

Ecole Quadra School
PAC Meeting February 6, 2018

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Convened at 7:10pm

Welcome

Introductions

Adoption of the Agenda – Passed
Adoption of December Minutes – Passed
Adoption of January Minutes – Postponed

Reports:

President: Everything to be reported on is contained in meeting Agenda.
Vice President: away for start of meeting
Treasurer: Absent
VCPAC Rep: Absent

Principal/Vice Principal:

What has been happening...

1. Bottle Drive - thank you Lesley and students who came out to support the effort.
2. Crazy Hair Day - A great spirit for the students and staff.
3. Cozy Corner - Thanks to Sheri Zimmel, for getting our first one up and going. It is certainly very inviting. More are coming.
4. Monthly assemblies - Jan. and Feb. went well. Student hosts continue to lead our assemblies and contribute through skits and sharing.
5. Lockdown - lock down drill in January with support of Constable Craig was a success. Students did a good job and Constable Craig was very impressed with our student response to this exercise.
6. Reading Around Quadra - another successful year where students got to choose who they went to see and hear a story. It is fun for all to get involved in and the students love going to someone else for a change.
7. Coin Drive - Thank you to parents for their support of the coin drive last week. In three days, over \$2000 was raised. Was a huge success and the aboriginal set of drums have been ordered.
8. Dance Performance today from Sunshine Coast. Very engaging for all the students as these 10 - 19 year olds created a story through dance about the environmental efforts around the Salish Sea.
9. Basketball ongoing for Grade 5's with a jamboree mid-month.
10. Carnival happening this week in all French Immersion classes and integrated into the announcements and shared at the assembly last week.
11. Kindie Registration both French Immersion and English; Both programs currently have waitlists. We hope to resolve some of that this week as transfers requests at schools with room are being accommodated. Will update next month. Likely to need another classroom/portable - Learning Studio for next year.
12. Pro D Day - Literacy workshop was attended by majority of our Primary Teachers and whole school Blanket exercise around aboriginal reconciliation.
13. New Superintendent announcement for August 2018, when Piet Langstraat retires - Shelley Green, our current Deputy Superintendent, was the successor announced today.

Upcoming events...

1. Emergency Squad assembly for whole school - Feb 8
2. K-12 transfer process Feb. 15th - Feb. 23rd
3. Aboriginal Dinner - Feb. 21st
4. Many divisions go to symphony - Feb 22
5. Tri District Pro-D Day - Feb. 23rd
6. Pink Shirt Day - Feb. 28th
7. Green Spirit Day for St. Patrick's Day (Mar. 16th)
8. Sock Toss Challenge - tentative March 12th - 16th
9. GSA - Rainbow Club focused on many different kinds of families, celebrating differences, reducing gender stereotypes

Ongoing Business:

School Supply orders through Monk's

- Call for volunteers: need someone to research what, where and how.
- Plausible for next year?

Cozy Corners

- Brain storming session for ideas
- One corner set up near "Kindie" wing, with second spot to be selected
- Cost is approximately \$300 - \$400 per corner
- Teachers have been helping with creation and setup
- Maybe to add easy maintenance plants (i.e. Spider Plant, Aloe Vera)

Support Letter re: Topaz Bike Park

- Letter is ready to go

Movie Night, Feb 16th - Cocoa

- Movie start at 6:30pm; Doors open at 5:45pm
- Call out for Volunteers to help with Popcorn and Pizza, setup/tear down (chairs, sound system, etc.), greeters to greet parents to PAC hosted event. Marilyn to manage a Quadra apparel table with "reduced to sell" prices.
- Advise parents to notice/acknowledge and handle their child's behaviour (i.e. no running around or talking loudly) and to be within arm's reach of child(ren). Reminder blurb to be drafted and sent out.
- Guests bring own water if you want a beverage. Some bottled water will be available for a small fee.

New Business:

Transit

- Marilyn looking into possibility of grant from BC Transit to support student travel, using public transit, to and from class activities and field trips around Greater Victoria.

STEM – Engineering for Kids

- Brought to PAC courtesy of Erica
- Erica to review and advise of how long it runs, topics covered, overall cost
- Can we schedule for winter months of 2018/2019 school year? In class activity rather than after school?
- Do STEM instead of Science Ventures with students?

Scholastics Book Fair

- Book fair around Parent Teacher interviews in April
- Open Tuesday and Wednesday April 24th and 25th from 1:00-5:00pm, Librarian unavailable to help on Wednesday.
- Volunteers to setup/manage/tear down (with help from Librarian when available)
- Christie has volunteered, still need at least one more

PAC Budget

- What is our money going to be spent on, suggestions of “Bus” money to help pay for trip to Gyro Park or top-up of \$50 per classroom from PAC to put towards class trip (\$50 would be additional to the already allotted \$200/class).
- Do another coin drive to help bus fund
- FYI - approximate cost for bus transportation to/from Gyro is \$2,500.

Quadra’s Got Talent

- Erica Lehman to lead/coordinate
- More volunteers needed to help, some have already been in touch with Erica
- Booked for June 1st
- Keeping it simple! One try out per student, must come prepared (the name of a YouTube song is not acceptable or sufficient, we can’t look your music up for you!); Have grade 4/5 volunteers on Panel for auditions; limit available performance slots and select top performers based on student ratings (i.e. on a scale of 1-5 how much did you enjoy this performance? 1 being not very much and 5 being it was awesome); Grade 4/5 to MC Talent show on June 1st.
- Chris to manage BBQ; performers will get free food; PAC looking to get food donated from fairways

Sweets in Classroom

- Very hot topic at roundtable discussion. More conversations to happen in future.
- Areas of concern are: 1) teachers using sweet treats as rewards for students, 2) Celebrations i.e. Valentine’s day, Easter, Halloween, etc.), and 3) Birthday Treats brought in by parents
- Some areas are more difficult to mitigate and manage than others but school staff are doing what they can to encourage less/no sugary treats.
- To be brought up again at School staff meeting tomorrow; maybe we should add a blurb into Quadra eBulletin;

Next Parent Info Night

- Using Grant money for another parent info night (March)
- Bike Maintenance session hosted by our very own Tig
- Pizza for attendees?; will use 1 kid + 1 adult bike for tune-up demo (basically a free tune-up)
- March 6th from 6:30-7:00pm, great for a father(or mother) and child “date” or family night

- Discussion re: Third Quadra parent night featuring Julianne Richards, looking at April 18th; Paid for by Palmer Foundation with PAC support/childcare.

Other

- Concern expressed by parents regarding amount of physical activity kids are getting and if it is enough times in a week.
- Vancouver Parent Conference re: Social Media and kids, etc. on March 3rd, Sheri can't attend so someone else to take her place at conference?
- Sheri, Quadra PAC President, will be away next meeting so Vice President Tig will chair the March meeting.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00pm

Adjourned 9:10pm