

PAC meeting minutes: November 15, 2017

1. Meeting called to order 6:35pm.
2. Approval of minutes from Oct 18: Jerry/Aisha
3. Activities report (Nicola):
 - a. There is a VSB department called Community schools Team (CST) who run activities in schools and provide some programming here. They used to be the only programs we offered. A few years ago the PAC added more programs and activities. So now there are lots of activities, some run by PAC and some by CST.
 - b. Lots of our programs are 8 weeks long and so some of them are winding down.
 - c. Term 2 programming coming together. Hope to have registration for that open in December.
 - d. Choir activity evening concert "Deck the Holly and the Ivy" is on for Dec 13th. Will need help organizing. Will be pay-what-you-can, with proceeds split between PAC and Vancouver Food Bank. Canadian Club cancelled their event so the senior choir is looking for an event at which to perform.
4. Events report: Stella, Carly, Marina etc. Notice for advance ticket sales for Winter Fair (December 15) are coming home in backpacks this week. Will be same as summer fair. Will also send out call for volunteers. Mr. Cannon would like the Winter Fair group to come meet with him to make sure the logistics are sorted out.
5. PAC Chair report (Robert): Robert has handed off treasurer tasks and website-related tasks to treasurers and secretary, respectively.
6. Principal's report:
 - a. School winter concert will be December 20th.
 - b. New classrooms: Division 5 (Mr Hunter's) is complete. Division 18F (Mme Frieze) is complete except for sink install and projector in the ceiling. Air quality tests in that room were done by two independent groups, and showed no concerns.
 - c. Staff changes. One supervision aide has left and has been posted, currently filled temporarily. Youth and family worker (YFW) position is vacant, now Kristi here in an acting position and hoping to be permanent. New aboriginal enhancement worker Tiare is replacing Nicole. Extra SSW (school support worker) has been obtained. Mr Cannon has had to send a child home for an afternoon because of a shortage of support workers. Now we have 7 school support workers. If a school support worker is absent, sometimes we get a replacement and sometimes we don't; then Mr Cannon re-deploys workers for safety and priority.
 - d. Remembrance Day. Mme Perella's class arranged it and put it on. Largest parent turnout in a number of years.
 - e. Kindergarten enrollment: probably 6-10 more students will want to get in than last year. Will be a waitlist for French, and probably for English but usually all English waitlist students get a spot by September.
 - f. Facility update: ceiling of cloakroom between kindergarten classrooms is being scraped and repainted. For a few days coats and bags will have to be in classroom. Ms. Chang's room had no flooding this morning; looks like some flooding issues were remediated by VSB.
7. Teachers' Committee report: no teachers here this evening.

8. PAC Secretary report (Cheryl):
 - a. Thanks everyone for remembering to send items for weekly newsletter. Please send items for reminders by Wednesday if you want it to go out on Thursday. Send directly to Cheryl. New page for seismic upgrade committee has been created.
 - b. If any images to include that would be nice!
 - c. Also let Cheryl know if you want anything posted on Hudson PAC Facebook page.
 - d. Co-secretary role still vacant.
9. PAC Treasurer (Dana): direct donation as of last Thursday is \$5,042. Want to push as hard as possible for Dance activity has been arranged by gym teacher.
10. SPC Report: SPC first meeting in December.
11. DPAC and Advocacy report (Alan):
 - a. Alan attended Remembrance Day event in Seaforth Park regarding impact of war on non-combatants; first wreath made by students from Mme Perella's class.
 - b. Public consultation process on provincial budget has just released report today. Strong recommendations re funding formula for education, accelerating seismic upgrading, etc. This committee's reports have been ignored by government for several years.
 - c. VSB capital plan has been submitted to province. Hudson #11 for seismic upgrades with planning to get started next year if this plan goes through.
 - d. VSB has a review of French immersion program going on. Not looking at restoring the kindergarten capacity that was reduced last year, but spreading out and making more equitable across city, via readjusting catchments or abandoning catchments for French.
 - e. Seismic committee (Laura): new committee of 5 parents. Hope there is a clear process for the remaining 155 schools in the province that need seismic upgrading or replacing. Trying to push out the petition advocating for seismic upgrading. Inviting our VSB trustee (Judy Zaichkowsky) to advocate with them directly. Also planning to invite VSB disaster planning expert to a meeting. Committee has obtained email contacts for most of the 155 schools on high risk list and have sent out invitations to petition. Have talked to DPAC and putting a note in DPAC newsletter about our new committee and petition. Will run to end of term. Jen Stewart from advocacy group Families Against Cuts to Education put us in contact with other seismic advocacy groups in Richmond and in Tri-Cities.
 - f. Next DPAC meeting is general, November 23rd, on new student assessment system. Moving from grades to more comments. Panel including UBC admissions to discuss.
12. Committee updates
 - a. Hot lunch (Marina B): we will be reminding parents with outstanding amounts. Overall lunch fundraiser is going well, enough volunteers but always reminding people via principal's newsletter the ongoing need for hot lunch volunteers. Two parents donated boxes of apples and French fries.
 - b. Guest speakers (Victoria): we will have some in the spring.
 - c. Diversity by Design (Aisha): new committee whose objective is the socio-emotional wellness of student body and family through intersectionality of environmental architecture and social design. Looking to directly fund educational resources and tools for classrooms that are more inclusive. First model class will be Ms. Kuang's. Idea for funding by making it an activity: suggesting a 4-week workshop series offered to 40

students at a rate of \$100 per student, with 75-100% proceeds going directly to classroom. Workshops design-focused: fashion, photography, design through diversity lens.

- d. Spirit committee (Carly): no report
 - e. Grounds committee: table not yet repaired. Need volunteers for committee. VSB chair has advised our PAC chair that she will get staff to look at our swampy field.
 - f. Safety and Social Responsibility: still picking up dog poop from field. Some parents dropping off kids in bike lane. Can write to police to request enforcement, would like enforcement of 4-way stop at York and Cypress and Maple and York intersection.
 - g. Technology committee (John): no report
13. New Business: none!
14. Next meeting December 6, 2017 (note change in date)
15. Adjourn 8:05pm (Nicola/Aisha)