**WEPAC**

**Agenda**

Location: Via Zoom and Room 102

Date: Time: 6:00 pm - 7:25 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Present

Directors: Jess Hutchinson, April Nelson, Rob Renna, Jenny Fischer,

Staff: Dani Stone, Chris Michaud, Kaela Tompkinssz, Chef Ron, Kristen Nasbitt

Public: Asmara Sosa, Francis Bruhwiler, Mollie Law, Amorita Adair, Emily Sproule

Regrets

Directors:

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1. CALL TO ORDER                                                              *motion*
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

*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*
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA                                                    *motion*

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1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
2. Chef Update

*Kirsten from SD70 is working with Chef Ron renovating the kitchen and is working with Nourish to bring healthy food to schools. Kristen: introducing herself, complementing WEPAC for our food program, suggested using her as a resource, and she has our back and is always happy to help and support and open for conversation. Chef Ron: feels encouraged to be a chef in school with this positive support, finally hired help in the kitchen, her name is Kate. Friendly with the kids, kids like her. Goal in the future to elevate the food program even higher. Garden program is supporting Chef in the kitchen, bringing food from the School Garden. Chef feels encouraged with Kristen’s support from SD70 to feed as many kids as possible. Potential partnerships will help the food program proceed to expand and share Chef’s magic.*

*Kristen: Changes that happened, program at Wickaninnish will stay the same, contracted Bamfield Community School. Breakfast in Ukee & Port Alberni was handled in house, other community partners. Changes 1. Model in Ucluelet sandwiches from COOP is not sustainable and a burden to both organizations. Port Alberni, lunches provided through the Breakfast Club. Alberni Valley community school closed in June 2024. Fatima from Nourish Lake Cowichan great point of contact partnering SD70 with Nourish - challenges: Ukee program has doubled in one week, Ron is helping out, Kristen will make a trip out Sep 28th and beginning October. Port Alberni, frozen food grab and go. Lots of moving pieces. Envelopes: payment envelopes, Wickaninnish Community School does a great job! In order to move away from the clerical burden, SD70 decided to get rid of the model and SD70 will leave it up to the contractors to collect contributions. Rob: If somebody wants to donate, is there an option to donate money with a tax receipt? Kristen: Yes, donation through the SD70.*

*Kristen: Appliance order, bulk order, to save money, thank you to PAC. SD70 is paying for installation costs, PAC for the dishwasher.*

1. Admin Update

*Thank you for Welcome back BBQ, PAC helped with serving, which was great, teachers could mingle. Construction on either side of the school, waterline in front of school, hopefully going smoothly. Schoolfield will be leveled and upgraded. Staff meetings: smaller field with lots of kids on it, staff appreciate inside and outside shoes, however, if they get older, it shifts, but it really makes a difference and helps. It would be great to integrate this again, to keep mud and dirt outside. Please label your kids’ clothes, especially outwear. If parents would like to donate rain gear, please do!*

*We have gone down a division, staffing shortages. We have grown bigger than past events have been planned for, e.g. Halloween dance, is too overwhelming for kids, too many things happening. SD70 is moving towards what is our academic focus, special development. Being mindful of big school events, Ms Morris moved into grade 7, and the student council is not easily run, as she is full time in grade 7 now. Amorita: rough lists of events? Dani: beginning of conversations of what events will look like and evaluate it, what do we really want to do, and what is just happening because it’s there. What will it look like moving forward into the winter season. Kids working with all different ages and teachers get to know all students. Great Terry Fox run! Promising Practices - highlighting learning opportunities that kids have in the classroom. Sharing once a month a promising practice from a classroom to give a lens into it. Moved staff room upstairs, language and culture room in the middle, strong start moved into the new daycare building. Moving culture room into the middle of the school, is greatly appreciated by staff and kids. Darleen and Mark are cultural teachers, will at times bring Grace George. Parents are welcome to join the assembly this Friday, September 27th at 11am.*

*Staffing short a K1 teacher, Mr P is a great teacher, school board is trying to encourage people to come out to the west coast, but there is a shortage across the province. We don’t have an on-call custodian, secretary, etc. If there are people interested in supporting the school with any kind of serviced please contact Dani Stone! Dani point of contact for parents of K1. Francis: is there housing for teachers? Dani: Yes, there is one that is available.*

*Mr P is secured for this week and maybe next week, but there is a need for a classroom teacher who is taking over the class with all responsibilities. Dani: if somebody applies and gets recruited, things move very quickly, as it is a high priority.*

*Staff is doing their best, if parents have questions, please contact Dani Stone.*

*Inclusion and support teacher is leaving us to become Vice Principal at USS.*

*We are fortunate that we do have counseling and other support teachers. Rob: What is an inclusion support teacher? Dani: Individualized education plan for kids in need, different lens in behavior or academics. Somebody has been interviewed from the community and now hashing out the details with the district about what that might look like.*

*Emergency sea can has been filled. VIHAs will move behind the gym and the smaller one will be closer with e.g. chairs for larger events.*

*Kids are getting into the swing of things quickly this year. IP meetings won’t be moved, worst case scenario IP meetings lead by Dani Stone and Chris Michaud. Mr Grigg has documents set in draft and ready to go.*

*Housefire at Principals Stones house in the summer - advice get a fireproof bag for e-bike battery, as those batteries cause fire.*

1. NEW BUSINESS
   1. Funday Monday

*We don’t have a date confirmed, however, both dates seems fine, but Miles has to confirm with the restaurant, as Hotel Zed wants to keep the restaurant open. Dates proposed: November 18th 2024. Volunteers welcome! Everything ready to go for volunteers. Funday Monday is PACs main fundraiser of the year, including silent and live auction, karaoke, games, etc. We should marketing beyond parents. Amorita will get the letter to Dani to sign, once the dates are confirmed. Volunteer: Amorita leading committee, Emily & Jenny support, Rob helping hand on the day.*

1. Indigenous Cultural Space Initiative - *table*
2. DEPAC - anyone able to rep? - *once a month meetings in Port Alberni - find out if we can attend online, rotating person allowed to join?*
3. Farm to Cafeteria Grants - due Oct 21st *- Jess send it to Dani for Garden Club (2-5k) Amorita will check it out*
4. Grad hat weaving with Elizabeth George *- Jenny proposted grad hat weaving for grade 7 class - Dani will look into it to get it approved - follow up*

1. OTHER BUSINESS

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