

PHSS PAC, General Meeting
Wednesday, April 6th, 2022, Via ZOOM

ATTENDANCE: Mark Heidebrecht, Anne Pino, Jodee Young, Mary MacKay, Tanis Zayshley, Cherie Stone, Katrina Bishop, Paola Stewart, Samantha Haines

CALL TO ORDER: 6:34 PM

It was **MOVED** by Cherie Stone to approve the agenda.

SECOND - Mary MacKay

CARRIED

It was **MOVED** by Anne Pino to approve the minutes of the February 23rd PAC general meeting.

SECOND - Cherie Stone

CARRIED

Principal's Report

- Semester 2 is going well. 'I' reports have gone out to inform students and parents if there are things that still need to be completed. Term 3 report cards go out at the end of the month.
- Bronze Medallion program - 12 students are taking it.
- Grads - are working on bursary applications, as well as fundraising with a bottle drive and selling Purdy's chocolates.
- The Grad ceremony will be in person on June 21st
- PHSS Sports Day - leadership 10 class is taking the reins. The date in May is tbd.
- Toastmasters is being offered to grade 11 students, to develop public speaking skills.
- Community School breakfast program is continuing three times a week.
- Mark has been working on next year's budget, timetable and course requests.
- Animation course, dual credit, will be presented by Mr. Jasch next year for senior students.
- Chris Lekakis will be back in late April.

- Upcoming dates:	April 8th	presentation 'children of the street'
	April 14th	End of term 3
	April 15th	Good Friday
	April 18th	Easter Monday
	April 19th	Term 4 begins
	April 20th	Student Leadership Forum for the district - we aim to send two students per grade.
	April 25th	ProD day
	April 28th	Grad presentations to donors
	April 30th	April Tool's - PHSS will be entering two teams

Questions re. Principal's Report

1. - Jodee: Is there a school council?

Mark: One was started in November and he tried to hand it off to the students, but it didn't continue. Annie and Holden are the district leadership team, so he's hoping they can get it going again. The idea is a Junior and a Senior from each TA, so ten students, plus the two district reps. The district leadership forum on the 20th conflicts with the Bronze Medallion swimming program.

Jodee: We should keep this on the agenda and maybe support them with the PAC.

Mark: We could invite the DSLT members to come to a PAC meeting. The hope is that a student council can pass their ideas on to the DSLT reps.

2. - Anne: When is the PAC bursary due?

Mark: Will follow up with Anna, but he thinks the deadline is the 15th. They all have to be done by the presentation on the 28th, and someone from the PAC can be there for the presentations if we like.

Jodee: When do staff need the information from the PAC for the bursary?

Mark: Probably by early June.

Treasurer's Report by Jodee Young

There's nothing new to submit, but we made \$130 from the samosa fundraiser, and \$130 is going to the Red Cross. That payment isn't made yet because Jodee is wondering how best to donate.

It was **MOVED** by Tanis Zayshley that if Jodee can't make a direct payment out of the PAC account for the Red Cross then Jodee will make the payment herself and the PAC will reimburse her the \$129.

SECOND - Mary MacKay

CARRIED

Last year's PAC bursary - Anne got a letter from Kayleigh Charleton - she's enrolled in Emily Carr University for next year, and provided proof of enrollment. Jodee will write her a cheque.

Community School Update by Paola Stewart

- T-Ball is starting on Wednesdays, April 27th to June 3rd for younger children.
- Narcan training is available from the paramedics but can't be done at the school. If any groups of parents and older students are interested in training, you can contact the community school.
- Are there any requests or ideas for after-school activities at the high school that the community school could provide? And what would be good timing, right after school or later? They must be out of the high school by 8pm because the janitorial staff has to lock up. Volleyball is one idea. The Fibre Arts program happened this year instead of the biking program, because it's hard to get someone up here to teach it. The biking program could possibly happen next year if there's a demand.
- April 28th - Investing 101 is being offered by Linda Cordell, which would be good for grade 11 and 12 students.
- Longterm care planning - the Greensleeve information session is being hosted by the community paramedic.
- Cultural storytelling is being offered by Coyote. He is a residential school survivor. The event will be outside, for about 10-12 people. Wednesday April 20th is the date, with a backup date of Wednesday, April 28th. The information is in the Harbour Spiel. Paola will send out information to share.

DPAC Update by Cherie Stone

New Food Guidelines - will restrict a lot of what we can do at the school. There's an online survey that they want us to fill out, individually and as a group. It was noted that the wording of the guidelines indicates they are suggestions, not mandatory, but that the wording later in the document implies otherwise.

A comment Cherie noted in an online discussion made the point that labeling some foods 'bad' can be problematic for kids who have eating disorders, and also gives a problematic message when trying to teach young kids a healthy relationship with food. Wording is important.

Anne - is there a concern at DPAC that this will be made mandatory? Cherie said yes, it feels like a lot of the decisions have already been made.

Jodee said there's a concern for the hot lunch program. It's done by volunteers who would have to try to work within these guidelines, but it has to be food the kids will eat, and the possibility of increased cost is a concern.

Anne - should we share this on the PAC page? Cherie - yes.

Jodee also noted this will affect the community school breakfast program at PHSS. For example, pancakes - whole wheat, with no syrup?

It won't affect the Foods class.

Mary - for the majority of the time, the schools are serving healthy food already anyway.

Katrina - If it's a guideline only, it makes sense to aim for the healthier option when it's realistic, but when it's not, then you don't. If it were treated as mandatory, that wouldn't work. Katrina wrote on the survey that they not get rid of the Brand Name Food List, but update it instead because busy volunteers aren't always going to have the time or budget to make everything from scratch, and this reference would make it more likely that the guidelines would be followed.

Anne suggested we all do the survey individually. The deadline for it is April 30th.

Mary made the point that kids would be eating one way at home and another way at school, and sometimes it's hard to get kids to eat enough at the best of times.

Anne asked Cherie to post this on the PAC Facebook page for parents to answer, as more is better. Cherie offered to write out the ten main points to give people a short overview so they'll be more likely to do the survey.

Cherie suggested we have a 'mini-PAC' meeting to go through the survey before the deadline. It was set for Wednesday, April 27th at 6:30pm.

School Trustee Update by Sam Haines

Questions we had re. money going toward food and how much is budgeted for next year:

- Krista Riv, for Food support services, says there's a survey coming out soon for SD46 universal food program for all our schools. Please fill it out.

- (reading from Krista Riv report) There was a surplus of \$100,000 that was allocated in the 2021/2022 budget for food in schools. There was talk of allocating another \$100,000 for the 2022/2023 budget. These funds go to Community Schools, who decide how to distribute the funds. Community Schools also receive part of the \$250,000 community 'link funding', some of which is for food in schools. Community Schools are not run by SD46.

Anne - the survey from SD46 - would this be for a food program to launch in 2022? Sam didn't know. Anne pointed out that it would affect fund raising for the hot lunch program. Mary clarified that any funds would be coming from the community school. Mark was unclear about how well that was working regarding food funding. Jodee was told by Francine at the Community School that those funds were for Covid support. Jodee suggested that the district could ask for financial reports from the community schools so there's no confusion about where the funds come from and where they go. Mary thought the Covid funds could have been a different thing, and distributed alternatively such as supporting families at home, but no one at this meeting knew for sure. It was generally agreed that more transparency would be helpful.

Sam thought that was a valid point, but didn't know if they were allowed to ask for financial reports from the community schools. She said she would look into it.

Regarding the new food-in-schools committee, there's no extra budget around it, so they may have to apply for funding from somewhere. There doesn't appear to be an expectation of this committee giving out funds next year. Sam thinks they're required to give the money to the community schools. Mark clarified that, yes, the 'link funding' goes directly to them and they disseminate it from there. Traditionally, principals have been involved.

Mary asked how many students are in the district. Sam said about 3500, in 14 schools. Mark said that PHSS has 80-something FTEs.

Jodee - bottom line is we're struggling to fund hot lunch once a week.

Mary - Quick math - we should be allocated about \$2500, roughly, based on numbers.

Mark - some of that would go for the breakfast program.

Trustees have been writing blogs to inform people what they're up to.

The AGM is coming up.

The ministry has been given a new name: Ministry of Education and Childcare. Schools have been mandated to provide childcare.

Old Business

Anne asked if the earthquake bins are now in place and ready to go.

Mark said we're still waiting for the district to procure them. We have water, and some prepackaged foods.

New Business

Hot lunch - Anne said April and May are covered, and the ad's in the Harbour Spiel.

Regarding June, there are only three lunches to do, so it's not cost-effective to put an ad in the Spiel. She asked Mark if there are any other days in June that might be good for a hot

lunch. Jodee asked about a last-day BBQ. Anne asked if Mark could let her know if conflicts arose with school trips. If we know by mid-May, then we can make a call regarding the Harbour Spiel ad. Jodee suggested the PAC could pay for a fourth hot lunch, if the opportunity arises.

May Day - is there a sign-up sheet at the school for volunteers? Mark said there were announcements, but he would have to check with Anne about a sign-up sheet.

Mary - Amber Kincaid is coordinating volunteers, and there are lots of spots to fill. Mark said they can put a call out again.

Next general meeting was set for Wednesday, May 11th, at 6:30pm.

ADJOURNED: 7:40 pm

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