**WEPAC**

**Agenda**

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Location: Via Zoom and Room 102

Date: October 23, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:10pm

Present

Directors: Jessica Hutchinson, Jenny Fischer

Staff: Dani Stone, Chef Ron

Public: Hanne Bruhwiler, Asmara Sosa, Rebecca Magnussen, Emily Sproule, Amorita Adair, Julie Lomeda

Regrets

Directors: Rob Renna, April Nelson

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1. CALL TO ORDER                                                              *motion Jess/Ron second*
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY *by Jess*

*The WEPAC respectfully acknowledges that we all live and learn in the unceded territories of the Tla-o-qui-aht & Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations.  As parents of future generations, we must all strive to provide safe, inclusive spaces and continually seek opportunities to grow and learn together.*

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1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING *motion Jess/Amorita second*
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA                                                    *motion Jess/Jenny second*

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1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
2. Admin Update

Pro -D day this Friday, Mrs Stone turns 40 next Tuesday, 31st school event in the past - sometimes overwhelming for kids, so classes celebrate in their own classroom, Nov 1st PJ day. Whole school events will be craftsmas day, school dance will be after school, so kids that want to do it can come, other kids that find it overwhelming don’t have to. Amorita: what costumes are allowed? Dani: no weapons, no masks, no blood. Good costume for at home, but they can dress up if they want to, please no scary costumes, not helpful as there are lots of 4 year olds in school. School should feel like a safe place.

Sea can: fill the can with food each year, send it home with kids every summer, fill it up again in the fall for major emergencies. The existing sea can is too small, therefore we’ll need a bigger one. Smaller sea can should be moved to the end of the gym filled with chairs etc. for events.

Christmas: Ms Baas focusing on fine arts, more like a gallery walk, see each other's work and sing along, but it won’t be a christmas show like last year. Some changes staff had been looking at, as it was a hard start-up, missing two teachers, so capacity is important.

Remembrance Day assembly will take place. The ballfield: fences won’t be moved, good news. Language team is working with Grade 5, 6, 7. Ms Comtois cross country team meet 6th November, basketball 4|5 sometime in December - newsletters will be sent home. Hoping to do a shopping spree, dates tba, volunteers needed for wrapping. Great turnout for parent-teacher interviews, teachers will reach out to parents who couldn't make it. Last day of school before winter break December 20th - back to school January 6th.

Interviews are ongoing to fill the two teacher positions - potentially great fits for the school. Right now nobody’s applied with an inclusion support teacher, Dani is filling in at the moment and also District employee (District Psychologist)  is supporting right now. School does initial testing (level B), they score kids on ranges and that warns for deeper testing, then school psychologist is testing on a deeper level. Online SLP was hired - Lisa can do Kindergarten screening and online SLP will score it. No IST teacher interviewed so far. We currently don’t have IST qualified teacher, open vacancy, B-list open. District is trying to hire into full-time positions. At this time no one interviewed had no IST qualifications, but people have board experience and might be a very good fit, however, nothing is set in stone yet.

1. Chef Update

Many children have eaten many varieties of food and they enjoyed it. Chef got goosebumps as the kid ate something never eaten before and loved it. Kourtney has worked very hard, a moment of gratitude. Will Chef play on Funday Monday? Can’t commit yet. Ask George the busdriver - professional musician | Steph Slacktide Stringband | Deeds

1. NEW BUSINESS
   1. Gaming Grant Approved for $4,980

approved, thank you to Rob - left it to the last minute, Rob saved the day - goes towards food. Dani will ask Ocean Village for swim lesson usage. Baby bus was took back, too much staff needed, Dani will talk to Tikibus and Raincoast. First thing, do we have a pool, do we have instructors, etc. and then transportation will be looked into.

1. BCCPAC Registered?

Jess emailed BCCPAC to check status. Schools can give out tax receipts for donations, but it has to go through the school board

1. WWEST STEM Curriculum Support Program

STEM - supplied a ton of exercise and fun learning activities - do teachers want to do this? Everybody on board, all classes signed up. Last year was very successful (3 days) this year it would be 2 days ($3k costs) - PAC didn’t pay last year. Motion: $1500 and in kind donation of accommodation - Motion supported. Magician was a big hit last year, will there be a magician again this year? Staff can decide if that fits with class daily routine, as we have to be conscious about keeping routine for kids

1. Become a Host Family for International Students.

Marc Fryer - director of international education - put out a letter, saying they are looking for host families especially in Tofino and Ucluelet. It can really help to have that diversity and multiculturalism - they are trying to bring it to USS. Even at elementary school level can add to the discussion of learning. Becca: it was amazing to have other kids in the classroom - positive for students. School district topics get sent around by email and app.

Hanne: Monthly calendar would be really helpful for all students.

1. Funday Monday spend approval - Westerly ad

Amorita: Westerly add, nice not-for-profit rate. Send poster to Dani. Becca and Kaela will sell tickets at Coop November 8th. Amorita sent a redirect through chamber of commerce, price break for businesses if they buy 6x tickets. Last year 65

1. OTHER BUSINESS
   1. Indigenous Cultural Space

No update, table for now - put on next agenda

1. ADJOURN                                                                                      *motion Dani/Jess second*