

PAC Minutes April 2024

Date: Apr 23, 2024

Meeting Began at: 6:30pm

In attendance: Chris Daum, Amelia Leung, Michelle Miao, Belle Leung, Arnold Fok, Victoria Brown, Monica Hou, Crystal Leung, Brie Davidson, Winton Lo, Jeta Babalia

Motion to adopt agenda by Michelle, seconded by Victoria

Motion to adopt Jan Minutes by Belle, seconded by Michelle (insufficient people in attendance during March PAC meeting to approve agenda or minutes or reach quorum, thus it was considered an unofficial meeting in March)

Throw Projectors

- Technology upgrade is an identified as area of need by the school
- PAC agreed to subsidize most of it
- Currently installing 9 projectors:
 - Electrical work, maintenance work done
 - Last part being Tech Services Department to do set up of projectors
 - Will be done by end of this week and beginning of next week

Lunar New Year

- Lion Dance Performance was successful with good feedback from parents and students

Valentine's Day Dance

- Successful in raising \$335 in profits

Wechat and Whatsapp Communication Channels

- Discussion took place regarding the use of these communication channels and whether they are in line with the principles of being an effective, safe, and inclusive way of communication. This topic will be followed up later.

Hot Lunch

- Switch from Win Win Chicken to Olive Lunch (pasta) as vendor
 - Olive Lunch is towards more healthy choice
 - Parents are welcome to give feedback after Thurs (first day)
- More parent volunteers are needed to assist on Hot Lunch days
 - Critical times include 12:20pm to assist in any order errors, and 12:55pm to assist with clean up (e.g., proper sorting of leftover boxes between compost vs. recycling)

Spirit Wear

- We will do Spirit Wear order next Sept (already a bit late for this year)
- Suggestion to change logo, and ask kids to vote
 - Good opportunity for kids to learn about the Timberwolves and history of it, including First Nations history
 - Aim to have new logo by Sept

Future Events

- Saleema Noon Sessions:
 - Families are encouraged to look at the links that were shared with the Wowk Newsletter (including the Parent Newsletter and Workshop Newsletter) to see how the school thinks it will be a benefit to students and families
 - Families are encouraged to attend the May 6 Parent Info session to see how conversations will be shaped (and student sessions will be done by grade level)
 - If parents have any concerns about it as a family, please attend the parent info session first and then connect back with Mr. Daum afterwards
- Frozen Yogurt Fundraising:
 - Will set a date for this in May
- Sports Day:
 - For discussion next PAC meeting in May
- Staff Appreciation:
 - For discussion next PAC meeting in May

Farewell Committee

- No updates at this moment

Financial Report

- As of Apr 21, this is our financial position
 - General Account Balance - \$65,687.96
 - Gaming Account Balance - \$3,987.95
 - Note the balances are just a snapshot. Munch A Lunch forwards us the money for the fund raisers we have already scheduled and we have not incurred the costs for many of the fund raisers yet even the ones that have already happened as cheques have not been cashed.
- Total funds raised from food days so far to date - \$14,500.56 with 54 food days.
- Revenue and Expenses in April were mainly related to the food days.
- We have not received the invoices for the projectors yet (approx. \$13,000)
- The Gaming Account (a government grant) has been earmarked for use to fund the Saleema Noon presentations and for fine art presentations.

Playground

- The wooden playground belongs to the City of Richmond
- Back playground is Jessie Wowk's
 - Upgrade to the playground will not be a District's project
 - We can fundraise the funds but need to have volunteers to build it or pay someone to do it

- Wowk is not high on the list for playground replacement by the District
- Fundraising can be a 5-year plan
 - Need to determine what we want, then figure what price, what can make a difference for our learners
 - Need to vote on it
 - There are a lot of grants out there that we could apply for
 - There are other schools that have done it and we can reach out to them

Track Attack

- Will ask for parent volunteers to drive (may have one set of kids for driving there and another set of kids for picking up)
- Teachers will sign out the kids when they leave when a designated parent / parent volunteer physically picks them up

Next PAC Meeting

- Set for May 28, 2024 (Tues)
- Voting for the 2024/2025 PAC Executive Members will occur at this meeting, including the positions of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Members at large
- If more than one person is running for a position, an election will occur and in-person attendees at the meeting will be able to vote

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Administrative Report

Chris Daum

1. Track Attack

Today we began our Track Attack program. Students in grades 3 – 7 will be participating in this program. For our grade 3s, this is their first experience with Track and Field and for the rest of our intermediate students they are revisiting some of the events. Our zone Track Meet is on Thursday, May 16th at Minoru Field. Please stay tuned for notices and information being sent to families regarding this event.

2. Staffing Updates: Noon hour supervisor – Sheriza Wu

We'd like to welcome Ms. Sheriza Wu to our Jessie Wowk Community as our new Noon Hour Supervisor

3. Welcome to Kindergarten

We're very excited to be welcoming a bunch of new members of our Jessie Wowk community during our Welcome to Kindergarten event on Thursday, May 23rd. Parents and families can expect to receive the invitation in the very near future.

4. Saleema Noon Workshops

The information regarding the upcoming workshops for both parents and students has been shared in our previous newsletter and the dates are as such:

- Monday, May 6th – Parent information workshop at 6:30 pm via Zoom. The Zoom link will be shared on the day of the workshop
- Friday, May 10th – Student Body Science Workshops for grades K – 7.

I highly encourage families to attend the parent workshop, especially those who are not familiar with the program or who might have any questions or concerns. A big thank you to our PAC committee for sponsoring this program for our school.

5. Learning Updates / Reports to Families

On Wednesday, April 25th, your child's learning update will be available through the MyEd Parent Portal. If any families are having difficulty with your passwords or accessing the learning updates, please contact the office. Requests for a print out of the reports can be made by contacting the office as well.

6. Important Band Concerts / Updates

This Thursday, April 25th our band students in grades 6 and 7 will be in Whistler representing Jessie Wowk at the Cantando Music Festival in Whistler. They will also be performing at the Gateway Theatre with other elementary schools on the evening of Tuesday, April 30th. We're very grateful for these opportunities being available for our students through the hard work of both Ms. Khoo and teacher candidate Caleib Wei.

7. Grade 7 Fun Day at Steveston London Secondary

This year our grade 7 students who will be attending SLSS will participate in the Steveston London Fun Day. The purpose of this event is to learn about the world of high school and be part of an orientation to their new school environment.

8. Student and Family Affordability Fund

The provincial government recently announced a renewal of one time funds for the *Student and Family Affordability Fund*. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:

- school and course fees
- school supplies and course materials
- field trips
- school-related extracurricular opportunities
- clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities

Please reach out to Mr. Daum if you are in need of assistance. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

9. Summer Learning

The SD38 Continuing Education department has a variety of summer learning opportunities for students. Please see the following link for more information: Link: [Summer Learning Program Catalogue 2024](#)

DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT

HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

As we learn and work together, we will...

- 1** Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
- 2** Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.
- 3** Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.
- 4** Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.
- 5** Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.
- 6** Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.

Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.



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