

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Convened at 7:06pm

Welcome

Introductions

Adoption of the Agenda - Approved

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Reports:

President: nothing

Vice President: nothing

Treasurer: received gaming grant in amount of \$8,400, agendas 51.5 % recovered

VCPAC Rep: vcpac covers costs for qpac to attend provincial? Pac; emergency preparedness, \$150 left for classroom backpacks, food and water replaced.

Principal/Vice Principal:

- Epod (a.k.a. quadra cottage/learning studio) Thurs. Nov. 9th end of day start move out from gym. Class will be in library in mean time. Parents showing appreciation to workers (i.e. bringing coffee), ahead of other districts on building portable classroom.
- Celebration - Strings had their first performance yesterday at Mt. Doug; Choir has their first performance on Remembrance Day; Cross-country wrapped up with their final meet at Beacon Hill Park, About 50 students participated in this; Soccer for Grade 4 & 5's currently ongoing with Jamboree on the 22nd; Morning run club has had 3 Tuesdays. Today we had a group of about 15-20 parents, kids, and teachers out and running! Adding a Friday lunch run; Lifecycles gardened with 3 classes so far; Nature Play Ground: Grant for \$500 to build bench, Looks awesome, as do sandboxes.
- Sneak Peek at last months happenings: Oct. 17 & 18 Early dismissal and parent teacher interviews; Oct 19 Shake out Drill went well; Oct. 20 Provincial Pro D – lots of learning; Oct 25 Lock Down Drill – good practice; October 31 Halloween – Great success! Thanks parents.
- Morning Run Club – Tues Mornings @8 am Fun Family Run @ Topaz Park all welcome to join
- Loss of Tony Hunt Jr. (Totem designer/carver/artist) – Totem will need to be oiled March 2018ish (Tig and Marilyn to discuss later)
- Thank you to PAC for beautification of planters/gardens
- Lifecycles grant writing workshop for gardens & plants; more sandboxes
- Upcoming: Nov 17 Teddy Anderson Performance; Nov 24 Pro D – School Based; Math workshops for staff (using new curriculum & resources)

Ongoing business

Nature Playground:

- Update
- Quad village grant put to use, bench was installed, stumps, sand box, chip trail connecting everything. Appreciate parent's help. Need more sand?

Cozy Corners:

- Motion passed for PAC to provide \$1,000 for creation of designated cozy corners
- Cleaning of corners to be addressed (carpet cleaning may be an issue)

Loonie Emporium (5mins):

- Update from Heather: needs help!! Handouts to come; emails to go out looking for helpers for taking donations, item drop off, setup and tear down of event.

Parent Presentation: [Tabled for future PAC Meeting]

- Talk about sugar (nutrition), Nutritional snacks that are low/no sugar for kids at school, allergy friendly, recipe samples, etc.
- update?

School Supply orders through Monk's: [Tabled for future PAC Meeting]

- Cheryl A. to research what, when, how
- For further discussion

New Business

Inquiry for next year's District budget:

- deadline for feedback is Nov 22nd if our PAC wants to have a say.
- Questionnaire for feedback to be filled out by PAC and submitted by Marketa.

PAC funding for Emergency Supplies: [Tabled for future PAC Meeting]

Yvonne Mendel (15 mins):

- Presentation/Update on work getting a bike park at Topaz Park
- Present idea: letters of support from community; started 1 year ago when tennis courts were removed, not much luck with city of vic. , running bike clinics (have facebook group), \$900 from city & \$500 Victoria foundation plus some pocket money, petition created online (preferred) and paper version, encouraging neighbours to use park. All stuff for free, swag packages for giveaway, professional bikers; cross on the rock hosted at topaz 2 years in a row, go on facebook, online petition, starting conversations (similar to Goldstream Park); city asked neighbourhood for ideas about what to do. City coming back with concept plans in December for feedback online. Approach, start by just going there to clear out any negative, questionable activity.
- PAC motion passed for letter of support from Quadra PAC. Tig to draft letter with copy to Marilyn.

Donna Petrie (10mins):

- Proposed dispensary within .1km of school; Policy is must be more than .2 km from a school.
- Get PACs thoughts re: dispensary. Tolmie is borderline for Victoria/Saanich; write letter with concerns, concerns re: exposure to children, gather feedback from parents for letter;
- Motion to draft letter re: dispensaries in critical masses near school from Quadra PAC passed, Marketa to draft at next PAC meeting (with copy to Marilyn upon send out);
- Donna to watch council agenda for next meeting and will email Marilyn with details.

December concert:

- Concert dates: Intermediate Winter Concert Dec. 13 @ 1:15pm; Primary Winter Concert Dec. 21 @ 1:15pm

Refundables (5mins):

- Need new volunteer, Leslie can no longer do it
- Cheryl took in plastics most recently; new volunteers (depending on numbers) could alternate every 2 weeks, possibly sort cans, bottles w/ student helpers during the day over lunch hour; Bottles and refundables can be left for the month prior to a bottle drive and will be taken with bottle drive collection.
- Shout out for volunteers to be drafted, Arielle and Lesley to draft for send out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm