**Phoenix AGM and PAC Meeting Minutes**

*The Ecole Phoenix Middle School PAC recognizes that we are meeting on the traditional territories of the Laichwiltach, Klahoose, and Homalco First Nations.*

**Date:** October 11, 2023 at 7 PM

**Location:** Phoenix Library Learning Commons

**Chaired by:** Beth Pechter

**Attendance**

Beth Pechter, Myriah Foort, Sophie Lee, Dino and Lisa Pagliardi, Desiree Ross, Sarah Neil, Heather Yago, Jennifer Calestagne, Sarah Derks, Crystal Smith, Sarah Quenneville, Sarah Jordon, Rachel Nelson (Principal) and Alyssa Bollans (VP)

**AGM**

called to order at 7:05pm

**Elections**

Details noted: A requirement of the BC Gaming Grant is that a PAC have an elected Board consisting of at least 3 members who meet a minimum of 4 times per school year, report on how money is spent, Executive must include a Treasurer, President and Secretary.

Every parent is welcome to attend every meeting and each parent has a voting option.

**President**: Beth Pechter, Myriah Foort nominated Beth Pechter, no others interested, Beth Pechter accepted.

**Vice President**: Sarah Quenneville volunteered, no others interested, acclaimed

**Secretary**: Sarah Neil, Myriah Foort nominated Sarah Neil, no others interested, Sarah Neil accepted.

**Treasurer**: by acclimation in June 2023, Myriah Foort

DPAC Representative: Dino Pagliardi and Crystal Smith both expressed interest in the DPAC Rep position. Group felt it was appropriate to have 2 reps to share the load.

AGM adjourned at 7:20pm

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Principal’s Report

Communications- very cognizant that the school is sending emails, however sending as much info as needed. If the number of emails/communications reaches a tipping point please let Rachel know.

Recent success – 644 participated in Truth and Reconciliation Day activities, the school day began with an opening song, students made orange feathers, a beautiful set of wings was installed at the school for students to take pictures, messages were shared with respect to truth and reconciliation, students discussed actionables, the importance of both learning and listening, and how educators can play a role. Students walked to Spirit Square, CARIHI students joined and Timberline students bussed to Phoenix and also joined in. Students from all 3 schools tied orange ribbons on trees downtown.

The annual Terry Fox run had a bit of excitement as a bear decided to visit the school property that day, staff changed route and the run proceeded as scheduled.

Healthy eating and healthy food. Staff are having critical conversation around healthy foods in schools. In effort to support this, fruit platters were provided at end of the Terry Fox run instead of freezies. Will continue to work hard on offering healthy foods at Phoenix. As part of these discussions, hot lunch has not yet started because many of the options previously on offer were not healthy options. The school is looking to expand food options from different places, to provide both different flavours and health options.

Soccer intramurals started today at lunch. Parents need to ensure students are coming to school with water bottles. Can sign up to volunteer and/or to play. Staggered lunches make it easier for everyone to play.

Many clubs are up and running already.

Breakfast and lunch program – ongoing and still lots of need in the school community.

Q: Has Phoenix considered a Salad bar – Tina Gordon with SD72 explored this already, she has explored the experience in Courtenay, Sarah Q is interested in helping out.

Phoenix applied for a grant Vancouver Sun grant for an indigenous Elder in Residence $3500.

Q: what is the standard honorarium? $60, which is a District level decision. Crystal indicated that this is unacceptable and she would like to work with administration to get this increased throughout the district.

President’s Report

The primary focus of Phoenix PAC is to apply for and allocate the BC Gaming Grant funds, as well as to collaborate with and support the school administration as needed. Over the summer the Treasurer did apply for the 2023-24 Gaming Grant and also filed the year end report. Otherwise we are just entering a new school year and I am excited to see so many new faces around the table.

It was also noted that the PAC pages on the school website are out of date. Action: Beth to reach out to Sandrine in the office to request updates.

Treasurer’s Report

See attachment detailing 2022-23 expenditures as well as current bank balances.

2023-24 Gaming Grant has been received~$13,400

Phoenix Track upgrade – as discussed in June there is interest in fundraising for an upgrade to a rubber track at Phoenix that could be used by SD72 as well as the greater community. Myriah approached Rotary, and new head of Ops for SD72, to discuss a collaborative effort.

Indigenous support – in 2022-23 PAC allocated $800 and the school allocated other funds from the indigenous district budget to support indigenous activities at the school.

Review all staff requests for Gaming Grant support and come back to next meeting ready to discuss and allocate funds.

DPAC Report – Zoom/in-person combo.

Old Business – none this time

New Business –

* Canadian Parents for French – CPF is a not-for-profit organization, there is quite a lot of funding available for members of CPF through contests for students, grants, incentives for teachers; for example teachers who are new (within last 3 yr) to the District are eligible although they need to be a member, could mean up to $500 for their classroom. Other initiatives can also be funded as long as there is at least one member at the school (Sophie Lee is a member).
* format and dates of future meetings – in-person, unless we decide otherwise
* Bottle drive sorting – request that the PAC schedule a day with Comox Valley Waste Management bottle sorting. Would need to be open to all school participants, divide earnings based on participation.
* Fostering Indigenous education – what can PAC do to foster indigenous education within the school community and within our own activities? Crystal noted that there is a lot of ignorance around indigenous education and we should all have a responsibility to educate ourselves and find opportunities for learning. It was suggested that we could compile and include some links on PAC portion of the website, continue to build an inventory of resources and increase awareness and learning over the course of the school year. Learning and reflection should be part of the PAC meetings.

Fundraising discussion- what fundraising does PAC do? In recent years very little directed fundraising as we have not had a target project to fundraise for. Happy to have a small fundraising group however to work on fundraising activities and to liaise with PAC. For more discussion at the next meeting.

Next meeting:

* November 1, 2023 in person at the school including copies of all proposals to use gaming grant funds.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm