

**University Highlands Elementary School**  
**PAC Meeting September 29, 2022 – Minutes**  
**Hybrid in-person/Zoom Meeting: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm**

**Childminding Offered by UHE Students @ the Gym for Parents – Big THANK YOU!**

Attendance & Introduction: Julia, Clea, Kelsey, Grace, Erika, Savanna, Tiana, Kelly, Estelle, Daniel, Collin, Faith, Jennifer, Amy & Danky, Horam, Jen, Emily

Mark Harding– Principal in Attendance.

Land Acknowledgement by Julia on our relationship with nature, and the land we currently occupy, along with pronunciation of names. Thanks Julia!

Approval of Agenda (Moved by Clea, Seconded by Kelsey. Unanimously approved.)

Mark Harding introduced community UHE website, SFU resources for weather/snow days, secondary pick-up authorization, and where to locate minutes from PAC meetings on the school website.

Approval of June 2022 PAC Meeting Minutes (defer and bring approval of June 2022 minutes to the next meeting)

New Business:

Principals Report/Update: What would parents like to see happen this year?

- Julia (Felix) is excited about being on an actual field trip!
- Encouraging building friendships and relationships at school
- New music teacher at UHE and is already teaching Ukulele using mirrors! Background in Dance, Performance & Drama
- Grade 7 Band has started!
- Young People's Concert Program (YPC) Available (every student in grades 4-7 goes to 3 concerts each year). Can be paid for on School Cash – more information coming from the school soon
- Parent Teacher conferences in October Scheduled TBD and will have early dismissal during those dates
- School Growth Plan: Writing Goal & social emotional goal.  
Writing goal to rediscover the joy of writing in the kids – UHE kids love to read as a whole student body. Schoolwide writing level has become a challenge and will be a target of focus moving forward.
- Social Emotional Learning – Students are no longer self regulating like they used to. Pandemic may have made the rules more lenient/soft and so schools are wanting to introduce self regulation a bit more. **Introducing Schoolwide Program – Zones of Regulation** which teaches kids self regulation, so all teachers use the same language.
- Red/Green/Yellow/Blue to move away from good/bad and teaching to express and understand empathy. Allow the kids to express what tools they need to deal with their emotions & state, rather than focusing on good and bad behaviour.

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Budget Review

- Two parents have expressed interest in the Treasurer role. The idea of a co-Treasurer-ship was proposed to them: Someone to be working on cheque writing and someone else on financial reporting. The parents were interested. The PAC exec will vote on filling the Treasurer vacancy and provide an update at the next meeting.
- Gaming Grant Funding for the year has been received
- Invoice to Roots2grow program has been received and is above expectations due to more divisions
- Given that we have more students and divisions than anticipated in June, we will make some minor adjustments to the budget and bring this revised budget to the October meeting. Once this budget is discussed, exec will plan activities in line with the approved budget (for both revenue generation and expenditures) to reduce the amount of voting that has to happen at monthly general meetings of the PAC. Ideally, the focus of these meetings will be on community building and connection between parents.
- Annual Funding usually comes from Fundraising Activities (Popcorn & Bake Sales), Hot Lunch, Gaming Grant & Donations.
- Revised BC Healthy Food Guidelines will potentially provide some challenges to the fundraising policies at school. Specific question raised about whether this will impact the annual pancake breakfast? This is TBD at this time.

Feedback on what people would like to see happen as parents involved in the PAC.

- What is happening locally and community involvement – Movie Night?
- We need to renew our movie license. (this is in the budget) ☺
- Parents having more contact with the school and having parents attend assembly. *This could happen but 400 kids, 50 staff, there is little room for parents to attend. Could be a possibility to have some assemblies that are divided between primary and intermediate, to allow for parents to attend.*
- Would like to do the “class basket” fundraiser again at the holiday concert – each division gets a theme (ex. movie night, game night, chocolate) and families donate something small to the basket. When the baskets are put together, they are lovely! Parents can then “bid” on the baskets for a chance to win. This has been a major fundraiser for the PAC in the past.
- Reading Buddy Programs, Family Read Programs, Multicultural Days & Potluck to introduce food/traditions
- Interest in after school activities – but this is a bigger discussion than we had time for in this meeting

Announcement: October 6<sup>th</sup> – Used Winter Gear and Halloween Costume for Donations & to Sell.

Adjournment (Moved by Clea, Seconded by Collin. Unanimously approved)

#### Noteworthy items

- Roots2Grow fundraiser Live
- Hot lunch Starts October 4<sup>th</sup>
- Welcome back event – thank you to everyone who came out

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