

Nootka PAC Meeting

6:30pm, November 28 2023
Nootka Library

Present: 15 PAC members, plus 3 guests (Jesse Bemister, Nicole Harrison)

1. Welcome & land acknowledgement
 - Called to order at 6:30
2. Update from Admin (Jesse Bemister & Nicole Harrison)
 - Body science:
 - Hybrid of Saleema Noom and Sex Educator Alysha
 - Alysha has been booked for Grade 6-7
 - PAC will book sessions for K-5
 - Looking into parent sessions
 - CSL reports are coming out on Dec 1st. Aiming for “Proficient”.
 - “Positive Behaviour Intervention Strategy”
 - Working on student-generated code of conduct based on the letters in the Nootka motto, “brave”. Kids are working on what the letters stand for and presented at assemblies this week. Every intermediate class presented, either as individuals, in small groups, or as a class.
 - Next steps:
 1. Admin will organize 18 pizza parties for classes of student participants
 2. Staff will discuss suggestions to determine most effective words
 3. Build criteria based around each letter. What do these things look like in different scenarios?
 - Sarah asked if we were interested in a mascot costume, which could be covered by the gaming grant.
3. Soup Tuesdays
 - Launching in January
 - Pay-what-you-can model, either through Muncha Lunch or by cash on the day of. Suggestions range from \$0 to \$6.
 - Current fundraiser model will fund several bowls of soup per week.
 - Soup supplier: Serious Soups. Cost to us is \$2.25/cup.
 - Sarah will be warming soup on site and putting into cups with lids. Soup will be served with buns.
 - Will need a few supplies to get started: stock pots, soup cups with lids. This will be under \$500 and therefore does not need to go to a vote.
 - Will need volunteers.
 - Jesse can provide some support through the Family Affordability Fund.
 - Will revisit mid-January to assess.

4. Call for Chair or Treasurer
 - Mary Anderson has volunteered to be chair and we can acclaim her into this role.
 - Jenn will provide support and remain as Treasurer.

5. Fundraising update
 - Apple fundraiser and Purdy's have raised: \$1903.42
 - Dance raised approximately \$1000 in cash.
 - Future: Tea towel fundraiser? Andrea will organize.

6. Holiday concert
 - Grade 7s are holding a bake sale during the day during the primary concert.
 - Dec. 13th Grade 4/5 fundraiser is typically done directly by Mr. M.

7. SLO
 - PAC has shared that they are not in favour of return of the SLO.
 - Many local schools have Equity subgroups of the PAC. There is one parent (not in attendance) who is interested in creating such a group for Nootka in the spring.
Lord Nelson is penning a letter that we might be able to sign?
ACTION: Those interested in joining an Equity subgroup should email the Nootka PAC at contactnootkapac@gmail.com
 - **There are ongoing concerns with the SLO program.**
 - Jesse noted that the SLO program was reinstated by the newly elected School Board. There was clear opposition to the program when it was removed.
 - SLO only comes on invitation of the Admin. Jesse has never invited an SLO to a school and has no plans to do so except in the case of an emergency. The parent community would be informed if an SLO was invited, and alternative arrangements would be available for students who don't plan to attend.
 - Jesse has spoken to parents and is happy to gather concerns to take up the chain. He also suggests people can contact trustees directly.
 - Jenn asked about how information is shared when school admin changes. Jesse will make sure that the PAC's stance is communicated if/when there are changes.

8. Other
 - Erin suggested holding a simplified spring fair
 - Simple carnival games, silent auction, food and alternative activities.
 - Nootka did a significant carnival a number of years ago to fundraise for the playground.
 - There are some up-front costs, which is a concern.
 - Suggestion for using donated hand-me-downs as prizes.
 - Will require a lot of volunteers. Andrea will talk to Johanna.
 - Would need to start organizing now but haven't looked into budget yet. Could do a lot of DIY.

- First week of June? Fall Fair 2024?
- Erin will start looking into what needs to be done.
- Spring dance?
- Grade 7 leaving ceremony is being organized by a parent committee. In the past this has included a ceremony at the school and a trip to the park.

Meeting ended at 7:28pm