

Nootka PAC Meeting

6:30pm, November 4, 2024

Nootka Library

Present: 10 PAC members, plus 2 guests (Jesse Bemister & Amrit Hundal)

1. Introductions & land acknowledgement

- ! Called to order at 6:33pm

2. Admin Update:

- ! Welcome to new members

- ! Staffing update:

- ! Grade 1/2 Classic: Victoria deMinckwitz, job share partner with Mrs Wong.
- ! Primary Music/Prep: Chad Galpin, covering Mrs Ramirez's parental leave.
- ! Youth and Family Worker: Josy Silva is starting this week. She will be at Nootka on Mondays and Wednesdays to support kids and their families.
- ! SSA staffing is stable through November. There is one SSA who is on a temporary contract, but Jesse is hoping this will be extended in December. There are currently have 13 SSAs and one Intervenor at Nootka.

- ! Activities:

- ! October was busy with Halloween, field trips, immunizations, the pumpkin carving event, and internet safety presentations
- ! November:
 1. Remembrance day
 2. Pro d day Nov 22

- ! 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 noted that the VSB board sees this as an opportunity to gather data. 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.

! Teachers are generally not in favour of the testing as it takes a lot of class time (6 hours in Grade 4, 4-5 hours in Grade 7) that could be used for other things.

! Please let Jesse know if you have any questions.

- ! Communicating student learning (CSL):
 - ! Reports go out 3x/year: Dec 16th, the Monday before Spring break, and at least 3 days before the end of the school year.
 - ! 5 classes are participating in a pilot program using SpacesEDU that will result in reports that contain the same data but in a new format. The full SpacesEDU program provides ongoing feedback to parents, allows feedback from both teachers and students, and creates a portfolio over the course of a student's learning. Participants include two K classes, two grade 6/7 classes (FA) and one grade 2/3 class (Classic).
- ! Student Family Affordability Fund: Please refer anyone who needs financial help for school supplies, field trips, etc to admin, teachers, the student-family worker, or the PAC. Nootka was allocated \$23,000 this year, and funds cannot be spent on food or on school-wide programs.

3. Budget (Jenn O'Sullivan)

- ! Budgets are all in good standing
- ! Funding to teachers, the library, etc has all be distributed.
- ! Income:
 - ! Pumpkin fundraiser: \$505
 - ! Hot lunch: \$2592
 - ! Gaming grant approx.: \$7740
- ! Legacy fund is partially allocated for projectors.
- ! Spring Fair will be held on Saturday, June 7th. Inflatables have been reserved.

4. Fundraisers (Nori McMichael)

- ! Apple fundraiser was a success, earning \$1200
- ! Purdy's Chocolates orders have been opened, with a deadline of November 27th. Delivery will be in the first week of December and requires volunteers to help sort and distribute.
- ! Pumpkin fundraiser: \$505
- ! Pedal Heads Swim: \$25 discount and \$25 to the school (discount code: Nootka25)
- ! Fundraising goal: Accessible playground.
 - ! Nori and Evan (SSA) are looking for parents to volunteer to support the playground accessibility upgrade. They are in particular need of someone who has experience writing grants.
 - ! Still in early stages: need committee membership to start to move things forward.
 - ! There might be money from the VSB. In this case the school community has no say in what is installed.
 - ! Roberta is interested in being on the committee.
 - ! Variety grant maybe closes at the end of the month.
- ! A-thons (Jesse)

- ! Jesse wants to hold a walk-a-thon in the spring. Lord Nelson does a very successful walk-a-thon.

5. School code of conduct:

- ! Currently: Respect this place, Respect yourself, Respect others.
- ! BRAVE is ongoing and the use of the slogan is in use throughout the school community.

6. Hot lunch co-ordinators & volunteers

- ! Johanna is coordinating volunteers for distribution.
 - ! Distribution is done from 11:30-12:15 on Fridays and could always use more volunteers.
- ! Sarah is coordinating the vendors, MunchaLunch, and billing.
- ! It was noted that hot lunch needs more promotion before closing as parents are often caught unawares.
- ! Last year: sliding scale pasta or soup Tuesdays. Would love to bring that back but need more volunteers - Johanna has a list 45 people who have agreed to be volunteers, but there is very little actual uptake.

7. Upcoming large events:

- ! Dance in early/mid spring (Bunny Hop)
- ! Spring Fair:
 - ! Erin has started a planning committee. Please contact the PAC if you would like to volunteer.
 - ! Solicitation for the silent auction will start in January.
- ! Grade 7 grad committee
 - ! This is separate from the PAC, but the PAC donates \$500 towards any events.
 - ! Committee is in the early stages.

Next meeting January 13th, 2025.

Meeting adjourned 7:31pm