

Nootka PAC Meeting

6:30pm, Feb. 24, 2025

Nootka Library

Present: 15 members plus two guests (Jesse Bemister and Amrit Hundal)

1. Introductions

2. Update from Admin (Jesse Bemister & Amrit Hundal)

- Staffing:
 - A temporary SSA position has been confirmed through June.
 - Ms Wong will be returning after Spring Break
 - Ms Victoria has returned after almost two months away
 - Staffing for next year will be confirmed closer to the beginning of May.
- The draw for Kindergarten Fine Arts has been done. Remaining spots in Grade 1-7 will be allocated later this spring.
- Mr Bemister hopes that everyone who has applied for Classic Kindergarten at Nootka for September will have a spot but this won't be confirmed until later this spring.
- Events:
 - Lion Dance happened in January
 - Science Magic Show and Blackathon happened earlier this month.
 - Mr Bemister thanked the PAC for hosting the Glow Dance.
 - Upcoming:
 - All classes will participate in breakdancing lessons in April, funded by a donation from a former teacher. There will be a performance in mid-April.
 - Math Week will happen at the end of April. This theme week aims to build excitement about math and problem solving.
- Sports:
 - Basketball is wrapping up this week.
 - Badminton will begin in the coming weeks.
- Ms Hundal has resumed the exploration of BRAVE. Students have been asked to provide input on "Adaptable" and are having assemblies about these topics. The school plans to cover V and E by the end of the year.

3. Computers for Music (Mary Anderson)

- Mr Meroniuk has spoken to the VSB computer department and they felt the Macbook Air M2 would be the best option to replace the outdated Dell laptops used by students. The goal is to purchase 10-15 devices.
- Pricing:
 - M1: \$929 + tax
 - M2 (preferred model): \$1169 + tax.
- Mr Bemister noted that Nootka has received an Adopt-a-School donation. The anonymous donors have promised \$6000 towards the hot lunch sliding scale but also expressed interest in supporting technology such as computers and projectors.

4. Budget (Jenn O'Sullivan)

- Square:
 - The PAC has moved to using Square for as a tool for accepting fundraising income. This has tax implications, as Square is now required to report income earned through Square to the CRA.

- The PAC has been using Andrea Hooge's Square account, but this will change in the near term to ensure that Andrea's small business is not impacted.
- Other PACs are struggling with this change.
- There is a paper trail to show that funds are moved from Square into PAC accounts.
- Doug Gibson volunteered to manage the Square account. It was noted that there are some logistical issues with 2FA, but these could be worked around.
- Motion to increase budget to account for increased fundraising. These amounts were deposited and will be paid out to the school.
 - Concert and bake sale fundraiser (to Music account): \$1457.32
 - Dance fundraiser (to a new computer account): \$1271.35
 - Grade 7 grad square income from concession: \$199.00
 - Motion: Nori
 - Second: Andrea
 - Approved
- Motion to allocate the full budget of the Fair from the general account. Previously \$1500 of the total \$4500 allocation was from the Gaming fund, which has limitations. The total \$4500 budget will now be from the general account.
 - Motion: Johanna
 - Second: Nori
 - Approved.
- The gaming account has traditionally been used for expenses like field trips, jerseys, cultural events, and Saleema Noon. We now have only \$3800 of the Gaming grant allocated in the budget and will need to find ways to use the remaining roughly \$4800 before the end of the year.
- The Grade 7s earned \$2054 from the dance concession.

5. Spring Fair (Erin)

- Grade 7s will run the concession
- \$4500 budget
- Activities:
 - 50/50: will require a gaming licence
 - Silent auction:
 - Solicitation has begun
 - Considering moving this entirely online
 - Please let Erin or Phyllis know if you have ideas for donors.
 - Inflatable games have been ordered, including a splash tower. These games have electrical and water needs.
 - Music/entertainment area. Could use a stage and a schedule of performers (ideas include ukulele army, carnival band, School of Rock, karaoke)
 - Arts & crafts setup. Considering options of businesses that do kids events.
- Please share ideas with Erin.
- Doug volunteered to help with volunteer coordination.

6. Large Events (Mary Anderson)

- Valentine's Dance was a success. Thank you to Erin, Jacob, Grade 7 team, parents, and admin for making this happen.

7. Grade 7 Graduation Committee Update (Sonya)

- The dance concession was a great success. There were about 10 volunteer parents as well as a bunch of active kids. Families donated cash and pizza.
- Considering family movie night. This is generally a good money maker, especially in conjunction with a concession. Typically run two films – one earlier and one later
 - A film license costs \$525 but is good for one year.

- The Grade 7 committee would be interested in collaborating with the PAC on this.
- Jenn will inquire to see if this can be funded by the Gaming Grant.
- Vote to spend \$525 from Gaming Grant (if allowed) on a film licence.
 - Approved.

8. Hot Lunch (Sarah)

- Johanna is coordinating volunteers for distribution
- Sarah is coordinating the vendors, MunchaLunch, and billing.
- Pay-what-you-can pizza worked well and will come back next month
- The PAC was able to fund hot chocolate for everyone on Valentine's day.