

Como Pac meeting – Dec 2, 2021 at 7 pm

Attendees

Samantha Davey

Tara Parkinson

Miwa Aoki

Laurie Leeder

Dave Cyr

Andrea Coup

Dee Prentice

Chris Nebre

Susnita Lynch

Quorum not met – but nothing to vote on

Treasurer's Report

Not a busy month

Bank fees (monthly) - \$9.75

\$200 from Global Coffee Fundraiser

\$1200 came out for the Teacher supplies

General Account \$287.09

Gaming \$13,201.50

Donation \$148.61

Total \$13,637.20

Coffee fundraiser very successful

Purdy's delivery date still in flux because of the State of Emergency. Goal is still to have orders to classrooms by Dec 13 or 14

Any other fundraiser ideas for the Spring – please think about it over the weekend and we will discuss at our next weekend in January.

Spring meetings – January, February, skip March, and then have meetings in April, May, June

Tentative dates: Jan 6, Feb 3, Apr 7, May 5 AGM, June 2

Will confirm in January meeting.

Administrator's report

We have booked Saleema Noon – will be in early June. There will be a parent evening starting at 6:30 one evening and then student meetings based on age. Will talk about sharing cost at the next meeting (estimated cost is \$500 per day = \$1500 total). Will vote in January.

Embedded Indigenous teachings has just completed for each team. The amount of information is amazing. Everything has a connection to the flora and fauna, and it flows all together. We are going to turn our courtyard into an Indigenous garden. Looking at doing a carved archway. Nice project with Legacy. Work on turning it into an outdoor classroom. Opportunities for the PAC to get behind, especially with bringing in an artist to do the carving. Will discuss more in future meetings. In May, if we get the opportunity to go on field trips, would go to the water shed. The goal would be that each team gets to go and learn about the cedar stripping process which is prevalent in May.

The mural is a go if the weather is good over the winter break.

Myed Portal is all set. All Report cards will be published in the afternoon on Dec 17. Everyone will get an email when it is done.

Looking at doing spot welding on the soccer nets

Parent Conferences have been going on yesterday and still some right now.

Earthquake kits are quite up to date. Will keep PAC updated as needed.

Right now Ski and Snowboard club is not allowed to go, but we are trying to keep all our reservations at the moment. It is supposed to start in January.

DPAC Report

DPAC Meeting Notes: November 24, 2021

Rob Zambrano with Superintendent's Report

- New Chair and New Vice Chair
- Meeting last night – Well-Being framework
- Board voted on no vaccine mandate – The reason: Board felt that there would be a great deal of unintended consequences.
- Due to floods, students will need to be home schooled for many months. Will be sharing as much as possible to these impacted school districts. Encourage families to do our part to reserve gasoline use.
- Vaccine clinics in the school – it has been discussed but not very efficient so likely not.

Stephen Whiffin, Director of Instruction and CIO SD43 Technology

- Technology focus for 2025: STEAM Education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) – Develop solutions for real-world problems

- Transdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach that removes subject divisions and have a more integrated approach
- Have invested in new learning supports:
 - New Learning Services website which is a new internal resource for the teachers
 - Learning together themes and webinars - Ability to have webinars taught by a teacher or guest teacher/speaker
 - Teachers can request this webinar
- Student Spaceflight experiment project
 - 30 schools participated, with 600 live student per webinar, webinars can be recorded
 - Winning project will be conducted during next space endeavour
 - Link to Tricitynews article on project.
 - <https://www.tricitynews.com/local-news/these-coquitlam-area-school-kids-want-to-send-bacteria-and-buckwheat-to-space-4793269>
- MyEducationBC Update
 - Family portal for elementary and middle schools will be complete by June 2022
 - No more paper report cards after implementation
- Technology improvements in school
 - More bandwidth and updating to wi-fi 6
 - 3000 new devices per year, with 5-6 year cycle
 - Supporting over 1000 students in grade 6-12 with loaner devices
 - Currently there are 450 devices not being used and will be assigned to families in need in the Port Moody community
 - Device requirements for BYOD – Office 365, Chromebook would work but is not ideal, Microsoft has just released their Chromebook version with Windows 11 SE (Student Edition) for \$250?, min 10" screen or larger, proper keyboard, wireless access
- The District will subsidize up to 50% for additional tech needs (in response to school needing iPads) – could this apply for AV equipment?

FamilySmart – Moira Hazlehurst & Sarah Dover, Parent peer support workers

- FamilySmart, provides parent peer emotional support, educate and directs to other services in the community. Free service, no referral required, no wait list, connect in-person or by email. No diagnosis is necessary.
- Monthly “In The Know” Events – past events are posted as videos on website (Familysmart.ca/events)
- Nov 30 – Beyond Behaviours: When Is It More? What it Looks like At Ages 13-18
 - When is your child’s behaviour more than normal development and instead signs of mental illness?
- 4 C’s as parents of teens - **C**ommunication tips, **C**ollaborative Problem Solving model by Ross Greene (author of The Explosive Child), **C**ontrol vs influence, **C**are for self.
- tricity@familysmart.ca
1-855-887-8004
www.familysmart.ca
- Student/Child Peer support group – “Kids in Control”
bcss.org/support/bcss-programs/kidsincontrol

Executive Member Reports – DPAC Executive

- Speaker calendar (all included in DPAC newsletter)
- December 7th – Post secondary/BCIT: Application process, requirements, options for students
- January 26th – Bereavement and Cross Road Hospice
- February 23rd – Indigenous speaker
- March 2nd – Doctor from Fraser Health and his personal journey
- March 30th -

Looking Ahead – Marvin Klassen

New Business

Susnita idea with cakes – she is a custom cake maker in Austin Heights and wants to offer holiday cakes to raise funds for the Canadian Red Cross and local food banks. Como Lake will also get a contribution of \$4. Offer Spiced Gingerbread cake, vegan and dairy free for the Como lake Community to choose from.

It's a beautiful idea – there is concern that there is a lot of fundraisers and initiatives on the go right now. Will send an email to Dave on the idea and he will look at what can be done.

Meeting adjourned 7:39 pm