

## **Holly Elementary | PAC General Meeting September 28, 2023**

**Attendees:** Rachel MacInnes (Past-Chair), Rachel Siu (Chair), Julie Herndier (DPAC Rep), Cindy Ghashghaee (Treasurer), Elana Vaupotic (Secretary), Scott Preddy (Principal), Kristin Brind (Teacher rep), and Jennifer Speers, parent at large.

**Regrets: None**

Rachel Siu commences the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Elana Vaupotic does a roll call of all attendees.

Rachel Siu approves the agenda, Julie Herndier, first. Rachel M, seconds - all approve.

Approval of Minutes (May 25, 2023) - Rachel M makes a motion for the Minutes to be approved as published. Rachel S first and Julie seconds. All in favour - unanimous.

**Principal's Report** - presented by Scott Preddy

*A few principal report highlights:*

September has been long and successful month with the Terry Fox run, cross country running and volleyball have both started, spirit wear ordered and talks of grade 7 skiing. Neufeld farms and Freezie Friday both slated for this week.

The first assembly of the year was fun and chaotic, everyone played a game, moved into classes that afternoon and was followed by the back-to-school BBQ that night. Holly is back in full swing.

Early conferences were successfully completed.

The 2023/24 School Calendar is out. You can find it [HERE](#).

**Chairperson's report**

Rachel Siu introduces the meeting with the intention of running the meetings with connected conversations that the goal throughout the evening is to have connected conversations that build bridges and aren't divisive. I want at the end of the evening for everyone to walk out feeling informed, connected, valued and heard.

1) Back to School BBQ was a hit. Lots of families came and brought food to share. Thank you to Mrs. Grounds class for doing the setup, Elana and the BBQ crew and for those that pitched in to clean up at the end.

2) My goal is to communicate to families through the Weekly Buzz. Makes for a longer weekly buzz but then it's less emails to go through for families.

3) Are we helping families in the most effective way in post-pandemic times?

### **Teacher's Report**

No Report Given

### **DPAC report**

DPAC meeting was very interesting, the next meeting is at the District Office, Monday, October 16, 2023.

Julie shared highlights from the DPAC meeting she attended on DATE. The full report can be found here.

Superintendent Doug Sheppard spoke at length regarding district level growth (mostly from grades 5-12). There are a lot of immigrants coming to Canada, but we still have a lot of space in Holly. The Delta School Board is confident that they are rarely broadsided and prepared for what is coming.

2024 are the first graduating class to require an Indigenous course in order to graduate. Looking for feedback from parents.

Perception is that Delta is squeezed and full but they're on point and there is still room for growth.

Online safety, gang safety, lockdowns, and playground safety were all touched upon.

Lakhvir has been working with PACs to ensure that their bi-laws and constitutions are now available.

Funding for literacy meetings? Why do individual schools have to pay for a security guard pay on Halloween night?

Cookies get a tax receipt? Can the school issue a tax receipt if Cookies has paid PAC?

Note to Parents from the Secretary: What is DPAC?

DPACs are the legislated parent voice at the school district level, representing the collective views of school Parents' Advisory Councils (PAC) in a school district.

DPACs advise the board of education on any matter relating to education in their school district. DPACs advocate for parental involvement in the education system and give input into the development of education policy. As an official stakeholder, the DPAC is offered seat(s) on district committees such as policy, finance or budget etc.

You can learn more about what DPAC does [here.](#)]

### **Treasurer Report**

Cindy provided a summary of our financial positions. Full report can be found [here](#). Highlights include:

Spirit wear \$500  
Neufeld \$700, made \$780  
Parking \$1500/year  
Purdy's at Christmas and Easter – Anticipating \$500  
Santa Breakfast \$1000  
Treat day: December and May \$500  
\$3000 on Bingo, concession, silent auction and 50/50  
Landing Pub Night – January 27, 50/50 and meat draw?

Christmas market – \$1000  
Anticipating 13,500  
\$5500 PAC wish list – Gaga Ball pit, new tent, new stove(s), \$1000 for new books  
Families in Need fund – PAC or School  
Hardship money \$500  
Gaming grant applied: \$7000 - \$25/kid per year for fundraiser

Cindy made the motion to approve the yearly budget, first approval by Rachel S. and Julie seconds, motion carried. Budget is approved.

For new business, Jenn Speers asked about Boosters- how many does the school have and are they up to date or expired? Scott was going to look into that. Jenn also asked if it's possible to have the school supplies be paid in one price to the school and the school buys the supplies because it will be cheaper to buy them in bulk. There was some discussion about it being done in other districts. Scott was aware of it in kindergarten classes but not for other grades. It is done in the Richmond and Vancouver school districts. Scott said he would look into it.

A proposal was made to spend \$2000 for sex education with Saleema Noom. The motion was made by Cindy G. First approval, Rachel S. Second approval Julie H. Scott will discuss this with the teachers to see if there is interest. We are looking to have an educator come this school year.

Meeting adjourned. first approval by Rachel S. Rachel M seconds, Elana third.

Beginning cash balance is **\$39,784**

Income (cash in) is **\$22,190.87**

Total Expenses (cash out) - \$12,732.35

Ending Cash balance **\$48,926.28**

Gaming Acct: \$13,121

Income \$7,728.55

Expenses \$9,512.66

Ending cash balance - \$12,628.37

Overall, we have a healthy PAC fund. Rachel MacInnes mentions she has some Spring Fair sponsorship cheques that continue to come in.

2023/24 Budget discussion ensues with dates briefly discussed. Proposed budget for the 2023/24 school year can be found [HERE](#). (It will be voted on at the first PAC meeting in September. See Holly PAC website for date confirmation closer to)

Do we want to add a fourth spot to sell as Silent Auction?

Spring Fundraiser 2024 will be a Bingo Night with a book of tickets 50/50 raffle - 10 tickets of \$10 per tickets, per family with the 50/50 draw taking place on Bingo Night. A booklet per family, not per child.

**Spending Plans** (full list of spending plans can be found in the budget - link provided above):

Field Trips (allocate the grant and PAC top up)

Ticket printing

PE Enhancement - split between General and Gaming - PAC will pay for tennis or Zumba

Gaming account will land around \$5,000 - which is best practice.

Fundraising Plans for 2023/24:

Spirit Wear

Hot Lunch

Neufeld x 2

Bingo 2024 Parking

Purdy's

Pancake Breakfast

Treat Days (post Bingo)

Bingo cards + concession

More parent involvement is encouraged this year to ensure all fundraisers are successful.

Next meeting will be scheduled for October 17, 2023. The date is to be confirmed and published

on the Holly PAC website once the new PAC Executive have had an opportunity to meet with the new principal.

This concludes for the formal minutes.