



Minutes for February 12, 2020

Attendance: Jacob Buurma, Clare Randall, Juliana Moore, Tuire Tammilehto, Julena Lovegrove, Devon Windsor, Erin Skillen, Shannon Tong, Jasmine Heare, Ryan Russell, Christina Apa, Breena Blazkow, Vanessa Lloyd, Teresa Bubela, Tiffanie Hanoski, Nancy Hodgson, Lois Bender, Leann Trenchard

A pre-meeting discussion of the A/V proposal begins at 6:30 pm. Admin are not present.

- A vote was taken on the proposal (partial funding or decline to fund). The majority voted to decline the request for funding.

Call to Order at 7:16 pm by Jacob; Lois Bender and Leann Trenchard join the group already assembled.

Adoption of meeting agenda by Jacob

Adoption of meeting minutes from previous PAC meeting (January 22, 2020) moved by Jacob and seconded by Vanessa.

Standing Items

Communications

Spirit Wear

- Julena gives an update on the costing for Spirit Wear and showed some updated designs (these were previously seen at the November and January meetings). 'Classic' version and 'sporty' versions were both circulated again to much praise.
- Pricing: Julena discussed her conversation with Rain Coast Print Shop. They carry American Apparel which is preferable to the lower-end options (which are less ethically sourced and fit poorly after washes).
- We can do one colour or two colour, 50 shirts for around \$11 each (lower end) or premium shirts for \$15 each
- Hoodies \$26 each for 50, full zip-up hoodies \$29 each for 50
- For \$199 he can set up a website storefront to order from (no one has to collect money). A la carte orders are possible, or 2 times per year with a specific ordering window.
- Another quote was between \$9-15 each for shirts, but again with lesser quality shirts, and no website option
- Natalca has previously facilitated the sales through Team Sales
- We would potentially sell the higher-end t-shirt for \$20 and the hoodies for \$35 or \$40

Jacob moves that we offer Julena the funds to proceed with the minimum quantities and the website. All are in favour.

ACTION: Julena to proceed with arranging printing of minimum quantities and setup of ordering website.

Financials

- Approximately \$19,000 in general savings, \$8000 in gaming account at the moment.
- Purdys funds have come in for this year and we are waiting for the replacement cheque from last year.
- A reminder that Benjamin Moore discounts and The Village Torquay are both helping the school, so please continue to support these initiatives.
- Jacob conveys to Lois on behalf of the PAC that the group has declined to fund the A/V system proposal.

Reminder to parents and other friends of Torquay:

Village Torquay restaurant: fundraising on behalf of Torquay for months of January, February and March.

Benjamin Moore: 20% discount, mention Torquay to qualify, spread the word to friends, family and contractors.

Note: There is a full list of supporters on the Torquay PAC website.

Events Update

Parent Ed nights: Caren has been working on this on behalf of Torquay, **Shannon Husk (Social Media and how it affects our kids). February 27, 7pm-8:30pm via EventBrite and via the Torquay PAC website.** There will be volunteers needed for setup, 6:30 pm ideally. Teresa and Tuire will help, others are still needed if possible.

Spring Fair

- Teresa reports on behalf of the organizing committee that they have booked the Grill-verado from Jenner Chevrolet for Friday May 22nd (May 29th was not available). There are no conflicts with this date from the school schedule so we will proceed with **Friday May 22nd as the date of the Spring Fair.**
- A reminder that we can promote the Fair to incoming Kindergarten families at the Welcome to K event on May 21.
- Teresa and Juliana did a quick inventory of items in storage from past years and found a number of items including signage and some game pieces that can be re-used. Some items for games will need to be sourced depending on what games are chosen.
- The PAC is hoping that Torquay staff can assist with the BBQ or games; Lois to confirm this.
- Division baskets for raffle: each division will choose a theme and create a basket for the raffle, as in years past. Teresa suggest that we prepare an info sheet with raffle tickets attached that will go out to all students in early April (ideally before Easter). We will ask students to return their raffle tickets after the May long weekend.
- Committee wants to confirm our budget for this year in terms of what was spent in years past (rentals and food/prizes)? Tiffanie reports that \$975 was spent in 2018 for inflatables and the obstacle course—Funtime Inflatables and \$400 was spent on prizes and incidentals.
- More volunteers are needed moving forward, the committee is small at the moment and will need to expand soon.

ACTION: book the inflatables ASAP, Juliana to contact her source first for pricing and if not, Funtime Inflatables.

ACTION: Lois to provide this year's version of the donation request letter on Torquay letterhead for food and propane donations.

ACTION: contact parent sources from 7-11 and Ryan Vending for donations (Slurpies and bags of chips etc)

Vancouver Island Parent conference: the PAC has a ticket available for any parent who wants to attend.

Administration Report

Lois speaks first to the crosswalk situation: the funding for the crosswalk attendants comes from the schools (NOT the district) and is overseen generally by the Saanich Municipal Department of Transportation. Greater Victoria Crosswalk Association then hires the guards and oversees all positions. At Torquay the funds currently come from the school staffing budget. Our school has not been deemed a priority (in terms of traffic) by the District and Crosswalk Association, and as a result our duty supervisors have been covering those positions. One of the key supervisors was no longer able to do this work and it has affected the north crosswalk (all other duty staff are now used at other crossing points). A discussion was had with the school's CUPE staff and they felt that with some additional safety signs, the North crosswalk could be unmanned. Some parents were also consulted and they felt their kids could navigate it on their own. There is now additional feedback to Lois that some parents are in fact concerned about the safety of an unsupervised crosswalk. Lois feels there needs to be a switch in the funding (from the Department of Transport to the school district) and that funding can/should be used for BOTH crosswalks so that the staff funds can be used on duties on the school grounds rather than at the crosswalks. Juliana asks about volunteer parental supervision on school grounds (not crosswalks) before school, and possible supervision of the drop-off zone? Lois agrees that there are many traffic issues with the crosswalks and the drop-off zone in particular. Both parents and children use and appreciate the crosswalks. **Lois feels there is more parental advocacy needed directly to the Saanich Municipal Dept. of Transportation to agitate for more attention to Torquay. There is an email address, engineering@saanich.ca that parents can use, CFS264379 is the Torquay case number with Saanich.** Lois emphasizes that no money has been removed, by the district or by Torquay specifically. This is a situation that is not functional and should change. For the rest of this school year: until the situation is addressed at a higher level, Jacob asks if parent volunteers could do the back of school supervision so that one of the trained duty supervisors could do the crosswalk?

Lois continues: This month at Torquay the focus is on empathy and kindness, and there is a school-wide initiative happening on Pink Shirt day that she invites all parents to attend the assembly. There was a recent musical presentation "Heavy Metal" from the Victoria Symphony; all grade 2 classes are going attend a musical performance (date and details TBA); an Arts Starts 'Invention' presentation is upcoming; the Victoria Opera is coming to perform for the grade 3-4 classes—lots of musical exposure for the kids! There are some basketball games being sponsored both at Torquay and other schools, so lots of upcoming events.

Juliana asks if some of the Fun Day prizes that were found from last year that could potentially be used as Spring Fair prizes this year? No objections to this, parents prefer less plastic “junk” if possible and the committee will take this into account.

Town Hall:

Treat days: there are none scheduled so far this year and Juliana asks why, as the money could be used for classrooms and bus funds? There is a suggestion that we do one for the whole school rather than individual ones. It was mentioned that some parents had expressed fatigue with the treat days and the “sugar overload” and general chaos on those days. Julena suggests using Valentine’s Day as an opportunity to bring the students together and doing something communal? Perhaps for next year?

Meeting adjourned: at 8:14 pm by Jacob