

Ecole Quadra School
PAC Meeting December 5, 2017

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Convened at 7:12pm

Welcome

Introductions

Adoption of the Agenda - Passed
Adoption of the Minutes - Passed

Reports:

President: As below.

Vice President: New ePod is amazing!

Treasurer: gaming grant report submitted; Received cheques from both Fairways Market and Thrifty Foods; We got the SD61 grant of \$250 to be used for a parent education night.

VCPAC Rep: New district superintendent; discussion re: what attributes people want to see in our new super intendent (i.e. honest & transparent, visit classes, meet & engage with parents like a town hall or something); PAC Summit in Vancouver discussed free RESP of \$1,200 available to children under 9 years old, BC Training and Education grant available on BC PAC website, Sexual orientation – SOGI education to be woven in to public education (see video: Love has no labels)

Principal/Vice Principal:

- Remembrance Day: Thank you to Jon Ellice for Trumpet performance at assembly
- Teddy Armstrong performed a hoop dance for students
- Waiting to hear about \$2,000 gardening application through whole kids (lifecycles suggested Quadra apply); Cheryl contemplating opportunity for kids to design garden boxes (with help); Cheryl observed that kids are loving the nature areas
- Soccer Jamboree happened
- Choir performed at Saanich Municipal Hall; we have very talented staff and students!
- Morning run club is going well and very successful.
- Staff will be attending Math and Literacy workshops
- Upcoming: Loonie Emporium, Winter concerts Wednesday and Thursday, Report cards to be issued Thursday, PJ & Pancakes on Friday, School closed for winter break December 22 – January 8th
- Fresh Grade for Kindies to be updated with progress reports.
- Uvic students hosting Math Mania: Math based centres, family oriented. Looking to add PAC/Quadra as interested in having Math Mania at Quadra, how many students need to participate to make this event successful and could we do it?
- Communicating out about no strawberry or kiwi products at school, not even those scents! Staff member very severely allergic that even smell will cause serious harm.

Tabled from Nov. 7 Meeting

School Supply orders through Monk's:

- Cheryl A. to research what, when, how
- For further discussion, no word from Cheryl A. as of yet

PAC funding for Emergency Supplies:

- Nov. 14th presentation regarding Emergency Supplies, to get \$ from elsewhere other than PAC

Ongoing business

"Pot Shops" concerns re: proposed dispensary (Donna Petrie):

- Letter of concern from PAC (due before Thursday Dec. 7); Marketa to send

Nature Playground:

- Motion carried to grant \$400 to Bonnie for sandboxes
- Need to promote sandboxes!!

Parent Info Night re: Healthy Food for Students:

- Guest Speaker to attend January 9th PAC meet

Cozy Corners:

- Sherri Zimmel to work with school group.

Topaz Bike Park by Yvonne Mendel:

- Has PAC provided support letter?
- Tig to craft letter, parents to send points to Tig
- January 20th – info session 2:00 – 5:00pm re: Bike Park, there are 2 proposals

Chess Club/Games Club:

- Available for all students who want to participate? No, currently by invite only
- Send email looking for volunteers? No

Music silent auction at December concert:

- See email – Heather to contact Emily for volunteer

Refundables:

- New volunteer(s)? – mention bottle drive in ebulletin

New Business

Winonna Waldron (8:00pm):

- Contract Chair with Greater Victoria Teacher's Association; Teacher at Quadra for 5 years
- Looking to connect with parents to open communication around working vs. learning conditions, Concerns from staff: use of spaces at Quadra, washroom access, gym, etc.; hoping to open communications between Teachers and Parents and be able to communicate concerns openly (include

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MLA Rob Fleming?), advocate for clean drinking water (Sundance to get new pipes, so can Quadra be considered?!))

- For School capacity, district is using projections to 5yrs to predict future school capacity.
- Projections available on district website for anyone interested
- Tweet, email, write re: support for teachers to Rob Fleming (MLA and Education Minister) i.e. can district open new school to help alleviate capacity issue, even just temporarily?
- Bring awareness of concerns between teachers and parents, Teachers want to work WITH parents regarding concerns

Meeting adjourned 8:57pm

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