

# Henry Hudson PAC Meeting Wednesday June 21

*Robert called to order 6:35*

Introductions

Previous Meeting Minutes will be approved in September.

Ian indicated, he needs to leave early and requested a change in the order of the agenda.

## Principal's Report

Thank you to PAC For lunch

## Next Year's Staffing

- Hired three new teachers
- Grade 4/5/6/ FI Renee Wild, she is currently teaching a 4/5/6 split and is happy to do it again. **Only a couple of G 4's** would be in the split and Ian is hoping that things will shift over the summer and that it will **be possible to fit all grade 4's into one class.**
- Evelyn Voorberg, coming to Grade 3 French Immersion.
- Jaeger Hunter returning for grade 3/4 English
- More interviews to come for Grade 1 FI vacancy. 2 candidates have applied, both experienced but from outside this district.
- There is a shortage of FI teachers. Will take an English teacher if no FI teacher available.
- Due to the large number of new teachers, **some things can't be** decided until fall.
- Ms Batco not coming back

Events

- Wolf Pack Dancers – wonderful.
- Choir Performance for parents soon.
- Camp Elphinstone went well, 5 parent volunteers had criminal record checks completed and went along. Program run by YMCA staff
- Volunteer Appreciation Tea will be in Gym at drop off time

- 9:15 Assembly on last day Parents welcome to attend

## New Classrooms

- Construction Plans are well underway.
- Ian is hoping that when he comes back in August it will be done.
- Meeting with HOOSC to decide what needs to be moved where
- Staff room to be converted into a classroom
- Board supplying most of furniture
- HOOSC going to put new furniture in to their space.

Formal thanks proposed by Victoria to Ian for his ease of working with this school year.

## **Robert's Interim PAC Chair Report**

### School Field Update:

- DPAC suggested that we team up with Tennyson and Bayview to get better leverage.
- **Tennyson and Bayview PAC's** have been contacted, sent them a note, do they want to work together in September?
- Rob going to pursue talking to VSB.
- Are there Outside user groups for the field?
- Ask Ian
- Need to find some kind of middle way solution for the field that is more than \$5,000 but less than \$400,000
- Looking for someone who understands Drainage to give advice.
- Call City
- **Cheryl's daughter Natalia was at Bayview Preschool.** Were told no more money
- Contingency Money that we might be able to use for this kind of **"emergency"**

Key Roles in Executive  
Need more PAC volunteers

- Co-Treasurer
- External Relations/DPAC & Etc
- 1 or 2 Secretaries

#### Key Jobs

- Webmaster
- Weekly Reminders
- Minutes and Communications
- Finding someone to run Direct Donation Campaign

### **Treasurer Report**

Rebuilding system/we need a new budget to actual

### **VP Internal Events - Nina**

Summer Fair Report

**Weather looking good...**

We have:

- Bouncy Castles
- Velcro Wall
- Games
- Cakewalk
- Food
- Music in gym

Money:

- Cash or cheques ok on the day
- Still trying to do Munchalunch collections
- complimentary tickets for teachers

Committee confident will go smoothly

- Set up will be all day Friday
- Many people taken the day off work

Specifically we need volunteers for three games and velcro wall

- Volunteers get
- Hour shifts
- Donations for Cakewalk
- Student wants to sell Fidget Spinners at fair. - OK if \$2 from every sale goes to PAC

Budget Review/Creation Process

- Pass the budget in September
- We receive Gaming Grant - \$7700/Apply every year
- **Last Year's Annual Report accepted**
- Raffle Reports In and Done
- iRide:
  - We are moving into the third year of a three year commitment.
  - **iRide said they won't do younger kids**
  - Focus is on racing bikes and not road safety.
  - Agreed to keep final year commitment and then look for another program that fits our needs better and reaches more kids through the school.
- Hot Lunch
  - Food Costs have gone up
  - More pizza less sushi, as sushi is more expensive than Pizza.
  - Confirm that Sysco is providing the best value.
- School trip budgeting:
  - Teachers plan field trips as a group to keep costs down.
- Events budgeting:
  - Pre-sales for Events such as winter Fair & summer Fair to keep the events self sustaining and not part of PAC budget. Events will break even, but agreed to keep the line item as it was.
- Pay it forward Fund - \$3,000
- **GIC's of \$5,000 each**
- VSB Orders computers and has to order in August so that teachers will be getting them in a timely fashion
  - **John moves to approve technology wish list at \$8,147.94**
  - **Nicola seconded**
  - **All in favor**

- **None opposed**

Teacher Wishlist reviewed:

- Kindergarten Field Trip
  - Not across age groups
  - However, it takes all the kids in the grade and that is 60 students
  - big percentage of school and possibly good value
- 3D Printer
  - Being used widely
  - Mr Dom **"testing" in office** the other day
  - Workshops run in fall to train other teachers
  - CAD system being used by 5 graders and then
  - Mini maker fair/non toxic filaments cornstarch in filaments
- Computer speaker system
  - Need to have questions answered
  - Will put list in staff room
- Book Sets
  - Authors? People in mind

### **Teachers Report:**

Ms Tso sees parents here at all times of day. The teachers are very appreciative for all the hard work.

### **VP External Report - Alan**

- BCCPAC Byelection occurring to fill vacant executive positions
- Parent Advocacy Network Letter to Premier - asking for an elected board with the appointed Trustee kept in place until a smooth transition can take place
- DPAC
  - Election tomorrow night **for next year's executive and proposed constitutional and bylaw changes** – these include changing the **role of individual schools' DPAC reps from observers to having**

voting input on DPAC policy decisions, and changing DPAC meeting formats to one meeting per month focused on administrative matters, and one on workshops or presentations of general interest to parents and guardians

- The province has provided a student learning grant to each district of \$50 per student to support the implementation of the new curriculum. Districts are required to report on plans of how this will be spent to their DPACs by the end of the school year. The VSB has made no announcement so far and DPAC has surveyed Vancouver schools for suggestions from parents on priorities for this grant (Alan completed this survey for the Hudson PAC). The general tone of the feedback has been to ask the district to allow individual principals to decide how best to use the funds in their own school communities.

## **Spirit Committee**

- Fidget Spinner prize went well
- Thank Mrs Anderson who came with Michaela

## **Fruit & Veg Program:**

Fruit and Veg program have found someone/will check on who

## **Extra Curricular Activities - Nicola**

- CST is in holding pattern, can't do anything new, not given ok to launch preview of fall programmes.
- CST Might be only available in certain east side schools
- If CST leaves, we will hire the same providers directly, and continue.
- PAC would sponsor choir for sure
- Waiting on Room assignments for all Extra curricular activities for the fall. Will need to wait till September once the new classrooms have been added and new teachers settled.

Jerry proposed that meetings be Electronic Only  
Secretary believes you should always have paper copy available

First week package  
PAC Table

Victoria asked for a Formal Thank you to Robert for stepping in as interim Chair this year.

Dana moved to adjourn  
Nicola seconded 8:23