**Quilchena Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes**

**ZOOM Meeting - Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

In attendance: Ivan (Chair), Jen (Vice-Chair), Susan (Secretary), Lily (Treasurer), Kirsten Wallace (Principal), Alia, Brent, Crystal, Kathryn, Kelly, Lana, Leanna, Pawan, Sonia

1. **Welcome & Introductions**

* Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. **Land Acknowledgement**

# *We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we learn, live and play.*

1. **Adoption of the Minutes/Agenda –** Jen, Lana. Approved.
2. **Old Business**

* hotlunches.net – software developed by a local mom to organize fundraising information - $162.50 + GST (early bird rate) for the year (need to commit by July). $225 for regular rate. Would cost us one food order to cover costs. 2 month trial. Decided to wait till the fall to see if our Hot Lunch program would be running as usual.

1. **Treasurer’s Report** – Lily

See attached report.

1. **New Business**

* Pie Fundraiser – Lana – Mr. Cooper’s pies, based in Richmond. Flyers and email to be sent home. Order online May 7 – 25th. They make pies out of Steveston Seafood House. School gets 25%. $9.95 per pie; feeds 2 people. Pick up at school on May 28th (with option to pick up at Steveston Seafood House).
* Grade 7 Farewell – meeting for parents on May 5th at 7pm to plan. Guidelines: can’t gather. Can have an assembly and other classes can livestream, or can videotape and send out. Parents could make a loot bag for students. Could have a photographer. There are 20 Grade 7s this year.
* Think about Staff Appreciation – ideas: personal homemade cards or notes, provide money for “Cart of Joy” (snacks and treats on a cart for staff to enjoy)

1. **Principal’s Report** – Kirsten Wallace

* 173 students; 150 at school, 22 Transitional learners
* TL extended until June 2021
* Distributed Learning option is a possibility – info to come
* 1 International student arrived – no update on others
* Heather Larson is Trustee assigned to Quilchena
* Ms. Zhang – teaching music in Term 3 K-7 in gym
* Ms. Rodriguez (EA) moved to another school; posting closes Friday
* Health & Safety March 30th update: masks for Gr. 4-7, encouraged for K-3. All of students are doing an amazing job. Daily reminders for everyone.
* K-12 all staff in VCH will be vaccinated – no transmission in SD38.
* ICS – staff learning with Mike Charlton – emergency bin has tables, chairs and many other supplies. Line up at back of school now.
* Spirit Days – every Thursday; Quilchena Spirit Days – every Friday
* Virtual Talent Show will be on May 7th – link to parents
* Sports Day – June 11th – run by Gr. 7s – in cohorts. Bike parade will still happen.
* Music Sharing Zoomly on June 18th
* Recognition Zoomly on June 25th
* Grade 7 Farewell – June 28th – virtual Webinar or Zoom
* Grade 7 Parent meeting May 5th at 7pm on Zoom
* Saleema Noon – April 27 parent night – 19 parents signed up only; we have 127 families
* April 30th session with Saleema Noon for students. “Guy Stuff Feelings” and “Talk Sex Today” are great resources.
* Ultimate Frisbee lessons are in progress; everyone loves it, instructors are great.
* Welcome to Kindergarten – May 19th – 17 Ks – a quick 15 minute session for drive in, pick up materials – 4 kids at a time outside.
* District Strategic Plan – 5 Year Plan available on website
* Thank you to all parents for supporting us. Thank you video will be coming and thank you message going home.
* PAC Tradition of library books to donate:
  + 2020 – Ms. Tung, Ms. Bolton, Ms. Khoo, Ms. Chung
  + 2021 Ms. Simpson
  + 2022 Ms. J (EA), Ms. Tham (noon-hour supervisor).
  + **ACTION**: Susan will connect with Kirsten about purchasing the books.

1. **Committee Reports & Correspondence**

Playground – Brent & Pawan; Legends Haul - $3300 spent on our account. $165 earned for school.

Fundraising – Lana; bottles at Blundell Depot – request for cheque

Food for Kids – Katharina; okay for now

RDPA – Alia & Crystal; AGM is coming up; form needs to be filled in for either Alia or Crystal to vote. Questions regarding masks and hepa filters; letter sent by Superintendent.

1. **Announcements/Reminders**

* PAC Meeting Dates for 2021 at 7:00 pm: AGM on May 19, June 16
* Bookmark our PAC website: <http://quilchena.sd38.bc.ca/parents/parent-advisory-council> to get updates and info. The PAC is also on Facebook! Search for “Quilchena Parent Advisory Council” and “like” our page to get updates on your newsfeed.