



**École Quadra School PAC meeting
Tuesday, November 5, 2019
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Start 7:00 School Library

INTRODUCTIONS

Executive Attendees: Rosemary, Erinn,

Recording Secretary: Tiffany

Attendees: Conner, Cheryl, Jenaya, Bonnie, Andrew, Erin

Absent: Heather, Ruth, Nikki

ADOPTIONS

October Minutes Approved

REPORTS

PAC President

**Action
Addressees**

Heather was unable to attend, thus no report was presented. Tiffany opened the meeting with a quick round of introductions.

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Everyone is encouraged to sign up for PAC newsletter as well accessing the PAC Slack board:
ecolequadraschoolpac@slack.com

Treasurers

**Action
Addressees**

Rosemary presented the PAC's current financial standings as per printed reports.

Rosemary

- Movie night brought in a little over \$300.
- Thrifty Foods cards are up and working, and are available in the office and at the up and coming PAC events.
- Return on agenda is quite small.
- We are allowed to use the carry forward from the Gaming Grant for transportation. School admin team will bring forward a specific \$ amount for various school trips i.e.: Symphony and Track & Field competitions. Cheryl will reach out to a school parent with a connection to Wilson's Transport.

Cheryl

Editorial note: Bonnie mentioned looking into a community events bus, may be helpful in getting students to certain events.

Principal/Vice Principal

**Action
Addressees**

Suzannah, the school's Youth and Family Counsellor, addressed the PAC, grateful for our consideration. She spoke to the lapse in funding for her account, as 2 previous donors are no longer providing funds. She mentioned that some of the items she provided to families are things like emergency gift cards to grocery stores, warm clothes, lice shampoo, glasses (or ½ the cost of glasses) and school supplies. These items change depending on the current need of families within the school but are typically things that will help families out of a bind. It was added that the school would have the capacity to provide a tax receipt, and it would be Suzannah's goal to maintain \$1000 in the account. She will put together a specific request for funds and mentioned that sometimes it may be met by soliciting local businesses, but this year this has fallen short.

Suzannah /
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Editorial note: It was mentioned that lice tends to be particularly difficult to deal with and perhaps the PAC may look at a health info night to address these types of things.

Principal Report:

Connor and Cheryl spoke to the following items:

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- Xcountry season: There have been 3 races with a school team of 35. Cheryl mentioned how great the team looked in their new jerseys, and this was their best year yet. The morning family and lunchtime runs will continue as we hope to keep this interest going. There is a great sense of community building as many families and students are participating, a wonderful bonus on top of the physical benefits. Additionally Andrew spoke to the North American X Country Championships being held at Bear Mountain early next year. He will send some info to the Admin team on potential guest speakers, or other events. PAC and school to keep this in mind.
- Whole School Assemblies: There have been a couple of whole school assemblies, such as Green Thumb Theatre and Axe Caporaira, where the school's EAs were capable of providing much of the supervision needed thus allowing the teaching staff some grade group team collaboration time. This was well received by all the teams within the school and the admin team will look for more opportunities like this throughout the year.
- Soccer Jamboree: A great thank you to the small team who pulled together and made a last minute opportunity work.
- Individual Education Plan meetings: After many meetings (3 weeks of 4 meetings/day) all students currently identifying with designations have had their IEPs finalized.
- Halloween: Wearing costumes went over well. Connor thanked the PAC for their input on this decision and added that it seemed well received by all.

Editorial Note: There was then some discussion surrounding sugar consumption in the school. Parents asked that the teachers be reminded that rewarding with sugar was not supported by most parents, and it was further suggested that teachers be encouraged asked parents not to send sugary treats to school for birthdays. The Admin team mentioned that often teachers are uncomfortable making certain request of parents, and also that they will support the teachers ability to choose moderation. They will speak to the concerns of the parent at the upcoming staff meeting, but will not enforce a no sugar rule.

- Primary Field: The green space behind the new Learning Studios is open. Connor spoke to the decision of closing the front (Quadra Street) play space. This is due to a combination of a variety of factors, but primarily safety. The sight lines for supervision around the school have changed and at this point there is not enough coverage available to ensure that students are not going into the parking lot on the Finlayson Street side. Since this new green space is completely fenced many of the youngest students and those with a flight risk can play in this space with less supervisor ratio, thus allowing better coverage in the back field. It was added that the EA team was very much in support of this decision . There will be discussion during the upcoming staff meeting for strategies to bring this front space back on line, more to follow.
- FSAs for Grade 4s are complete.

Up and Coming...

- Remembrance Day Ceremony. Families with Military members are invited at 1030. This invite is limited simply due to space capacity within the gym.
- Lock Down vs. Hold and Secure drills. A Lock Down Drill will be held next week. This drill addresses a specific danger within the school, where the teachers will make a quick check of hallways, lock their classroom doors, and muster within in a space picked by fire and police officials. Children are to remain quiet and still until the drill is complete. Hold and secure drill happened this past week where a danger outside the school is identified and the student population will be ushered inside where school business will continue as per usual.
- Chess Club. For grades 3,4,5s is starting with Mr. Crawford, one day a week over lunch
- Yarn Club. With more info to follow.
- Hat Trick for Literacy. Players from the Victoria Royals will attend the school for a presentation and reading event.

Requests:

Better / more engagement with regard to gardening call for volunteers. Perhaps the PAC can put together a list of specific tasks that need to be covered and we may get those people willing to take on just one "extra job" they can own.

PAC

Agenda Items	<u>Action</u> <u>Addressees</u>
<p>1. <u>Movie Night:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Big thank you to Bijan, and the team who showed up the night of. ● Overall feeling was that this was a success! <p>2. <u>Bike Corridor Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● According to community parents as of right now the bike path will follow Jackson Street, however Fifth Street is remaining on as the long term plan to allow for a future multi-use path. ● Further info can be found here: https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/transportation/cycling/hillside-quadra-connection.html 	<p>Bijan</p> <p>Info</p>
<p><i>Editorial Note: It was added that November 28th is the next City Council meeting where the budget for the Quadra Hillside area will be discussed. There are groups pushing for a library, and this may be of special interest to the parent community of the school.</i></p>	<p>Info</p>
<p>3. <u>Agendas:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There has been much less response this year, and significantly less money coming back. ● PAC will revisit sending out another request in the New Year. 	<p>Tiffany</p>
<p>4. <u>UVIC Speakers Bureau:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rosemary looked into the specific speaker with regard to climate. Unfortunately he is no longer giving this speech. There was some discussion about changing topics, however it was felt around the table, giving the current climate movement, to seek out some other speakers who have something to offer in the emergency climate crisis. Andrew suggested reaching out to Adam Olsen and/or Andrew Weaver, or perhaps a First Nations representative. ● Looking toward a parent info night in the spring. 	<p>Andrew/ Rosemary</p>
<p>5. <u>Loonie Emporium:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sheri and Tiffany starting the set up. ● Google doc for volunteer sign ups. ● Mention to encourage donations of recyclable paper and gift bags. 	<p>Sherri / Tiffany</p>
<p>6. <u>Garden Group:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Great thanks to Bonnie, Tiffany and Bijan along with a number of students and teachers for completing the observation garden in the back Garry Oak Meadow. ● Some discussion surrounded putting the fenced off space by the learning cottages to better use. Suggestions included new playground equipment or climbing structure. PAC to look into grants and other funding opportunities. 	<p>Info</p>
<p>7. <u>School Land Issues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Connor suggested reaching out to Marnie Jensen, for some clarification or information on who might be able to provide further details to the contract / agreements between parties. 	
<p>Meeting Adjourned @ 9:00 p.m.</p>	
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	
<p>Date/Time: Tuesday December 3rd. School library. Many will proceed to 5th Street afterwards.</p>	<p>Info</p>