

Nootka PAC Meeting

6:30pm, September 16, 2024
Nootka Library

Present: 12 PAC members, plus 2 guests (Jesse Bemister & Amrit Hundal)

1. Introductions & land acknowledgement

- Called to order at 6:35pm
- Welcome to new and returning PAC members
 - Chair: Mary Anderson
 - Treasurer: Jenn O'Sullivan
 - Hot Lunch Coordinator: Sarah Smith
 - Fundraising Coordinator: Nori McMichael
 - Communications: Andrea Hooge
 - Secretary: Jenna Thomson
 - Classic Rep: Corinne Macartney
 - THRIVE Rep: OPEN – Represents the interests of children in the THRIVE stream.
 - Fine Arts Rep: Doug Gibson
 - DPAC Rep: Doug Gibson (Each school has 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.)
 - Volunteer coordinator: Johanna Suttor-Doerksen

2. Update from Admin (Jesse Bemister)

- Jesse welcomed everyone
- The PAC had a great year in 2023/24
- Staffing update:
 - New teachers
 - Mr. Blain & Ms Poulson co-teaching grades 3&4 FA
 - Ms. Adkins & Mr. Blackwell co-teaching grades 4/5 Classic
 - One teaching position remains unfilled: Classic 1/2
 - New Vice Principal Mrs. Amrit Hundal
 - New SSAs (four): Ms Diane (K), MsFiona, Ms Marina, Ms Nila
- Terry Fox fun on Friday, Oct 20th.
- Reconciliation Day gathering on Oct 27th.

3. Budget (Jenn O'Sullivan)

- The 2024/25 budget has been outlined
- The PAC tries to spend out the gaming grant every year.
- Legacy remains from playground fundraising a number of years ago.
- The PAC is projecting earning about \$13,000
- Large expenses include:

- \$250 per classroom (\$4500) to support teachers
- \$3800 (from gaming) to field trips
- \$1500 to the library
- \$500 for kindergarten centres
- \$4500 for spring fair (\$3000 from PAC, \$1500 from gaming)
- \$500 for operational expenses (childminding, bank fees, munch-a-lunch)
- \$500 for staff appreciation
- \$500 towards grade 7 (organized by separate committee)
- The PAC exec can make decisions under \$500
- The PAC funded sex education last year at a cost of about \$3000. This is typically held every two years and if we decided to hold it this year it can be voted at a future meeting.
- The mural was done last year by KC Hall. The goal is to have another one done on the large wall that faces Renfrew. This would cost \$10,000 - \$15,000 if KC is able to do it. KC would have to consult with local indigenous groups. This would require fundraising and/or grants.
- Technology: The school has requested that we start replacing projectors from the Legacy Fund. There are at least 19 in the school and they are about \$3000 each. The PAC cannot fund all of these, but could do this on an as-needed basis. The PAC will budget \$6000.
- Mary motioned and Erin seconded to accept the budget. Passed.

4. Fundraisers (Nori McMichael)

- Oka Apples is currently running. Apples will be delivered to classrooms on October 23rd. Nori will need help – please meet her at the front of the school at 12:30.
- Purdy's in November
- Spirit Wear in conjunction with BRAVE campaign. Perhaps a couple of runs over the year.
- A Walk-a-thon or read-a-thon could be held later in the year.
- Fundraising could be targeted towards accessible playground equipment. This would require liaising with Nootka admin and the VSB.

5. School code of conduct (Amrit Hundal):

- Currently: Respect this place, Respect yourself, Respect others.
- BRAVE Campaign is going forward and will hopefully be complete by winter break.
- Amrit met with Grade 6/7s to discuss leadership opportunities, including concession, pins, other.

6. 2024/25 PAC meeting schedule (Mary)

- 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 Mondays
 - Sept 16, Nov 4, Jan 13, Feb 24, Apr 7, June 2 (AGM)
7. Hot lunch co-ordinators & volunteers
- Johanna is coordinating volunteers for distribution. 11:30-12:15 on Fridays.
 - Sarah & Jacob will coordinate the vendors, MunchaLunch, and billing.
 - Sarah is interested in doing Tuesday hot lunch as well if there are volunteers available. This takes more labour than Fridays. Jesse is very supportive of the Tuesday pay-what-you-can model.
8. Large events to schedule
- Dances
 - Sarah is interested in holding a Halloween Hop. Sarah and Jesse will try to identify a date.
 - Spring Fair
 - Would be more expensive if we want to rent inflatables this year. Gaming funds were confusing last year since they could only be used on certain things. A proper concession and a silent auction would raise a fair bit of money.
 - Mount Pleasant Elementary has had food donated by grocery stores, with parents cooking.
 - To do this again would require a large number of volunteers that are broken into committees. Erin doesn't have capacity to lead this year.
 - Johanna and Andrea will put out a call ASAP for volunteers to start planning.
 - Need to identify a date ASAP. Perhaps a weekend.
9. Grade 7 grad committee
- This is separate from the PAC, but the PAC donates \$500 towards any events.

Meeting adjourned 7:38pm