

**PHSS PAC, General Meeting**  
**Monday, November 7th, 2022, PHSS and via Zoom**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chris Lekakis, Anne Pino, Jodee Young, Mary MacKay, Cherie Stone, Katrina Bishop, Tanis Zayshley, Julie Roth, Carole Logtenberg, Cheyanne Howitt, Bill Gilkes, Samantha Haines, Jennifer Sumner

**CALL TO ORDER: 5:43 PM**

It was **MOVED** by Tanis Zayshley to approve the agenda.

**SECOND** - Jodee Young

**CARRIED**

It was agreed that approval of the last minutes, from October 3rd, would be tabled until the next meeting.

**Principal's Report**

- New teacher - there is a new Home Ec and Foods teacher, who is also a TOC. They will be there on Tuesdays and Fridays for full days. Fabric Arts will be an X-block next semester.

- Sports teams are on, and are having a strong season. There are two volleyball teams. They've played in North Vancouver and Powell River, and there is a Zone tournament next week in Vancouver at Christian Academy.

- Field trips are going well, but permission forms are not being handed in in a timely manner, so it's hard to book transportation etc. How can this be improved? What is the parent preference? Mary suggested e-signature. Chris said sometimes parents will email a photo of the signed form. Jodee asked if there could be one all-encompassing form at the beginning of the year, but Chris said it's different for higher-risk trips. It was suggested the form could be emailed out to the master list of parents. Mary suggested Authentisign could be used to email all parents. Bill asked if parents could text with 'yes' or 'no', and would prefer paper forms coming home rather than an e-signature form. Mary asked if there could be two drop-off locations for field trips. Chris said yes, as long as that's noted on the original field trip form. Any changes afterward are complicated because of insurance reasons for the buses.

- New Term - the new X-blocks are student choice. Students that were in mental health class will switch to Foods, and vice versa. Offering Podcast, basketball, baking, American sign language and Musical Theatre Hip Hop.

- Fundraising - Anne asked about gift cards. They're ordered at full price, but since it's a fundraiser, the PAC gets a cut. It's like the Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser, but with gift cards.

Would the grads be interested? They could do a Purdy's fundraiser, but the Dragon Boat ladies are selling that now.

- Report Cards - if there are concerns with unfinished work, it's due this week.

- Volunteer Drivers - will need a current criminal record check. The driver's application and abstract, and a copy of insurance. Those forms are at the office for volunteer drivers. Miss Sumner said only one person currently can drive the field trip bus. Carole asked if the same forms filed at the elementary school can apply, and Miss Sumner said yes. PAC volunteers in general need a criminal record check. It's good for four years.

- Parent/Teacher/Student meetings - November 30th and December 1st are early dismissal days. The meetings will be in person and over Zoom.

- Grade 7s are writing the FSA exams for literacy and numeracy.

- Today the grade 11s and 12s went to the post-secondary conference at Elphinstone.

- On November 17th - there will be in-house training for staff regarding the changes coming up in proficiency scales. The changes will take place next September. Mr. Krangle and Mr. Heidebrecht will be in charge of the school for the day.

- Emergency First Aid training - the 10s, 11s and 12s are taking it, and it's mandatory for grade 12s if they don't already have it. There's a sign-up sheet in the office.

- Coming up to the holidays, there will be a school-wide pancake breakfast and maybe a caroling/hot chocolate event.

- There will be a Remembrance Day assembly on Thursday, with a guest speaker and the pipe band.

- Mary asked when basketball will begin. Her husband is willing to coach. Chris said there will be a basketball x-block, and it would be great if he could come in for that.

- Chris suggested that a volleyball tournament between students and staff/parents would be fun to do sometime.

- It was noted that Light Up Madeira Park is coming up on December 17th, and it would be nice if students are involved.

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

- The chicken sale was a big success. They made almost \$1500.
- The Gaming Grant came in, for \$2000.
- Last year's bursary recipient has cashed their cheque
- The total balance for the gaming grant account and general account is \$5000.

It was **MOVED** by Mary MacKay to approve the Treasurer's Report.

**SECOND** - Cherie Stone.

**CARRIED**

### **Community School Update**

- The Community School would like to have a community tree that the high school kids decorate with ornaments they can write on (maybe plastic balls), saying a thank you to any community service that has been a help to them.
- The Seniors' Initiative is looking for volunteers for visits or tech help. Perhaps the high school kids could be involved. They have a small budget, and there is a need. There was a question as to where this would take place, in a central meet-up or in their private houses. It was suggested they could perhaps be involved through Harbourside Friendship gatherings.
- Grade 6s coming to the high school to visit - is there any feedback with how this went before? There were talks about mental health that didn't resonate well at the elementary school, so they'll focus those talks more on the high school.
- Food cards - if you need some, or know someone who does, you can get them at the community school. Fundraiser for Light Up the Town - would this be a good beneficiary for that? The community school focus is not specifically for food, but the cards are available through them or the principal. Talk to Shianne at the school, as Darcy is away.
- Samosas fundraiser is not doing well. The deadline is the 17th and delivery is the 25th. The chicken sale is around the same time, so samosas may have gotten a bit lost.
- Activities - it's hard to get facilitators. Ideas? There's a lack of arts activities. Perhaps drop-in volleyball? Jennifer Sumner suggested regular drop-in volleyball for adults. It could be a rotating sport.
- Teen drop-in - they'd like to do something for the kids to go hang out. Transportation is a challenge. A movie night has worked well in the past.
- Cherie suggested that a Burger and Beer night at the Grasshopper, and a Quiz night at the Legion, would be great for fundraisers for the grads.

- Future Leader - hire a grade ten or eleven student to help with the incoming grade seven transition to high school, to act as a 'buddy'. They could submit a resumé for the position. Jennifer suggested the list of candidates could be run by them first. Grade 10s would be preferred so the following year they're not distracted with grad stuff. It would be a paid position.

- Jodee asked if there's been movement on the new building. Cheyanne said the plans are done, but they're waiting for the actual building to begin. Jennifer asked if there will be a separate building for a daycare, and yes, there will be two buildings.

### **DPAC Update** by Cherie Stone

- Two big focuses will be mental health, and changing the grading system. There will be new facilities on the coast for mental health and addiction. Jennifer said it's modeled on the facility on the North Shore, the 'gold standard' in BC. It's a drop-in centre, with activities and also counsellors and a medical clinic. It's like a one-stop shop. There are accessible activities for youth. The location is not yet known for the Sunshine Coast branch. They can also customise programs to some extent.

- With the fundraising, some other schools have made a 'teacher wish list'.

- They would like to look into solar exterior lighting in schools. PHSS has existing solar capacity. If we want that, we need to put it in writing. Chris said he will talk to our maintenance people about it.

- PAC membership is \$75.

- DPAC conference - do we want a representative to go? It will most likely be in Vancouver somewhere. Cherie said she could try to go.

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

- The Trustee elections have been going on, with the result that all six of our trustees are returning, with the addition of one more from Sechelt.

- The public budget meeting is November 30th at 6:30, over Zoom.

- The audit was approved, as well as the preliminary budget.

- There was talk of a recurring annual budget for food support, instead of leaving it at just the one grant. They're advocating for that. They have to spend the budget, then propose an ongoing priority list.

- Committee Day is November 29th. Next Public Board meeting is November 16th at 7pm. The meetings will be on youtube and you can send in questions.
- Jennifer asked if the food budget would also be available for other needs, like runners or supplies.
- There is a pamphlet about how to communicate with the Board.

### **Old Business**

- Hot lunch update - we need four donors for December lunches. Could the Rotary donate? They did a 50/50 in October for this. Chris wasn't sure if the money had come in yet, he will ask Anna.
- The PHSS calendar app has had problems. Chris said they're revamping it.
- New volleyball uniforms were bought, but the sizing isn't working for the girls. There are three games left.

Next general meeting was set for Monday, January 9th, at 5:30pm, hybrid - zoom and in person.

**ADJOURNED: 6:50 pm**

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