

Ecole Quadra School
PAC Meeting October 3, 2017

AGENDA

Meeting Convened at 7:07pm

Welcome

Introductions

Adoption of the Agenda – Passed

Adoption of the Minutes – Passed w/ Corrections

Reports:

President: PAC working to post minutes more efficiently and have following month's agenda ready sooner; minutes/agenda to be posted to bulletins; PAC 101 Thurs, Oct. 5th; BBQ was great! Thank you Chris; Let exec know how you want to spend PAC money; PAC should apply for Resource Grant of \$250 (double if you pair with another school PAC); Parents check website for PAC/School information (Parent section)

Vice President: Quadra PAC meetings have great attendance; Opportunities to be involved in child's school life start now in elementary.

Treasurer: Donations for agendas at 783\$ out of 2300\$, approx. 33.7% cost recovered; BBQ bake sale raised 585.65\$ cost to feed 550 ppl was about \$545.

VCPAC Rep: School Board voted School Dress Code (see hand out) motion did not pass, Parents wanted for feedback/comments on dress code and will be topic for discussion at next VCPAC meeting; BCCPAC website has a survey until Oct. 6th regarding special education needs in classrooms; Concerns being raised about student lunch monitors, Parent comments send to VCPAC or Marketa

Principal/Vice Principal:

- Epod expected to be completed and ready for move in early Nov. (approx. Nov. 10th according to facilities)
- No gym in Oct. but class room in gym is working well;
- Backfield closed due to irrigation going in, closed until spring break; Kids using garry oak and rock area;
- Significant increase in tech. last year bought 30 chrome books. Mandate for devices in schools 1:4 ratio. Quadra given 40 ipads for students. in pods of 6 to be signed out by teachers. Additional 10 chrome books coming for in epod; use remaining tech money for cases and apps and/or tech package in music room;
- end of last year 2 silent bikes (exercise bikes with no noise) for in class use, explore purchase of 2 more. Grade 4/5 wing has bike; one in grade 1/2 class coatroom. Educating students to use as tool.
- Investing in bean bag chairs for kids;
- Postings up for staffing mosaic room; inclusive learning room, etc. room for purposeful enjoyment w/ education assistant, 20-30 mins max.;
- Sept. 29th orange shirt day - understanding amongst kids is growing; 30th terry fox run, Ks at school

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- grade 1-5 at topaz, went well;
- Photo day today; no sight and hearing tests for Ks as originally thought;
- 17th & 18th early dismissal, parents to have interview requests by Friday;
- Oct 19th BC shake out drill, no unification this time & no evac; second drill in spring w/ evac.
- Oct 20th pro-d day;
- cross country had 2 after school meets, 2 more meets plus final on Oct 25th, school to rent bus to go to finals at 1:00pm then back; Choir has over 100 kids; Swimming opportunity for grade 3 (french immersion and 1 english class) start Oct. 30th; Tennis through to Christmas;
- Sierra Club visit upcoming; James Taylor coming for aboriginal education; Const. Craig coming - no assembly
- Oct 31st orange and black day, maybe costumes?;
- Staff meeting next week;
- Oct 25th 11:00am lock down drill with Police, (Lock down i.e. stranger in building, rooms locked, school locked; Hold and secure i.e. cougar outside, school locked but not classrooms) will be publicized;
- Bronwyn Sent Cheryl workshop info c/o umbrella society - understanding addictions workshops, every 2nd wed. for two more months (on school website)

Ongoing business

Bottle Drive:

- Lesley was lead; Raised \$570
- Next bottle drive to be Sat. January 13th 2018, notice to go out around christmas
- PAC to purchase wood clamps (watch for deals) to make supports with wood and clamps for bottle bags at bottle drives
- Note: every bottle depot has Quadra School name on file, community bring sorted bottles to depot and mention Quadra School so proceeds go to school
- Couple volunteers to assist Lesley sorting garbage from juice box recycling, will make for 1 person to sort every couple weeks (alternating volunteers)

Halloween Dance/Movie Night:

- No Halloween dance b/c ePod not ready and Gym still in use by class
- Movie Night TBD , PAC needs 3 weeks' notice to advertise and organize

Loonie Emporium:

- Date confirmed for Dec. 7.
- Leads are Heather and Maia; instructional folder has been passed (info also available electronically)
- Fawn can offer snack & coffee for volunteers; PAC to bring additional snacks
- Leads to touch base with Marilyn mid Nov.

PAC Meeting Format:

- Meetings to be quicker!

Nature Playground:

- Bonnie provided update from Oct 3rd meet
- Nature Playground received grant of \$500 to be used by Nov. 15th
- Building party next month

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- Grant from lifecycles for garden and planting fruit trees around grounds (also includes netting/enclosure to protect garden & classes on how to utilize fruit from trees i.e. make jams, etc.)
- Cheryl R. to ask teachers if want to help set up garden (learning opportunity for students) garden to go where old basketball court is
- Garden designer to meet with Nature Playground group next meeting
- Sand boxes to come? Need approval from school board
- Parents can contact tiffany if they want to be included in emails
- Salad garden will be used in the school or for community projects
- Extra food project funds are available through Marilyn (ask if needed)
- Eventually looking into food program where Quadra school garden produce supports school and quadra village community centre for community cooking classes, etc.
- Renee doing clean-up of Garden beds out front of school; Motion for funds for Renee to pretty up flower beds/buckets, motion carried by PAC exec for up to \$100 to Renee for flower beds (receipts to go to Treasurer, Tanya); communication to go out to school staff from Cheryl and Marilyn re: garden and if teachers want to participate in adding to flowers

New Business

Dress Code:

- School Board did not pass motion to apply a dress code to schools; parent feedback and comments are welcomed and encouraged to aid in the discussion. Send comments and feedback to Marketa or directly to school board.
- Quadra has minor dress code (i.e. no flip flops)

Parent Presentation:

- Suggestion from Bonnie: Talk about sugar (nutrition), nutritional snacks that are low/no sugar for kids at school, allergy friendly, recipe samples, etc.
- Suggestion from Cheryl A.: mental health/addictions (Cheryl R. mentioned presentation last year and upcoming mental health related presentation i.e. Children's anxiety at Braefoot elementary Oct. 18; posted to bulletin)
- Suggestion from Cheryl R.: refresh on Internet safety for students
- Marketa mentioned BCTF has free presentations available; Speakers Bureau has 570 topics for perusal for free; grant available through VCPAC (parent education fund) could look into for presentation funds + already mentioned Resource grant (Bonnie volunteered to fill out application and send to Marketa)

School supply orders through Monk's:

- Cheryl A to research what, when, how
- If goes ahead, notice to parents would come before spring break?
- To discuss further at next meeting

Thank you Cards:

- Nothing discussed

Science Venture:

- Nothing discussed

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What do Parents want to spend our money on?:

- Maia: more arts programs (arts Reach (free?) Misha Smart?; have someone teach the teachers art tips/tricks;
- Cheryl A.: Trades (Marilyn commented Grade 4/5 did this last year i.e. build planters & Snap Circuits kits are available and part of curriculum for students);
- Tig: Hire ceramics teacher, Pottery (Note: we have a Kiln, is it operational hasn't been used for 2yrs)
- Cheryl R: to add a survey to website quick links re: what parents want to spend PAC money

Other:

- Cheryl R. to organize and advertise for morning run club
- Tues. mornings 8:00-8:30 all ages welcome (for parents and kids) at topaz park (meet at quadra)
- PAC meeting minutes will not be distributed to parents but instead can be found on Quadra webpage

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm

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