

**PHSS PAC, General Meeting  
Wednesday, January 19th, 2022, Via ZOOM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mark Heidebrecht, Anne Pino, Jodee Young, Mary MacKay, Tanis Zayshley, Melanie Ewen, Cherie Stone, Katrina Bishop, Samantha Haines

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 PM**

**Additions to agenda**

- Anne asked to add the water situation at the school, as well as a hot lunch update.
- Tanis asked to add an update about the Bronze Medallion program under New Business.

It was **MOVED** by Anne Pino to approve the minutes of the November 24th PAC general meeting.

**SECOND** - Jodee Young

**CARRIED**

There was no guest speaker for this PAC meeting.

**Principal's Report**

- Covid curveballs - the Omicron variant caused a delay of one week for back to classes. There have been some days with high absenteeism, and Google Classroom is available if it's needed, either by choice or for medical reasons.
- January 26th is turnaround day for the end of semester one, going into semester two. Students with incomplete work need to attend, others should stay home.
- Junior electives for term 3 are mental health literacy, woodshop and grade 7/8 Bronze Medallion program.
- Friday silent reading program has been very successful.
- There is now a new joint use agreement with the SCRD that allows the seniors to use the weight room, with guidance from a professional.
- Grade 10 numeracy assessment is on January 25th, and the grade 12 literacy assessment is January 27th. These are a graduation requirement.
- The grad bottle drive in November was successful. They'll have another one on January 26th. They'll also be doing a Purdy's fundraiser before Easter.

- The next grad/parent Zoom meeting is on Wednesday, February 2nd at 6pm.
- Miss Rogers organized the 'sleep week', from November 29th to December 3rd, focusing on mental health issues around sleep.
- Parent/teacher interviews were held on December 8th.
- Food bank collections and Spirit Week led up to winter vacation.
- Thanks to the PAC for providing the turkey lunch.
- Recognized Black Excellence day on January 14th, and there was a web event. February is black history month.
- Reminder to parents to contact school if their child will be absent and to indicate whether it's from illness, to keep track of numbers re. Covid.
- BC Learning Survey for parents, staff and students (grade 7 and 11) will be going out, along with YEI for grade 11's, handled by Ms. Roberts.
- SD46 is looking for feedback on the 2022/2023 budget for PACs. It concerns the school growth plan, and there's a lot about mental health, truth and reconciliation, and academics.
- Staff is authorized to work with the Sechelt Nation for residential school survivors, to provide accreditation. This is an initiative across the province, beginning in the Spring.
- Thanks to the PAC for supporting the hot lunch program.
- Water situation - they found out this morning that there are high levels of arsenic in the school's water. Mark provided bottled water for a couple of days. The problem is expected to be fixed in one to two weeks. There was no word on what to do about water in the meantime. The earthquake bin had none.
- One of the two fridges in the food room is no longer working.
- Junior band is being adjusted for semester two. First semester started with Janice Bundsen, with Garth Bowen to support, but Janice is no longer involved. They're looking now at offering ukulele and drums in second semester.

#### Questions:

Jodee - regarding water - Noah's Water delivers, is that a possibility? Mark said they used this company previously when PHSS had arsenic in their water before. He'll look into this. Tanis said the machines can be rented.

Mary asked how often the water is tested. Mark said it's tested weekly, from different sources. Mary asked if there's a UV filtration system now. Mark wasn't sure what filtering system they're using, but it's quite new.

Anne asked if Mark has to ask Nick Westwick for approval for bringing in water. Mark believed he could make the call for this amount of cost, and will move on it right away.

Mary said we'll need to update the earthquake kit. Mark said it's basically not usable. There was major water damage caused by its location (on grass) and the fact that it had a wooden floor. In addition, there were a lot of missing supplies. In short, the school's not ready for an emergency. Anne asked if we could send our concerns directly to Nick Westwick, and Mark said yes. Mary thought there was supposed to be enough water and food for all the kids for 72 hours. There should also be things like blankets and headlamps. Mark suggested it's a project that should be put at the top of our list.

Jodee asked if it's just our kit that needs updating, or if it's the same at other schools in the district. Mark wasn't sure. Jodee recalled that the PAC used to take care of this, but at some point the district said they'd take it over. Mark said a couple of months ago there was talk of getting a new bin, and the plan is to put the new container on a raised platform, which would be on the asphalt.

Mary asked to clarify who is responsible for the earthquake kit. Mark doesn't know, but said Nick should know. Mark will email or phone about this, and get the conversation started. It's an 'action item'. Mary pointed out that we don't want students trapped there in an emergency with nothing but arsenic water.

Tanis said it's not as much of a concern at the elementary school because they're in 'the hub', by the IGA and the fire department.

### **Treasurer's Report by Jodee Young**

The Gaming Commission gave permission to Serendipity to give their remaining gaming grant money to our PAC. We have a deposit of \$367 from this. We also paid for the BCC membership and advertising through to February for hot lunch donors. The gaming money can't be paid directly to the school district, so Jodee put \$370 on the hot lunch account.

It was **MOVED** by Anne Pino to approve the Treasurer's Report.

**SECOND** - Katrina Bishop

**CARRIED**

**Community School Update** - Patti was unable to attend

### **School Trustee Update by Sam Haines**

- Delayed return to school, and protocol updates to parents. They're just getting started for the new year.

**DPAC Update** - nothing new to report yet. Mark suggested perhaps Cherie could look into the earthquake bin situation with the DPAC, to ask if they're involved with this.

Samantha Haines thought the school district was involved in the earthquake kit upkeep. Mark brought Sam up to date, and told her that PHSS is in 'dire shape' for emergency preparedness with this kit. Cherie expressed concern that this should be a priority.

### **Old Business**

- Additions to agenda - we talked about the water situation already.

- Regarding a hot lunch update - Anne said we have donors for February and some interest in March. Bill Gilkes covered the last February lunch. Katrina asked when we need donors for hot lunch, and Anne said we need three donors in March, as we currently only have one. Cherie suggested there are a lot of retirees who may be interested, and that they could be reminded it comes with a tax receipt. Cherie said she'll put together a request.

- Bronze Medallion program is happening in term three. Bronze Star program is now done. It's part of the Junior PE program for grades 7, 8 and 9. Some seniors are also interested and may join in, but the juniors have precedence over seniors. Seniors can only join if there's room. The dates will be on the app. The March break Bronze Medallion program in Sechelt is full already. Melanie asked who an interested senior student would speak to if they're interested, and Mark said they should speak with Mr. Heidebrecht Jr. or Anna.

### **New Business -**

Next general meeting was set for Wednesday, February 23rd, at 6:30pm.

**ADJOURNED: 7:15 pm**

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