

Sunrise Waldorf Parents' Association

🏠 Location: Hub in Cowichan Station
📅 Date: Wednesday, November 3
🕒 Time: 4-6pm

The Sunrise Waldorf School Parent Association is a community building association that actively supports the work of the Board and Faculty, and contributes to the intellectual, spiritual, physical and social climate of the school community.

Our school stands on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Hul'q'umi'num' peoples of the Quw'utsun (Cowichan) Valley. This traditional territory is shared by the Halalt, Stz'uminus, Hwlitsum, Ts'uubaa-asatx, Lyackson, Penelakut, and Quw'utsun First Nations whose historical relationships to this land continue to this day. We acknowledge with gratitude and respect all the ancestors of this beautiful land where we are fortunate to live and work.

Meeting Minutes

Special activity facilitated by Hans-Peter and Christiane Mothes (20 minutes)

Introductions, Check ins and Welcome

Please share your name and the ages of your child(ren). With the colder weather coming in please share your wishlist of what might be needed to help keep your child warm as the weather changes. Someone in the room might have something to pass onto you.

Call to order 4:50pm

I. Motion to adopt the agenda of November 3, 2021

RMS (Regularly Moved and Seconded) M/S Lucien, Jacqueline Carried

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting (October 13, 2021)

RMS: Andrew, Racheda M/S Carried

III. Reports/ Updates

- a) **Finance** attached`
- b) **Festivals** – Pumpkin Path report - Frank –
Pumpkin path did really well. Good turnout of volunteer activity. Amanda and Alexis- great team.
ACTION - Get a count of children that went through.
\$1,309 dollars raised – about equal to other years
- c) **Faculty Update** (Alexis)
Thank you for Pumpkin path.
Thank you for faculty snack – much appreciated and starting to get organised. A schedule will be distributed shortly.
In our meetings we're focussing on our shared physical space. Shared artistic activities and finding ways to support each other.
Books in faculty room can be donated to parents.
Winter Faire – health and safety proposals can come to Alexis
- d) **Development** – Tea - Angela - sold 50
Book sales – Mindy - 23 of 75 have sold
- e) **SES Board Report** – Diana – BoD – working to update processes.
Acknowledging the ideal and reality gap but working really hard. Feedback from community in appreciated. Looking for feedback systems and recognising that there's frustration and lets embrace that together.
Looking forward to a larger group of board members with fresh energy.
Kendra is nominated, plus some others more recently that are up for nomination at the AGM.
The names and descriptions of nominees for the Board will be released shortly
Logistics of voting will come later.
There will also be opportunities to join board committees and offer feedback.
ACTION: Access to minutes coming soon.
AGM on November 16th 6:30pm on Zoom.

IV. Upcoming AGM – Wednesday, November 17 4-6pm

New Nominations: Stephanie Sayers Chair, Katie Huston VP, Angela Wang, Parent Enrichment, Cara Bjornson Communications, Registrar Andrew Sawyer

Still seeking: Festivals Director, Treasurer

Jacqueline and Sheila will stay on as development.

Please RSVP for AGM with any dietary restrictions on the clipboard being passed around SWPA AGM will also be accessible via Zoom

V. Winter Faire - Proposed date Saturday, December 4 – European Style Outdoor Market

Food – need foodsafe. Leah Burley’s husband Joel is willing to do BBQ as a paid position. Soup would need to be made in a commercial kitchen. BBQ needs 3 weeks for approval for H&S. Commercial kitchen could be rented to prepare cookies for cookie cave – would need to be packed/sealed.

Winter Faire vs Christmas Faire – discussion.

Christmas Faire – attractive because of the festive association. Can still be enjoyed/appreciated by non-Christian people. Tradition is important.

Winter Faire – less religious. Vancouver, Whistler and Squamish all call it Winter Faire Marketing makes a difference. Different components of different festivals can come into it. Good to keep consistency.

Could bring “Christmas” and “Winter” into the different activities

Vote – Majority voted for Winter Faire

Proposed date Saturday December 4th

Look at accessing parent involvement/volunteerism. Not necessarily organised by class. Can go where their interests are. Rework to reduce work for everyone. Outdoors – easier to clean up.

Pre-ticketing for arrival times – ease flow.

Organising team from Pumpkin path will spearhead the organising. Use the signup genius system again.

VI. Decisions (that need motions) – Directed discussion

1st reading: “Be it resolved the SWPA will sponsor the cost of 10 indoor/outdoor basketballs for Sunrise students to use for playing basketball in PE and for afterschool practice to the tune of \$600.

RMS: M/S Lucien, Andrew **Carried**

VII. Other business arising from Minutes

- Gifting one copy of Luschiim’s Plants to each First Nations family in our school community. **Approved**
Let Sheila know via email if there is a First Nations Family in your class.
- PA Seeking monthly PA Childcare Coordinator to communicate with Fenna Lohsen pre meeting each month.

Next PA Meeting is the Annual General Meeting: Wednesday, November 17, 4 – 6pm Hub and Zoom
Please RSVP with dietary restrictions

To wonder at beauty stand guard over truth look up to the noble resolve on the good this leadeth us truly, to purpose in living to right in our doing to peace in our feeling to light in our thinking, and teaches us trust in the workings of god, in all that there is In the widths of the world In the depths of the soul.

(Steiner’s At the ringing of the bells

FINANCE REPORT NOVEMBER 2021
Total PA Funds \$13,224.84 **\$10 445.85 minus Garden Account**

Main Account **\$5,389.53** **Gaming Account \$2,860.18**
Garden Account **\$2,778.99** **Social Initiative Grants \$2,196.14**

From Brian Horwitz
Hi SWPA,

I would like the school community to know that I will donate 10% of my commission, up to \$1,000 to Sunrise Waldorf School Parents Association for any real estate transaction that converts into a closed deal when I’m representing a Waldorf parent either through a sale or purchase of a property.

Sincerely,
Brian Horwitz, Proud Sunrise Waldorf Parent

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From Kendra

1. Candle dipping would be impossible. I have helped run this the last 4 fairs or so - pouring maybe. Will need to be located near a heat source, or have it outside. Safety will need to be accounted for on that front.
2. Wreaths could be done outside (with easier clean up to be honest!)
3. Cookie cave would be tricky, maybe a cookie forest. Get some larger tree limbs with fairy lights and hang cookies from them? Create a short path through a tent (or actual wooded area if the weather isn't wet). Oooh. I like this. I may even organize the design. ;-) So give it to class 1, 4, 6, or 8. Ha!
4. Enchanted garden - similar idea to cookie cave, but instead of a room, a tent. This would transfer well and may actually be easier. Come in the front of the tent, leave at the rear. Would need a tent with sides.
5. We could create a kindy craft/decorate an outdoor tree event. They could take home their creations and/or put one on a tree we have on site. Would require bird/creature friendly items. seed balls on string? I am sure Pinterest has lots of ideas. ;-)
6. We could also see about working in a more diverse array of winter celebratory traditions. hmmm...here is a simple link: <https://www.lifesavvy.com/13991/8-winter-traditions-from-around-the-world/> Maybe theme each tent around a different tradition? Hygge for enchanted garden, Day of the Little Candles around candle pouring, Yalda Night for cookie cave and we could make the cookie in the shapes of suns, Kinder craft tree focus could reflect the importance of the land and the natural elements for our local Indigenous communities. Maybe use some cedar elements or decorate a cedar tree. See <https://blogs.ufv.ca/indigenizingtheacademy/resources/gift-of-cedar/> for a little about the story/reflection I am thinking about. Wreaths work well with the cycle of Solstice and the spiritual realities for many Pagans (and others).
7. Feasting of course! This is VERY important for the community and funds to be frank. So, yes, get on the regulatory items. We could also do a holiday dessert, silent auction or raffle. Have 12 community bakers make something scrumptious all covered and contained and raffle them off. I would definitely make something. Get Rachel Cruse to make one of her infamous pies! :-) I may be able to organize this instead. You would want 12 different items, so a bit of organizing would need to go down. I have a feeling Ryca would run this event the day of on her own (well, with another grade 8 buddy or two).