

PHSS PAC, General Meeting
Monday, February 27th, 2023, PHSS and via Zoom

ATTENDANCE: Anne Pino, Jodee Young, Mary MacKay, Katrina Bishop, Tanis Zayshley, Cheyanne Howitt, Samantha Haines, Chris Lekakis

CALL TO ORDER: 5:32

Addition to the Agenda: Add PAC bursary to New Business

It was **MOVED** by Mary MacKay to approve the agenda as amended.

SECOND - Tanis Zayshley

CARRIED

It was **MOVED** by Jodee Young to approve the Jan. 9th minutes.

SECOND - Mary MacKay

CARRIED

Treasurer's Report by Jodee Young

It was **MOVED** by Jodee Young to allocate \$500 towards the annual 2023 Graduation Bursary to be given to a recipient to be determined in June 2023.

SECOND - Mary MacKay

CARRIED

It was **MOVED** by Jodee Young that, after receiving a cash donation from the PH Legion, the PAC continue contributing to the Breakfast Program operated by the PH Community School for \$500. Dated October 2022.

SECOND - Mary MacKay

CARRIED

It was **MOVED** by Jodee Young that, after receiving a cash donation from the PH Rotary, the PAC cover Coast Reporter Graduates 2022 Advertisement for \$588.60 and \$315.04. Dated June and August 2022.

SECOND - Mary MacKay

CARRIED

It was **MOVED** by Jodee Young to cover the costs associated with the Chicken Fundraiser. Postage of \$212.61 and cost of the chicken to Tartan Poultry in the amount of \$18,247. Dated Sept. 2022.

SECOND - Mary MacKay

CARRIED

It was **MOVED** by Jodee Young that, after receiving a cash donation from the PH Rotary, the PAC cover \$2250.00 of our operating Funds to the 2023 Whistler Ski trip happening March 8, 9, and 10, 2023. In addition, to contribute \$1500 from our PAC Gaming account towards expenses of the 2023 Whistler Ski Trip.

SECOND - Anne Pino

CARRIED

It was **MOVED** by Jodee Young to approve the Treasurer's Report.

SECOND - Mary MacKay

CARRIED

Community School Update by Cheyanne Howitt

- Still figuring out how much will be available for the school from the Student Family Affordability Fund. There will also be funds to put toward the Whistler trip. They're applying for a grant, but are not sure for how much yet, Chris will let them know.

- Patti is doing pottery for an x-block at the school.

- Question from Anne - can the Community School newsletter be used to advertise things like needing donors for hot lunch at the high school? Cheyanne said they could probably fit that in.

- Question from Jodee - do you know how much will be donated toward the Whistler trip? They said they will know in a day or two.

DPAC Update

No update. Cherie Stone had to step away from the rep position for now, but any questions can go to Rachel Eastman who is the rep for the community.

School Trustee Update

- The Board put out an official statement regarding inclusion and diversity.

- The Strategic Plan ends in June, so they're currently planning for a new strategic plan. They're considering hiring a consultant.

- A big question is how to reach students, and parents that don't go to PAC meetings. Ideas? There was a conversation around social media outreach. An example given was Pender Harbour Uncut on Facebook, because so many people read it, but the concept was rather daunting.

- Mary suggested that there may be an impression that the trustees aren't as approachable as they could be.

- Goals - social and emotional communication. Information can be found in the February 8th board meeting package.

- The new budget has passed. Enrollment is going up. There will hopefully be some kind of program for food in the near future.

- Anne asked about funding for improved lighting at the entrance to the school. Can that be included in the transportation budget? Chris said the information he got is that the school itself has to talk to the Ministry of Highways about better lighting at the school entrance, and maybe signage on the highway warning that a school is coming up. This would also be the case with our parking lot lighting, which Chris said won't happen until summer 2023 at the earliest.

- Priorities are staff recruitment and wellness for students and staff.
- Kindergarten registration is coming up.
- Swimming regulation updates are on the web site.
- February 28th is the Family Engagement Committee meeting.
- Further information about swimming regulations - it relates to number of supervisors per age group, and number and type of lifeguards.
- District calendar has been approved
- March 8th is the next board meeting, which anyone can attend.

Question for Sam (asking her as a parent, since Sam can't be trustee of the elementary school as she has a child attending), is there information on the status of the new building? Sam said the paperwork has been challenging, and there is also the matter of the river that runs beneath the field.

Old Business

- Hot lunch update - Julie is doing most of the cooking. We need Oak Tree to do more lunches. Anne suggested we not pay for ads again, in order to cut costs, but perhaps a post on Pender Harbour Uncut. Mary also suggested submitting a Harbour Seal of Approval in the Harbour Spiel, as it's free. Anne said that would be good, with any text adjusting for Julie doing most of the cooking lately instead of the Oak Tree.

- The IGA credit was mentioned, and that it should be used.
- Chris was asked if the school is up-to-date with paying the Oak Tree, and he said he has to reconcile with PAC funds, but thought we were good at this point.

- Chicken fundraiser - Mary will print order forms. They'll be out by the end of the week, due back March 29th, with chicken delivery day being April 5th. We're encouraging order by email. Mary will gather the forms and make up the order spreadsheet. West Sechelt is joining the fundraiser, so they'll do their own fundraising and the chicken order will probably go to them first.

New Business

- Whistler trip - the Rotary donation of \$2250 will go to the PAC, and the PAC can then cut a cheque to the school to help cover Whistler costs. The subsidized cost for the trip is \$450 per student. Chris said there are also school funds earmarked for field trips that are

being put toward this trip. Jodee told Chris that the PAC gaming account has \$1500 available, not \$2000, because of the PAC bursary. Taking another \$500 from the other account would be possible but tight, so maybe wait and see where the Whistler trip funds are first, in case that's not needed.

- The Community School will launch a Vancouver Sun grant application toward field trips.

- Community thank yous - It was suggested that a card signed by the students could be taken to the Rotary to thank them for their support. Anne asked if a series of photos could be taken of the Whistler Trip to submit to the Harbour Spiel, in the hopes that a brief article could be written about it, in which the school thanks the Rotary. Chris said a 'Seal of Approval' would be good as well. Yearbook students should be taking photos during the trip, and other students and teachers could take some too. Jodee suggested we also should thank the Legion. Tanis suggested the thank you cards could have a school photo on the front, and Chris pointed out that there are some photo restrictions in place. Anne said she will get a pack of thank you cards.

Principal's Report

Field trips:

- The Dakota Ridge field trip went well. They're looking at a possible climbing gym trip, as well as a possible camping trip with Chatelech, and something at the YMCA.

- Whistler trip - 46 students are attending (31 skiing, 6 snow boarding and 9 sight seeing).

- Fundraising - many thanks to the PAC and Rotary.

- International Field Trip will be to Costa Rica

New Semester:

- Report cards should have been received. Any issues, please contact the school.

New reporting language will be evident.

- New junior electives are woodwork/shop and art.

- Mary asked about the honour roll, pointing out that it's not there anymore. Chris said the honour roll has been left behind along with letter grades, for through grade 9. The older grades will still get both because of post-secondary application requirements. There were several comments made that, while the new reporting system does seem to provide more personal comment on the child's work, it's also problematic in that there's no honouring of the kids who put in the extra work and who thrive on the challenge of excelling in that way

Hot Lunch:

- Julie has been doing it, for the most part. There's no plan to end it.

New Exploration Blocks:

- Welding - kids are doing it, a community member volunteered their skills.

- Self Care

- Soccer
- Chess
- Garage Band

Past Events/Extra Things:

- Had leadership training - consent and relationships
- Grad fundraiser made \$3400 at burger and beer
- Ultimate team is starting
- Still struggling to get forms in for trips.
- Any students not going to Whistler have to be in school
- Purdy's fundraiser is happening, with order deadline March 9th
- Logistics of funding for Whistler - Jodee has it under control

Anne - an addition to New Business:

The PAC Bursary deadline is April 28th, and we choose by June 1st. We may have a separate meeting to look at applicants.

Next general meeting was set for Monday, April 3rd, at 5:30pm, hybrid - zoom and in person.

ADJOURNED: 6:29 pm

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