information and holistic.

Community participation / input is highly encouraged. More information on forums [here](#).

Tracey won the school trustee position.

She advised that trustees will only attend meetings if PACs request. The PAC Chair should email the School Board Chair to make that request.

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 25th at 7 pm. Location CSS Library. The minutes from previous meetings can be found at the link.

HOT LUNCH Update – Julianna Roth

Trina and Debbie will be taking on the hot lunch until March.

A member mentioned that it would be good to know in advance what was planned for hot lunch, maybe 2 weeks at a glance.

Principal's Report – Chris Lekakis

1. New Trustee: Tracey McClelland
2. Temporary Bussing Changes: Egmont express is running. Feedback has been positive.
3. Field Trips: Career University Fair – Nov 27th and BCIT school visit – Dec 5th.
4. PHSS School Growth Plan and Budget Considerations: Outline and parent feedback.
5. Food safe is being offered to all grades 10-12: Cathy Gordon to run with our students Dec 12th. Grade 10-12 students completing FOODSAFE on Nov 28th.

SCHOOL GROWTH PLAN high level summary:

Values CARES:

Communicate / Connect

Accountable / Aspire

Respect

Engaged

Safe

Ensouling our Schools:

Compassionate Systems Leadership – Creating generative social fields and sense of belonging.

Transformative Learning

Equity and Inclusion

Land Based Learning

Book Reference:

Ensouling Our Schools: A Universally Designed Framework for Mental Health, Well-Being, and Reconciliation by Jennifer Katz and Kevin Lamoureux

[SD46 Infographic](#) from Sep 2023

BUDGET: Guided by the School Growth Plan based on our work with the “Braid” and our values.

Salary makes up the majority of our spending.

Current numbers that we have – 70 students in the building. Anecdotally, 80 students are needed to keep the doors open.

Flex model allows funding for 85.5 students. There isn't a conversation on whether we will continue to offer a flex model. This model is necessary and it is working.

Street data we need to be aware of:

- Students are needing extra numeracy supports as per the FSA 2023
- We are meeting the basic needs (food, clothing...) for many students.
- Our technology is aging out and we need to be able to offer equitable access to tech as we are moving more and more to online platforms (eg: SPACES). Fifty Chromebooks are reaching the end of their life at the end of the school year.

FEEDBACK: Chris asked the PAC meeting participants to reflect on 2 questions and discuss. He collected the handwritten feedback notes.

What do you see at PHSS now that is working well and should be continued?

Some responses: Small class sizes, flex model, support of basic needs, extra courses & life schools training, Chris as principal.

Take a minute to reflect on what barriers you see may require some resources so PHSS students are experiencing success and are leaving school with purpose. What would that look like?

Some responses: One more teacher, new technology, small class size doesn't necessarily lead to the kind of creative learning activities that might be possible...

ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

The next regular PAC meeting will be Dec 11th at 5:30.

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