

AGM PAC Ecole Du Pacifique Minutes Sept 28th 2023

Call to order 6:13pm

Attendance:

In person-Melanie Vallieres, Melanie Cloutier, Tanya Staunton, Chloe Delany (minutes), Tom Folinsbee, Ione Smith, Jenn Garden (arrived late)

Zoom: Hirlette B (left early), Natalie Gerum, Tracey Beyrouty, Dan Fouillard, Alistair Ellis

Agenda:

1) Principal's update: vision of CFS-improve literacy, wellbeing of students (coming from evaluations post Covid), funding available. Feeding for the future (Provincial Program) to ensure food security: healthy lunch/snacks, approached 'Run with Soup' (delivery possible), waiting for budget to see if families to pay or all covered/by donation of families, could PAC fundraise the gap in cost? School cash (money sent directly). May need parent volunteers to help. Might be weekly, veg and non-veg options.

- Every Monday AM garbage and debris on school grounds are cleaned, staff are able to recognize substance use paraphernalia. Area by forest that kids like to play in is closed, smaller play area only now available.

Action: Chloe suggested Melanie reach out to VCH Harm Reduction re: sharps containers.

-Staffing: Mme. Saccarin was supposed to do support work but has resigned, Anne Marie stepped in to Support Teacher role (IST/special ED) 2 days with own class then support teaching/ Francisation. Johanne back Sept but leaving in January 2024 (on a leave), Isabelle to take over position and hers will be posted. Loig: no hours at this time but consider hire as external.

-Science day very successful today (guest presenters from Science World).

-Hope for high school student exchange program in future with French speaking provinces/countries, currently only open to Grade 12 students.

-School calendars now aligned with SD46, 'departs hatifs' (early departures) Oct 11/12 when school will end one hour early.

-Comité de partenaires: a committee of parents, staff, principal: role is to review code of conduct, objective of school, direction. Looking to elect a member from the PAC to represent us on the Comité.

- Ecole du Pacifique has been accepted for Veggie Fundraiser (Delivery Nov 15-25), 2 choices of bundles \$25/\$30

Action: Melanie V. to provide Ione with the details regarding the Veggie Fundraiser (e.g. key dates) so that we can get fundraising going right after Thanksgiving.

2) Bus Issue (Jenny and Ione) Tuwanek/Sandy Hook buses running late regularly (arriving after 9:00am). Jenn called Randy but felt he was somewhat dismissive. Could be better for schools to communicate the problem directly. Mel C noted that there was a no show on West Sechelt route.

Action item: Melanie V. to follow up with Randy at the bus company.

3) Budget Review of last year and this year (Tanya-see print out): budget has not changed much, hope \$2,000 Gaming Grant, enrollment similar to last year, Veg Fundraiser (FR) not included yet for this year so that will make a difference (\$1300 last year), Grade 12 Bursary \$500 (we need to establish how long student can defer bursary), Field trips \$400/classroom +\$200 whole school activity, Herve and Genevieve did well with FR so each have \$800 (usually can't roll over if unused). Victoria every 2 years, possibly other lower mainland trip/skiing. Less FR capacity since COVID (\$0 for music/arts). Ensure teachers use their funds. Jenny suggested-Indigo/Chapters has a program/grant where donated sales percentage can be donated to the school. <https://www.indigoloveofreading.org/grants/literacy-fund-grant/>

-Grad: Grade 7 hoodies cost 100% covered and cost of food/gift (\$450.00 +\$200.00). Could increase this budget if needed.

-PAC meeting Childcare/snacks (\$100/year, not used last year). Chloe can purchase snacks as needed.

-\$400 for PAC events: teacher lunch, pizza day. Consider families to bring in food for staff appreciation instead.

-Items for school ground such as balls, nets, outdoor chess set, sports day, high jump, Frisbee golf (not gym equipment)arts supplies (mosaic). Could be from gaming grant. Or could we save for new school....

-Projected Budget 2023-2024: \$5270 (overage -\$970.00)

Motion to Adopt 2023/24 Budget (Alistair) Second (Melanie)

3) Fundraisers (Hirlette) suggests new ideas that not all schools are doing, more local business oriented i.e. ordered meals (frozen lasagnas).

Action: Hirlette to look into these opportunities to bring more details to the next PAC meeting.

**PAC to discuss FR for the year at the next PAC meeting i.e. silent auctions (donated by community).
Brickers, trivia, skate-a-thon**

4) New Board nominations:

Alistair Ellis(president),

Dan Fouillard (vice president),

Tom Folinsbee(Treasurer),

Natalie Gerum (Secretary),

Chloe Delany (counsellor/secretary),

Tracey Beyroudy (counsellor),

Tanya Staunton(co-treasurer x1 year),

Melanie Cloutier(Counsellor),

Hirlette Bham (Counsellor),

Ione Smith (past president)

Motion to Elect new slate of officers (Jenny) Second (Ione)

Discussion of electing a representative to the Comite de Partenaires (4 meetings/year, French Meetings): Jenny Garden, Melanie Cloutier, Hirlette (?), Marie-Pierre (?). Agreed that Mel C. would try to attend, and that the invitation would be extended to Marie-Pierre.

5) New School grounds/communications: Melanie in Coast Reporter (link in newsletter and email for families), zoning, build will take 'a while', vision for the school, more media coverage, tour to come. Concerns about feasibility of K-12 in this community.

6) Invitation to Jacques Dufresne (CSF School Board Trustee) to be formally invited in person for special meeting after 6pm **Motion(Ione) Second (Tanya)**

Action: Alistair to extend an invitation for J. Dufresne to come visit the community.

Action: Jenny to circle back to Radio Canada and invite the journalist to come visit the community.

7) Arts Programing possibility (Natalie Gerum): Proposed renown Artist Missy D (Diane) missydmusic.com from Rwanda/Cote D'Ivoire, Hip Hope and Rap artist, does school visits, kid focused music, also works as an educator/runs UBC program for African students, visits Francophone communities in Canada with her band. Juno performer. Has curriculum for different grades. Is there funding for this from CSF?

Action: Melanie V. to explore if there is an opportunity to fund a visit from Missy D.

8) Gaming Grant: Province changed what can be paid for. Cannot pay Grade 12 bursaries/scholarships out of GG, so now called a "writing competition".

9) Set PAC Meetings for the year: 5/year (including AGM). No Tues (Melanie V)? Thursdays at 6pm? Or Earlier

Action: Alistair to email poll 2023-24 PAC dates/time.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26pm

After items: BMO Sechelt is closing April, will only be open in Gibsons. Do we need to look at switching banks/look at online banking?