

Nootka PAC Meeting
6:30pm, February 13, 2024
Nootka Library

Present: 16 PAC members, plus 2 guests (Jesse Bemister & Nicole Harrison)

1. Introductions

- Chair: Mary Anderson
- Treasurer: Jenn O’Sullivan
- Hot Lunch Coordinator: Sarah Smith
- Fundraising Coordinator: Nori McMichael
- Communications: Andrea Hooge
- Secretary: Jenna Thomson
- Fine Arts Rep: Lindsay Siu
- Classic Rep: OPEN – Represents the interests of children in the CLASSIC stream.
- THRIVE Rep: OPEN – Represents the interests of children in the THRIVE stream.

2. Call to order and approval of agenda

- Called to order at 6:35pm
- Mary expressed gratitude to Sarah, the volunteers, and the childminders
- Agenda was approved

3. Administration Update

- Jesse thanked Mary for taking over as PAC Chair
- There will be a dragon dance for lunar new year held at the school on Thursday.
- February is Black History Month and Pink Shirt Day will be on February 28th.
- Basketball is in full swing and badminton is coming up next.
- Gearing up for next set of report cards
 - Last week included student-led conferences.
 - There are three CSL report periods this year.
- BRAVE initiative is underway
 - “Be kind” is the first letter to be discussed. Each letter of BRAVE will be assigned to a Grade 6/7 class. These students will be visiting

other classrooms in small groups to brainstorm ways to represent the sentiment of that letter as a Nootka Eagle.

- Kids will be asked to present their ideas at an assembly, motivated by popcorn and other cheap/free incentives.
- Nicole is consulting with the Nootka Eagles student committee.
- The goal is to engage the kids and have them drive the ideas.
- Won't get through all the letters before the end of the school year – don't want to burn kids out on this activity.
- Staffing:
 - Div 13 – Mr Haynes will be away for the foreseeable future. Mr Blackwell has taken over the classroom until Feb 23rd, after which the position will be shared with Ms. Magtibay.
 - The school has a new Youth and Family Worker – Kayla Miller. She is at Nootka on Thursdays and Fridays.
- Saleema Noon:
 - Presenters were at the school today and were really impressed with the kids.

4. Soup Tuesdays

- Sarah reported that Soup Tuesdays are going well after a bit of a rough start.
- About 120 soups are ordered per week.
- This month we are not quite breaking even – need to top up by about \$50.
- The program will end at the end of February and might start again in the new school year.

5. Current budget and financial statement

- Nootka account: \$8,699
- Gaming account: \$11,150
- Savings account (Heritage): \$15,231

6. Domain hosting

- In the past domain hosting has been donated.
- The website has value as an information source and an archive of minutes.
- Rough cost of \$15/month.
- This will be moved into the budget.

7. Grade 7 Committee (Nori, Sabrina, and Michelle)

- The holiday craft fair/bake sale brought in about \$1100. Fundraising goal is \$2000 and any extra will be forwarded to next year. Might do a carwash and doughnut fundraiser. Would need PAC support for communication.
- The committee will run the concession for a dance if it goes forward. Grade 7s are also available for setup, ticketing, etc.
- Grad will be held on June 26th. The committee will start reaching out to vendors and Jesse approved the committee contacting local businesses for donations.
- Kids will be consulted to see what they would like to do.

8. School Dance and dance committee

- Jesse has talked to Nikki Clarkson about running a dance.
- Could hold a dance in April or early May. The gym will be in use for most of May for the musical.
- The plan is to keep it simple – all-grades family dance with a concession.
- Sarah suggests breaking the night into two: younger grades earlier and older grades later.
- Jesse's concern is to ensure everyone is safe.
- Johanna noted that the Halloween dance was a lot of work and that it's important to have a volunteer support.
- It was decided that the grade 7 committee will work with Nikki on this.

9. Playground shade

- Sarah is exploring quotes for a sunshade over the playground.
- Cost would come from gaming grant funds
- Jesse will look into the process with the VSB as we would have to use their vendors.

10. Lion Dance performance funding

- Will be held on Thursday, February 15 in the gym.
- Jesse is hoping the dancers could add a short after-school performance. But isn't sure what the cost would be. The dancers are charging \$1000 for the performance during school hours.
- The PAC agreed that we are able to support up to \$250 towards this.

11. Spring Fair

- Erin reported that the spring fair will be on June 7th in courtyard and gym. 3:30 – 6:30 (exact times TBD).
- Starting small this year - making the games and keeping them simple. This will be a family event aimed at all grades and abilities.
- Planning to do a “sliding scale” bracelet or hand stamp to keep things equitable. Suggesting \$5-\$20 pre-paid via MunchALunch. Wristband gains access to all games, some food, and a prize
- Gaming funds to be used for food – pizza and a drink.
- Going to see if we can get prizes donated – gently used kids toys and goods.
- Silent auction for fundraising. There is a team of volunteers ready to support.
- Asking for \$1500 from Gaming Grant for Food and \$1500 from Heritage Fund, which would be paid back out of fundraising.
 - Andrea moves, Jacob seconds. Passed.
- Looking for ideas to involve staff, admin, teachers, etc.
- Will be looking for volunteers and are considering looking for volunteers from local high schools.
- Admin can provide tax receipts for cash donations. Jesse will look into getting receipts for in-kind donations.
- Need crowd control to keep students in the right areas.

12. Next PAC meeting date: April 23rd 6:30pm

Adjourned at 7:36pm