

**PHSS PAC, General Meeting**  
**Monday, April 3rd, 2023, PHSS and via Zoom**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chris Lekakis, Anne Pino, Jodee Young, Mary MacKay, Tanis Zayshley, Chey Howitt, Carole Logtenberg, Katrina Bishop, Melanie Ewen, Bill Gilkes, Haida Bolton

**CALL TO ORDER: 5:36**

It was **MOVED** by Anne Pino to approve the agenda.

**SECOND** - Jodee Young

**CARRIED**

Approval of February minutes tabled until next meeting

**Treasurer's Report by Jodee Young**

- No real update. The balance is \$18,000, but that's mostly for the chicken order. Once the books are balanced after that, there will be a report for next month.

**Community School Update by Chey Howitt**

- Fundraising for the new building is good, and building is built but being held for them until at least August. There is a delay with prepping the site.

- April Tools, April 29th, there will be crafts by Carla and Patti

- Carla is doing a face painting class on Tuesdays from April 11th to May 16th, 3:30 to 5pm, for \$80. Anyone who takes it could be hired by Carla for May Day, and maybe future events like Halloween Fun Night.

- Chey said some kids were asking about drop-in soccer, and it was pointed out that there already is drop-in soccer.

- There will now also be hot breakfast on Thursday mornings, in addition to Monday, Tuesday and Friday. With hot lunch on Wednesdays, that means there's hot food offered each day of the week. This is paid for by the Student Family Affordability Fund, that the Community School got through the high school. Cyndi has also donated a lot of food, along with the Lion's Club.

- The snack fridge has been popular, and hopefully it will be less emptied on Thursdays now that there's hot breakfast.

**DPAC Update** - no update

### **Guest Speaker - Haida Bolton**

- Better at Home - a program that's managed by the United Way and funded by the province. It was run by the Sunshine Coast Community Services Society, but now the coast is being divided into two regions, so the Pender Harbour Health Centre is now taking care of Halfmoon Bay to Egmont.

- Looking for volunteers. The program offers non-medical help to seniors over the age of 60 to help them stay at home. This could include visits, grocery shopping, light house cleaning, repairs or yard work.

- Tanis asked if this could be a way for grads to get some volunteer hours, and asked about an age requirement. Haida wasn't sure whether they had to be an adult, but said she would look into it. There was some concern about in-home work or visits, and a suggestion that outside work would be less of a concern.

- Haida is the coordinator, and anyone interested would meet with her and fill out an application form, and it includes a criminal record and reference check.

### **School Trustee Update** - no update

### **Old Business**

- Regarding Hot Lunch, we're good through April.

- Matthew Aleksich, a new parent to PHSS, works for Yen Bros as a sales rep and would like to work with the hot lunch program to see if he can help out with the price and supply of food. He delivers on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- Chicken fundraiser: Mary said it won't be delivered this week, but next because there were no commercial reservations left for this Wednesday. We sold \$24,784. They hadn't raised the prices. There was some discussion about how best to inform people of the delivery delay, including if some wanted to cancel or to have it delivered to them. Some suggestions were a Pender Harbour Uncut announcement, mass email or calls, or post somewhere else online.

- The PAC Bursary deadline is April 30th, and the PAC will have a meeting after that to choose the recipient.

### **New Business**

- The Pender Harbour Rotary 50/50 draw for April will once again be for the Grads.

- Anne asked how often the Principals' meetings happen, and what they discuss. Chris said they take place once a month, and they discuss direction from the ministry.

- The school has been involved in Bingo with the seniors, and there have been two sessions so far. They went well, and Chris would like to set up more intergenerational events like this.

## **Principal's Report**

### **1. Updates**

- Hot breakfast expanded to include Thursdays. The Student Family Affordability Fund is a pilot project, and they'd like to keep it going.

### **2. Thank you for Whistler Trip support!**

- A large photo was taken, and thank yous will be sent out.

### **3. Field Trips**

- Whistler feedback: The kids had fun. Logistically, sleeping arrangements were spread out, with one kid per bed. Chris was asked what he found challenging, and he said the sight-seeing things were well-received to the point that some of the skiers and snowboarders were wanting to switch. In future, might try to find a way to offer a bit of both. Looking at possibly getting a membership to the Tyrell Lodge for future trips. Chris will present feedback to the Rotary.

- Climbing Trip the next two Tuesdays, for grades 10, 11 and 12
- Canoe Trip - school-wide, Ensouling our School: Land Based Learning
- Keats Camp year end trip for grade 11/12 in June, for the Outdoor Ed class
- Paddle boarding in May
- International Field trip - Spring break 2024

### **4. New Term: April 20th**

- 'I' reports have been mailed out, and teachers contacting home regarding concerns.
- Changes coming to exploration blocks and junior elective rotation.

### **5. Spring Sports Season**

- Will try to offer 4 things: Ultimate grade 8-12, Ultimate grade 7, Girls' Soccer grade 8-12, and Track. A new coach is needed. For Track, you only need one student to go ahead. Tanis asked about golf, and Chris said it will be offered as an X-Block. They have some sets of clubs now. They may also offer an Ultimate X-Block. Carole asked if the grade 7 Track students were still with the elementary level, and Chris agreed she should talk to Sandy. There are no coaches yet for track.

### **6. RYLA**

- 5 PHSS Students attended. Rotary Youth Leadership Academy.

### **7. PAC Spending Requests**

- Sports Day, May 26th - would PAC be able to provide hot lunch on that day?
- Earthquake bin had been broken into, and there has been more petty crime. We need to replace the granola Harvest bars (they don't melt), and we have a better lock now.

### Upcoming Events

April 17th = Grad Donor Bursary event

April 20th = Term 3 ends

April 21st - ProD day

April 25th - Grade 10 Numeracy test

May 19th - ProD day

May 26th - Sports Day

Sports Day lunch - In the past it's been catered by the Oak Tree Market, either hot dogs or pizza or burgers, and juice, sometimes fruit. Chris said it would probably cost around \$500 to \$600. It was agreed that the PAC could cover it as just part of the hot lunch program. Chris said staff can serve the lunch.

Course selection and staffing information for next year will be coming out soon. Grade 10 courses are quite set, and grade 11 and 12 courses offer more flexibility. Provincials give a snapshot, but the score doesn't count toward your overall mark

Grads just got their bursary package last week. In the past, they've gotten the information earlier, before March break, but the other schools said it was unfair because they weren't giving it to their students until closer to the deadlines, so PHSS agreed to delay.

Next general meeting was set for Monday, May 8th, at 5:30pm, hybrid - zoom and in person.

**ADJOURNED: 6:31 pm**

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