



École Quadra School PAC meeting
Tuesday, September 11, 2018
7:00 – 9:00PM

Meeting Minutes

INTRODUCTIONS (Start 7:05 p.m.)

Executive Attendees: Sheri, Heather S., Rosemary, Tanya, Lesley

Attendees: 15-20 people

Absent: Arielle

ADOPTIONS

Sept Agenda Tiffany 1st, Lesley 2nd - Approved

June Minutes Bonnie 1st; Erica 2nd – Approved

REPORTS

President

- Items contained in Meeting Business

Vice President

- Items contained in Meeting Business

Treasurers

- **Funds** – General account \$1,968.14; Gaming Account \$765.74
- **Agenda Envelopes** going home to collect money.
- **Fairways & Thrifty's cards** – consider using for your groceries as 5% is donated to the Quadra. Thrifty's cards are free and Fairways cards are \$1. PAC agreed to charge parents \$1 (refundable) to ensure parents will use card.

Principal/Vice Principal

- **Student population** – currently 440-450 but anticipate reaching 460 students. 13 English classes (55%) and 10 French classes (45%). Lots of new Kindies (3 English and 2 French classes).
- **Second Learning Studio** – being built. Will take longer to build as it is being created from scratch but will have bathroom and sink.
- **Teaching Vacancies** – four new posting open next week.
- **Counselling time for kids** – position increase from 0.3 to 0.7 hours and Youth and Family Counsellor will be 2.5 days/ week.
- **Nature's Way Program** – district program that helps kids with anxiety by connecting them to nature to increase mindfulness. Grade 4 & 5 students eligible. A mixture of kids will be chosen based on teacher and counselor recommendations and will ensure students from aboriginal ancestry are included.
- **passed during the summer** – a celebration of life was held during the summer, but the school would like to do more.
- **Playground equipment** – previously, government announced new equipment for September 2018 but will be delayed ensuring consultation with PAC, parents, and allow for grants to be written. Will be at same location and be inclusive.
- **Nature based playground** – opportunity to compliment new playground equipment. Bonnie contacted Board with proposal and hoping more options will be generated. Occupational and physio therapists have also been consulted to ensure as much inclusivity as possible but still challenging for all students.
- **Field** – now open, after holes put in ground and irrigation system put in.

- **Communication** from school will move to electronic format and away from paper as this saves costs and environmentally friendly.
- **New technology** will allow text messages to phones directing parents to website for info on events.
- **Emergency supplies** stocked and organized by PAC in SEACAN. Looking to add blankets.
- **Reunification practice** will be offsite. Buddy system will be used. Feedback welcomed.
- **Share concerns re your kids** with Principle and V-Principle as they want to hear from parents and help.
- **Aboriginal drums** have been purchased. Grade 5's will be invited to practice.
- **Cross country running** will start soon.
- **Swimming lessons** for Grade 3's (whole class goes including split classes) starts soon. Jump Start donated \$2,500. Will alternate between English and French students.

Upcoming events...

- **Garden Box Day** – winter and spring planting, Thursday Sept 13th
- **Pro-D Day**, Monday September 17th
- **Terry Fox Run**, last Friday in September
- **Orange Shirt Day**, October 13th
- **Photo Day**, October 2nd
- **ADHA Mental Health presentation**, November 22nd

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS

<p>Introduce New PAC Executive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: Sheri Zimmel • Vice President: Heather Stobber • Co-Treasurers: Rosemary McCutcheon and Tanya Weston • Co-Secretaries: Lesley Valour and Arielle Forster
<p>Message from President</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We volunteer on PAC because we can be engaged in our kid's school, we enjoy giving back, and the friendships we have with each other. Consider participating. • Info updates – from Principle and V-Principle keep us updated and allow for input. • School website – take time to look at it. Past minutes are there. • PAC donates - \$225 to each Division (class). Includes music program, Science Venture, sports equipment and uniforms.
<p>New items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New idea – go to PAC. • Info needed – go to school website. • Intro Letter to PAC – being reviewed by Krisite. Will be distributed to new parents.
<p>Set event dates from school calendar and Marilyn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 20th – 5:30-7:00 p.m. – meet the teacher night. BBQ switched to bring a picnic dinner (or eat at home) and bring a dessert to share. PAC to provide coffee & tea. Lauren, Tiffany, Heather P & S, and Sherri will set up. • September 29th – 10-2 – Bottle Drive. Cheryl to recruit student volunteers. Lesley to organize event. • October 26th – Movie Night – Tig has found a replacement who he is training to take over the event.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 2nd – 7:00pm start