

Nootka PAC Meeting
6:30pm, September 20, 2023
Nootka Library

Present: 19 PAC members, plus 1 guest (Jesse Bemister)

1. Introductions & land acknowledgement
2. Update from Admin (Jesse Bemister)
 - Welcome to new and returning PAC members
 - Staffing update:
 - Nootka has a reduced staffing allocation this year.
 - Mr Meroniuk is teaching music Wed/Thurs/Fri and in is classroom Monday and Tuesday.
 - Mr DaSilva is teaching PE 1.5 days/week to cover prep.
 - School structure is not set in stone until Sept 30th.
 - Just under 400 students this year.
 - School code of conduct:
 - Currently: Respect this place, Respect yourself, Respect others.
 - The code of conduct will be retooled this year to be more kid-friendly, using the eagle mascot as a prompt.
 - Jesse will provide more information as the process moves forward.
 - FSA:
 - The FSA is standardized testing covering language arts and math testing in grades 4 & 7.
 - The Vancouver School Board is hoping to increase uptake as Vancouver generally has low participation.
 - Jesse provided a presentation from the VSB:
 - The board sees this as an opportunity to gather data.
 - The data is anonymized when distributed to outside organizations (eg: Fraser Institute), but individual student tests are returned to them.
 - Test data could provide information about gaps and trends.
 - Please let Jesse know if you have any questions.
3. Schedule meetings for the remainder of the year
 - Bylaws state that there needs to be a minimum of 6 PAC meetings per school year, including the AGM.
 - Meetings will be held in person, at 6:30 in the library on:
 - October 24th
 - November 28th

- February 13th
- April 23rd
- June 4th (AGM)

4. Budget (Jenn O’Sullivan)

- Last year the PAC ran some very successful fundraisers:
 - T-shirts
 - Hot lunch
 - Purdy’s
 - Sports Day bake sale
 - Plus many smaller fundraisers
- In previous years PACs have held direct drives at the beginning of the school year via SchoolCashOnline & PayPal. This has not been planned for this year.
- The PAC has a balance in our gaming grant money, which needs to be spent this year. This money cannot be used for anything curricular and ideas will be discussed at future PAC meetings.
- There is \$15,000 in the heritage account, which is the result of playground fundraising a number of years ago. The PAC tries not to use this for operational costs, but instead save it for bigger one-time purchases like technology.
- The PAC will give each class \$250/year for classroom supplies and money for music and library. Additional money has been allocated for Kindergarten centres.
- The staff appreciation event & grade 7 grad will each receive \$500 to from the gaming grant.
- Changes to the budget can be made over the course of the year by special vote.
- Interest was expressed in Saleema Noon.
- Vote in the budget:
 - Motion: Nikki
 - Second: Jenn
 - Passed unanimously.

5. Hot lunch co-ordinators

- Johanna is coordinating volunteers for distribution
- Sarah & Jacob will coordinate the vendors, MunchaLunch, and billing.
- The coordinators can choose the number of hot lunches held. There is some set-up work needed at the beginning of the year, but after that there is less maintenance.
- Jesse feels that twice/week is too much due to equity concerns. Other options were discussed, including a possible “pay what you can” structure.

6. DPAC Rep

- District PAC – each school is supposed to have a rep that attends DPAC meetings, over zoom. This is a way to learn what DPAC does and to share information back to the PAC.

- Doug will take on this role.

7. Fundraisers

- Starting with apple fundraiser, which closes Oct 7th.
- Would like to hold a larger community event.
- Please bring ideas to Nori.

8. Grade 7 grad committee

- Planning done this year includes setting up documentation for future committees.
- Currently planning on a ceremony/meal/activity or ceremony/dinner/dance
- Jesse will help with sending an email directing people to grade 7 grad committee to solicit for volunteers.
- The committee wants to involve grade 7s in fundraising.
- The PAC typically gives \$500 to grade 7 grad.