

Minutes

Holly PAC General Meeting – May. 15, 2019 7:00PM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The **Agenda** and the **Minutes** (from Apr. 17, 2019) were approved.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- **Ms. Alkema** will leave Holly Elementary at the end of this school year to become **Principal at Pebble Hill in Tsawwassen**.
- The Vice Principal from Hawthorne Elementary, **J. von Schulmann**, will become the new VP at our school.
- Local artist **Gary Nay** circulated his draft for the big mural. He did an amazing job capturing the feedback he received from the school. The school's mascot ("Holly Hornet") will still be added.
- **Emergency Preparedness Bin**: The **granola bars** have expired and need to be replaced (2 bars per person). The plan is to ask all Holly families for **\$10** at the beginning of the new school year to cover the costs for **the emergency supplies and school planners** (instead of \$7 or \$8 for planners as in previous years).
 - ➔ The PAC will look into prices/options for granola bars.
- Holly Elementary had the **Canadian Assessment for Learning Network (CAfLN)** tour come with a group of about 25 teachers who visited the school at the beginning of May. They went in and out of classrooms, taking note of the innovative assessment practices Holly teachers use on a daily basis.

The school also had **two educational leaders** - one from New Zealand and one from Australia - come in May to learn about how Holly Elementary encourages collaboration amongst teachers with a specific goal of using innovative assessment practices.

 - ➔ The school received very positive feedback from both groups.

TEACHER'S REPORT

Ms. Stockill thanked the PAC for funding the Delta Gymnastics Field Trips for the Kindergarten classes. It is a great program for Kindergarten students and is much appreciated.

DPAC REPORT

At the previous meeting (May 13, 2019), there were guest speakers from the **District Indigenous Education Department**: Vice Principal Diane, the Success Coordinator, Nathan Wilson (Cultural Enhancement), and Roberta (Indigenous Sage and Elder-Consultant).

- Their purpose in the district is to counsel, heal, and educate, giving the indigenous people their place and respect.
- The terms aboriginal/indigenous/first peoples are equally respectable.
- Inclusion of indigenous world views and perspectives in the new curriculum: They want to ensure that there is relevant, authentic inclusion of content, culture, language and history.
- In 2016 there was an action group on indigenous learners that focused on giving them belonging, purpose, pride, and independence. They found where there were gaps and where there was equity to increase indigenous graduation rates. They emphasized the difference between equality and equity and how to remove systemic barriers. Equity gives the students what they need to be successful.
- Nathan Wilson spoke on his role going into the schools and educating students through music and stories about the indigenous people. The parents there all acknowledged that their kids knew who he was and remembered what he had told them at those sessions, so he had been impactful.

In the **General Meeting**, Joe talked about the Healthy Schools Committee that is developing a newsletter focusing on teacher mental health (learning will be more optimal with healthy staff). He also talked about plans to help the individual PACs next year with PAC 101 sessions, making sure everyone knows the bylaws/processes etc.

There is a **Parent Education Session** on **May 23rd** at Seaquam at 6:30pm on “Keeping kids safe from gangs”.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Our treasurer E. Ediger presented a **Budget Proposal for 2019/20** (see attachment) that will be voted on during the first PAC General Meeting of the new school year (September 2019).

We are in a good cash position right now (GENERAL: **\$ 43,711**; GAMING: **\$ 11,485**).

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Upcoming fundraisers and events:

- **Freezie Fridays (May 31, June 7, June 21):** Freezies for \$2 at the end of the school day
- **PAC Social (June 12 at 6pm - The Landing Pub):** All volunteers are welcome to join and celebrate another successful year at Holly!
- **Back-to-School BBQ (Sep. 5 from 5:30 to 7:30pm):** The PAC Executive team will organize and run this event with free hot dogs for everyone. Families will be asked to contribute veggies, salads and desserts again.
- **Holly Spirit Wear:** Becky Cox is happy to step up and take on the Spirit Wear next year. Hopefully she’ll have sample Spirit Wear ready to present at the BBQ.

Call for **PAC Executive nominations** for 2019/20:

The following people were nominated and voted in for the following positions:

- *DPAC Rep:* Julia Mellish (unanimous)
- *Treasurer:* Erica Ediger (unanimous)
- *Secretary:* Pamela Hulan (unanimous)
- *Vice-Chair:* Kristy Takeuchi (unanimous)
- *Chair:* Shannon Dattilo (unanimous)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM by Amanda Keulen.