

Hudson PAC Meeting – May 24, 2017

Hudson Elementary School Library, 6:30 PM

Called to order by Robert 6:35

Approval of minutes from last meeting April 26, 2017

- Marina B. moved to accept
- Lisa seconded
- Approved

PAC Interim Chair report (Robert)

Update on PAC online petition regarding the state of the school field.

- 192 signatures currently.
- Letter to VSB stating that we are looking for work to improve drainage not to fix the whole field.

Presentation: Max Shroff-Chesko, Jayden Affandi (Grade 5 Students)

- Mr. Dominic's grade 5-6 students doing a social action project: request funds for picnic tables
- Goal: Barco products picnic table (\$479), to be placed on grass field in far corner of field, under tree.
- Waiting for VSB approval and installation. Mr Cannon has placed a requisition.
- Grade 5s have done some fundraisers and raised \$50
- Benches are polyethylene, powder coated all weather steel, benches swing out, assembly required!

2017-2018 School Year Planning/Budget

- Treasurers are gathering info for budget planning.
- Robert has asked for wishlist from teachers at staff meeting
- Mr Cannon reported that the speaker system in the gym has broken, and requests for the PAC to purchase an upgraded system. He will take into Long

and McQuade to try to get a temporary fix.

- Speakers need to be in caged mounts
- Connection would be Bluetooth for daily use
- Mrs Dawson could get a quote for new system.

Dogs on Hudson grounds

- School is overwhelmed by dog poop, both on the field and bagged in the garbage cans.
- PAC to spend up to \$300 on signage.
- Parents reminded to call 311 if they see an infraction of rules re dogs on field

Principal's report (Mr. Cannon)

SPC Goals for 2017-18

- Structured Writing
- Social Responsibility around Technology Safety
- Zones of Regulation and whole school

2016-17 School Goals

- Numeracy improved from meeting to exceeding
- Large number of Gr 4 and Gr 7 students took the FSA tests this year.
 - Writing Samples show creative writing better than structured writing, so structured writing will be a goal
 - Teachers will be collecting writing samples each term, consisting of unassisted writing to capture real view of what kids can do on their own without outside input
- We are exceeding our aboriginal education goal, but it will remain as a goal as it is a district mandated goal.

Staffing

- Jobs have been posted.
- There will be extra divisions - 18 total

- Ms Desai Retiring
- Mr Dominic VP of Selkirk next year
- Ms Batco (spelling) FI Temporary, not returning.
- Parvinder is back from surgery

Facilities

- Washrooms have been re-painted
- Signage
- Coming to replace tiles
- Done some more painting in other areas
- Parents involvement is appreciated

Field

- Hudson is 1 of 3 schools with poor drainage on their fields.
- Field was top dressed and seeded last year
- Sports day was postponed because field was still saturated even though there had been no rain previous days
- Ms Baldarelli's class has sometimes water coming in the door

PAC Secretary report (Lisa)

- Bylaws/Constitution Updates in progress.
- PAC Exec and Committee Chair Job Descriptions in progress.

Treasurer's report (Robert)

Hot Lunch

- looks like we will be over target for term 3
- sending out collection letters for \$3,000 in outstanding parent payments

General Finances

- Systems for getting quotes and bills under review.
- Scope expanded/lag time for bills/and dates
- Hannah taking charge of a lot of this work
- Extra money in Grounds Committee

- Overall budget numbers will be fine
- Anyone who wants further detail on budget please e-mail hudsonPAC@gmail.com
- Funds for Gym Teachers to purchase supplies. Lisa will send e-mail Lynn Dawson and Mark Ogilvie telling them that they will get money next year in the same way that each classroom receives money each year.
- Dana looking into costs for purchasing floorball equipment for next year.
- PAC Tech Budget Spent \$1400 dollars for document cameras and extras. Will have \$600 left.
- Departing teachers we have money in gifts \$50/ per teacher.

Teachers' Committee report

- Secretary's Comment: Should have a rep here or come up with system

School Planning Council Report (Victoria)

Tuesday's Meeting

- Chantal suggested hosting a ScreenAgers viewing
- VSB program for Behaviour Modification has been successful using the Zones of Regulation program. The program was brought in to targeted classes and behaviour data showed a dramatic improvement after the specialist had worked with the classes.

DPAC Rep report (Alan)

DPAC are revising their bylaws, changes coming include:

- More consultation and input in policy decisions from parents, including voting rights for DPAC reps from individual schools
- 6-7 positions on 12 member executive opening up
- The DPAC executive election is the day after our last PAC meeting

BCCPAC Update

- BCCPAC AGM was in early May. Resolutions passed included encouraging all school districts to ensure each school has at least one non-gender specific washroom stall and changing room area, and asking the province to

fund defibrillators in schools without taking money from elsewhere in the existing education budget to accomplish this.

French Immersion

- Five schools (Hudson not among them) are losing one FI Kindergarten class next year, reducing intake by about 20% to a program already in high demand; concerned parents are working together to advocate and will make a presentation to the VSB later this month.
- Canadian Parents for French is also lobbying against this reduction pointing out the benefits of maintaining a strong FI program and a loss of federal per-student FI funding to the district if it proceeds.
- FI enrolment issues are a side effect of the legal decision regarding class sizes; if schools without the capacity to add additional classrooms need to make room for children in the regular program the VSB is prepared to make a temporary reduction in choice program enrolment such as FI
- There is a lack of FI teachers in BC. The VSB actively recruits in Quebec and France; one barrier is the high cost of living and challenge in finding affordable housing in Vancouver.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Hot Lunch Program (Marina B)

- Term 1 Menu is ready, PAC Exe to review & Marina to present at final PAC meeting.

Technology Committee

- Sound system is broken, maybe find money here to repair/replace.

Grounds Committee

- If kids are successful in getting the benches, PAC will authorise them to purchase more than 1.

Communications Committee (Nicola)

- New header on website.

- Changed Day of PAC e-mails/Thursday/Friday working well

Speakers Committee (Victoria)

- 9:15 Thursday May 30, Kathy Anderson a former teacher and a student spoke to the school. It was a wonderful talk and the kids were enthralled.

Fruit and Veg

- Adriana was last person in charge/ Now Katherine Gibbons/Teresa Kent
- Program needs an adult/3 hours a month/once or twice a month depending on season.
- Duties involve logging in online and managing that relationship

CST Programs Report (Catherine, Dianne)

- Senior Choir offsite on Monday

Graduation Committee (Chantal)

- Parent helpers required
- Potluck parents bring a dish

Extra Curricular Activities Committee (Nicola)

- New schedule for Fall 2017 coming along nicely.
- Keeping enrollment statistics to track popularity of programmes.

Babysitting roster (Alan)

- Babysitting list revision (in progress). Saturday class took place.

PAC Led Activities/Events (Nina)

- Summer Fair/BBQ Forms went out. The order form is on Website. Presales end Friday
- 60 Kids/\$1000 paid so far. This will cover the bouncy castles
- Sales at the event run by Victoria and Tannis
- Another presale one week prior - June 16
- Next Thursday, June 1 meeting to decide:

- gym layout
- volunteer recruitment
- Separate food revenue from wristbands
- Team has made a distinct deposit sheet for food separate from Hot Lunch/Marina will leave for Rob
- Parents with businesses/encourage to donate to raffle
- Table at sports day to sell tickets in the future

Other business

- Superstar Assembly next week
- Each teacher picks a SuperStar
- Happens every Term

Next meeting June 21, 2017

- Nicola moved to adjourn
- Stella seconded
- Adjourned 8:05