

# Nootka PAC Meeting

6pm, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

zoom

Call to order & Land acknowledgement @ 6:04pm

Present: 10 PAC members, plus 2 guests (Jesse Bemister & Nicole Harrison)

## 1. Update from Admin (Jesse Bemister & Nicole Harrison)

- ! Outdoor lunchtime: In anticipation of a change next school year Nootka is planning to have all the students to go out at the same time at lunch rather than in two cohorts. This allows teachers to have more prep time, allow for more supervision, and be easier for lunch monitors. Jesse will talk to staff about ensuring the kids are spaced out and have appropriate areas to play and the plan will be tweaked as necessary for September.
- ! Hot Lunch for Equity: Some hot lunches were provided free of charge last week to families who had previously been identified by teachers. Permission forms were given out by teachers to students who were identified. Nicole ordered 20 pizzas - 16 were taken and leftovers went to kids the next day. The process was a bit clunky and felt like kids were being singled out. Nicole hopes to find a way to make this invisible to the kids. It was very popular with the kids. The total cost was \$100 - the school paid for half and the PAC paid for the other half through donations. Nicole and Jesse noted that Norquay does a "pay what you can" event for their pizza fundraisers and still makes a significant profit.
- ! Annie Jr.: May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are on sale and neighbourhood schools were invited to afternoon shows. Admin will get flowers for the teachers involved.
- ! Family Affordability Fund: Funds have gone to soapstone carving, drumming, and hip hop dancing. The school has also been giving out gift cards as needed. We can roll unspent money forward to next year.
- ! Track & Field: Almost 100 kids have signed up. First practice is on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are mini-meets on Mondays at Van Tech and a final meet on June 7. There are 4 teachers and 1 parent involved and parents are welcome to volunteer at practices and mini meets.
- ! Jerseys: We have purchased 80 jerseys, which isn't quite enough for the track and field team as it currently stands.
- ! Boogaloo Hip Hop: Week-long school-wide program in June. There will be a performance on June 9<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.
- ! Welcome to Kindergarten: May 25<sup>th</sup>, 11-12. This is a good opportunity for a PAC member to come meet new parents and recruit. Could present for a few minutes or just mingle.

- ! Nootka Eagles: Nicole is working to develop a common language, code of conduct, and set of expectations of who Nootka is as a school community. This requires significant student buy-in and will start with getting kids to think about what eagles do and how we would like the Nootka community to be represented. This is a long-term project which will be rolled out after Annie Jr and won't be completed by the end of this school year.
- ! Student internet safety presentation for Grade 6&7: Workshops held by PLEA will be held next week in classrooms. These workshops cover how kids can keep themselves safe online. There was a discussion of how to provide information to parents about the program. There is some available on the organization's website (<https://www.childrenofthestreet.com/workshops/youth-workshops/tco2/>) and Jesse will talk to PLEA to see if they have additional information. The link to the PLEA site will be sent to parents.
- ! Sports Day (June 23<sup>rd</sup>): Teams will be built with the intention of creating cross-grade and cross-program connections. There has also been feedback that kids felt lonely without others they know on their team and that Ks and 1s in particular need support from older kids for many of the events.

## 2. PAC AGM June 7<sup>th</sup>:

- ! This is the last meeting of the year where elections will be held for the 2023-24 PAC exec. Please consider volunteering for a role!
- ! A call for nominations for all positions will go out by email.
- ! Every position is open and would love to have additional hot lunch and fundraising coordinators.

## 3. T-Shirts

- ! We will be selling T shirts with an orca logo created by a Nootka student.
- ! Hoping to have the webstore open in the next couple of days.

## 4. Concession for Annie Jr.

- ! We will be having a concession stand for the evening performances of Annie Jr on May 10th and 11th. Please bring some change if you're coming to the show and want a treat!

## 5. Sports Day (June 23<sup>rd</sup>):

- ! Hot Lunch – we need volunteers to make hot lunch on sports day work!
- ! We might try Norquay's pay-what-you-can model for pizza.
- ! Bake Sale – we will be having a bake/treat sale on Sports day. Please contact Niki if you can volunteer your time, or drop off a nut free baked good or treat!
- ! We will coordinate with Ms Switzer. Don't want to have big lines of kids.

6. Staff appreciation

- ! Dates to be decided, but before June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- ! Planning to hold the event over 2 or 3 days. Will put up notes of gratitude from the students in the staff room and provide a spread with juices, muffins, croissants, etc.

7. Funds:

- ! We don't have any surplus funds this year. If we want to use gaming grant money for the mural we would have to adjust the budget and put it to a vote at the AGM. Johanna suggested fundraising through School Cash Online.