

PHSS PAC, General Meeting
Wednesday, November 24th , 2021, Via ZOOM

ATTENDANCE: Mark Heidebrecht, Anne Pino, Jodee Young, Mary MacKay, Patti Soos, Cherie Stone, Katrina Bishop, Samantha Haines

CALL TO ORDER: 6:48 PM

It was **MOVED** by Jodee Young to approve the agenda with no changes or additions.

SECOND - Mary MacKay

CARRIED

It was **MOVED** by Jodee Young to approve the minutes of the October 27th PAC meeting.

SECOND - Anne Pino

CARRIED

Principal's Report

- Remembrance Day assembly - PH Pipe Band played, and Bill Charleton shared stories.
- Term 2 started November 12th, with a lot of new 'passion blocks'. Junior PE students continue to participate in Bronze Star program until December. Mark attended student district leadership (DSL) meeting with Annie Vassev, at Chatelech.
- The first PHSS student council meeting will be tomorrow, and the reps will talk about new House names, rather than Haida and Nootka.
- Friday silent reading program is going well so far. May switch it to Monday. Some students have been accommodated with audio books. Overall a positive experience.
- Thomson River University representative gave a presentation to senior students, and Capilano U. rep will come tomorrow. Indigenous support teachers were going to take some students there on Dec. 3rd, but with gas restrictions, this may be postponed.
- Grad bottle drive went very well.
- Student-led parent-teacher interviews will be done by Zoom, or face-to-face, December 8th and 9th. Phone Anna to set this up if desired.
- TA - Food bank drive has begun. Ends on December 10th. There are theme days through the last week of school, organized by the Grads. There will also be a pancake breakfast and a talent show. Ms. Prasad will be taking choir students to places on the coast on the 15th.

- Thanks to PAC for supporting the lunch program.

Questions:

Anne asked if anything has happened with revamping the web site write-up. Mark said he contacted Stephanie but hasn't heard back, and he will follow up. Anne asked if it could be changed before the new year, but Mark said he's not in charge of that, and that it must go through the district office.

Mary asked if the student council has a representative from each grade, and if they were elected. Mark said it's done through the TAs, with a junior and senior rep, chosen more by who volunteers.

Jodee asked if it's possible to have a student council rep attend one of our PAC meetings. There doesn't seem to be a lot of understanding of what the PAC does, and it would give them a chance to ask any questions and to communicate their thoughts. Mark said it may be helpful to have our DSLT members, Annie Vassev and Holden Charleton (who are also on the student council), attend. It's good for students to be involved in a structured way.

Cherie asked how much it costs to sponsor a hot lunch. Anne said it's \$250, which is not quite enough, but it's a good start. Cherie asked if we're doing more fundraising. Anne said we haven't been, but have been advertising for sponsors. The cost of food is going up, and she and Jodee had discussed the idea of double sponsors to make it more affordable. Jodee said we used to charge about \$4 per lunch, but another idea is that if you have a student at the school, you could sponsor one lunch, which would be a little more than paying for your child's lunches for the year but you'd get a tax receipt. Mark said that Chris had applied for a grant, but there hasn't been a result for that. He will ask Chris if he has any information. Jodee said we have the gaming grant money, but it can't be paid directly to the school district. It must instead be paid directly to who is providing the food. In the past we've used this money to fund the yearbook so every child gets one for free. Fundraising is difficult with such a small group of people. Patti said the Legion might let us hold a 'burger and beer' fundraiser there. Mark said the Legion was willing to do something with us, but no students would be allowed in because they require a green pass. Mary asked if this means that the school district can't have any activities anywhere that requires a vaccine passport. Mark confirmed this. For example, no school events can be held at restaurants right now.

Jodee asked if we would see funds from the district budget for the 'Food in Schools' program. Mark said he was told it was the fruit we get from agriculture BC. Sam said she believed the money came through grants to the community schools, and the community schools are the ones supporting food in school. The district has a committee that has had two meetings so far to try and figure out the best way to approach food in schools. They're trying to push it through quickly, but we may not see it by September 2022. They'll have more information in March. Katrina asked about the \$100,000 fund that was spoken about

before for food on the coast, and asked if that money was waiting until there's a plan in place for how to distribute it. Sam wasn't sure, but thought that fund may have been a Covid relief fund through the government to target Covid related things, which we chose to use for food, and that money would have been allocated to schools already. Mark said that last year there was money from the community school for the lunch program, in the amount of \$5000. This year, there were no funds allocated. The breakfast program is separate from the lunch program, and there is also a 'fridge program' that is separate, and these are supported by the community school.

Patti said the community school didn't fund the lunch program previous to Covid. Jodee said Francine (from the community school) explained that the money we were given for hot lunch last year was through a Covid grant. Mary pointed out that Chris had also applied for and received the \$10,000 Vancouver Sun grant last year.

Sam read from the minutes of the 'Food in Schools' committee that the \$100,000 in government funding for food in schools that went to SD46 has already been divided up for schools this year. Katrina asked if it was correct that PHSS didn't see any of that money. Mark didn't know, but said Chris might be able to answer that when he comes back.

Cherie asked about the IGA receipt program. Jodee said it was a great program. When Covid hit, however, we couldn't use our credit at IGA of \$800 or \$900 because no one was at the school, so IGA gave it to the Food Bank. The receipt program isn't happening right now.

Mary asked about whether funds from the \$100,000 government food grant for the district might have been rolled into the regular budget for PHSS. Mark said he wasn't aware of that, but that Chris may know. Mark said he didn't yet know when Chris would be returning.

Treasurer's Report by Jodee Young

Jodee asked if she could go ahead and pay for the \$75 membership to the BCC PAC, which we do every year. It was briefly discussed that anything under \$200 didn't require a motion.

The treasurer's report is posted on the PAC Facebook page.

At the beginning of the year there was \$4000 in the account. There was a donation from the Pender Harbour Legion. The PAC paid the Harbour Spiel advertising costs for October and November, and donated the Legion money (\$500) to the community school.

The PAC received a gaming grant in October for \$1520, which puts the Gaming account at \$2020. The total money available is \$5910.

The \$500 that was still in the gaming account from the previous year has to be spent within 12 months. It can't be given to the school directly, so Jodee proposed we ask the Oak Tree if

they'd deduct \$500 from their invoicing and instead invoice the PAC. The \$500 was meant for the PAC bursary, but it was put on hold by the student. Jodee suggested we set aside \$1000 for bursaries this year, to cover both last year's and this year's.

It was **MOVED** by Jodee Young that the PAC pay \$500 to the Oak Tree Market toward the hot lunch program.

SECOND - Mary MacKay

CARRIED

Jodee found out that we're in noncompliance with some raffles from 2008. Mary asked how we can remedy this. Jodee said each raffle has a license, and you have to do a 'report-out' on each one. People at that time weren't doing that, so our account is held up and we'd be unable to get any funds from the Rotary because we aren't eligible. Jodee suggested that if we get nominated for funds from the Rotary we could then figure it out. It's possible there's a limitation on how far back they need to look.

The Harbour Spiel needs to be paid \$170. Jodee asked what the shortfall is at the school. Mark said that for the lunch program, Marcus was given a budget of \$250 per lunch, but has been going over that amount, which puts us in a negative. The invoices for the costs were given late, so we didn't know there was overspending until it had added up. Anne spoke with Marcus to suggest keeping the food simple enough to stick with the \$250 budget. There has also been an extra Christmas hot lunch added because there are only three lunches in December. There are currently two anonymous donors.

Jodee said the preschool also has a gaming account with \$370 that has to be spent immediately, so Jodee requested they donate the money to the high school. If BC Gaming approves it, we'll have that money too. Anne suggested it could go toward sponsoring lunches in January. There are three other donors for January as well.

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

SECOND - Mary MacKay

CARRIED

Community School Update

Patti said they didn't get the first grant they applied for for a new building, but they've applied for another one and it's looking very good. They needed a 25% downpayment in order to get approval for the grant, and an anonymous donor came forward with a very large donation. If they get the grant, their current building will be moved to the health centre for use by the food bank.

DPAC Update - no update

School Trustee Update by Sam Haines

Sam got a response to our questions about bus cameras in Pender Harbour. She is told that all busses now have cameras. There is a request to the contractor for signage on the backs of busses. Drivers are expected to report pass-bys on their route. The extended stop-arms are still in a pilot stage, the idea being that they'd be useful on higher-risk routes. The cost per stop-arm is about \$5000 and there are fifteen busses in the fleet.

Sam thanked the principals and vice-principals for their hard work and leadership during these times.

Regulation 4160, regarding transportation, is available for eight weeks for input. You can find it on the web site.

They've continued their work on anti-poverty and anti-racism policies.

West Sechelt catchment review - it went to public consultation and has been reviewed. It's going to the board table, and will increase the catchment to the walk limits for that school.

Public budget consultation - Anne attended the meeting. There will be no letter grades from K to grade 9, starting in September 2022, for all of BC. Mark - they're going to a four-point proficiency scale. It'll be a big change for some kids.

Public budget meeting can be attended by anyone. If you have questions you can view it on the youtube page, or speak directly to DPAC.

We're in the second year of a three year 'Equity Scan'. It's specifically about the indigenous community and meeting needs of students by all staff. There's an anti-racism course online.

November is the beginning of the last year for trustees of the current term. The next meeting is December 8th, and the next committee day is December 14th.

New Business - no new business.

Next general meeting was set for Wednesday, January 19th, at 6:30pm.

ADJOURNED: 7:51 pm

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