

HENRY HUDSON PAC MEETING

Date & Time: May 9th, 2011 – meeting started at 6:36 pm

Location: Henry Hudson Library

In attendance: Parents (approximately 20), Principal Mrs. Browning, Teacher Mme. Boyd. A full list of attendees is available from the PAC Chair upon request. For privacy reasons a full list is not posted on the web site.

1. A motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2011 PAC meeting was moved by Gary W. and seconded by Chantal M. Motion passed.

2. PAC Chair Report – Robert
 - a. Traffic Safety Days. Robert reported that on the mornings of May 18 and 19, he has arranged to hold a fun meet-and-greet event in conjunction with Chad (parent police officer) to educate parents who are dropping off their children at school on safe pick-up and drop-off procedures. If all goes well, Robert envisions holding similar events in the future, maybe three times per school year (once in September, once after Christmas, once after March break).

 - b. June 23 Year-End Barbeque. Robert discussed various aspects of this evening that need to be organized.
 - i. Dance. We need to look into who can do dance leading for the students. Mitch volunteered to help set up the sound system in the gym for the dance (if necessary, he can lend the school some equipment for the evening), and also to assist in assembling a playlist (1.5 hours of music is needed). Mme Boyd proposed that the PAC set up a suggestion box at the office so the students can drop off their song requests. Ms. Browning agreed to set up such a box and then have the suggestion box mentioned in the daily announcements.
 - ii. Food. Deborah F. will arrange for the meal that attendees can pre-buy. The price point will be \$5.00, and for that you get a hot dog, hamburger or veggie burger, a drink, and a dessert, plus admission to the dance. This will be a rain or shine event, so the process will be to prebuy tickets with a will-call at the door. Deborah will arrange for the tickets. The Treasurer will handle the funds.
 - iii. Safety. Ms. Browning indicated that the school is encouraging the students to bring their parents to the barbeque as it is a community event. Last year

the school didn't make it a requirement that the older students bring their parents and as a consequence there was a better turn-out among the older students than in previous years. Also, last year, despite this change, there were no incidents of trouble. As this is a PAC-sponsored, outdoor activity, there will be PAC volunteers at the event to watch the students who are not accompanied by their parents.

- c. After School Programs. Since Hudson will be following the West Area 2 Community School protocol with regards to after school programs, if anyone has an idea for an activity that would be good for the students and could be put on at the school, let Robert know and a committee will be set up to look into the suggestion.
- d. District PAC. The PAC Executive met this morning, and approved that Andrea C. be nominated to run for the DPAC Executive.

3. PAC Secretary Report – Chantal

- a. Chantal noted that the Kindergarten orientation for incoming families will be held on May 13. Since Kate G. and Robert will be at this event, Chantal suggested that they mention the need for hot lunch volunteers from this group, especially since Kindergarten will be full-day next year, so all Kindergarten students (i.e. not just the ones attending HOOSC) will be able to participate in this program.

4. Treasurer's Report–Sheila

- a. Spring Planter Fundraiser. Sheila does not have final numbers yet, but it appears that this fundraiser did at least as well as last year's, if not better. If anyone missed out on an opportunity to buy a plant, there are some left over in the office still for sale.
- b. Hot Lunch. Sheila handed out a document outlining what needs to be done in order to sustain this program next year when Deborah and Kevin F. and Wendy M. will no longer be able run the program. We need to have a succession plan in place before the end of the school year so that we can start the program again at the beginning of September. The hot lunch program is the PAC's biggest revenue generator which is loved by the families, and we cannot let it fall apart. Many thanks to Deborah and Kevin F. and Wendy M. for all their hard work and dedication in running this program over the past few years.

5. Principal's Report – Mrs. Browning

- a. Mrs. Browning reported that the April 15 Pro-D day was a very successful day that focused on the school plan for next year. The plan has been drafted and the SPC has it. The school's literacy goal has been maintained, and there may be one more goal to add as well. Ms. Browning will advise the PAC about this potential new goal after speaking with the SPC.
- b. Wednesday, May 11 is also a Pro-D day for the school. At this meeting a vote will be taken about maintaining the current school schedule.
- c. Ms. Jamal is still away, but Mr. Landrith (the EOC for the class) has stepped in for the rest of the year.
- d. The next SPC meeting will take place on Thursday, May 12. The school goals will be discussed at this meeting.

6. Members at Large Report

- a. Earthquake/Disaster Supplies. As discussed at last month's PAC meeting, the school's earthquake shed was found to have been damaged by flooding and many supplies contained there were found to be damaged and/or expired as well. While the leak has now been repaired, we need to upgrade and restock the emergency supplies contained in the shed.

Robert notified the District, but the District told Robert to talk to the School Board. Robert would like to focus on what needs to be done to restock the shed to an appropriate level for our needs. He would like to be given a list of exactly what needs to be stored in the shed in 2011. Robert and Ms. Browning met to discuss this issue, and they are still trying to ascertain how much the PAC will need to pay to get the shed contents up to adequate levels.

The School Board will supply survival gear to get the school population through the 3 days that you are supposed to plan for. Such items would include water, food and tarps (for shelter). Currently, Hudson's shed contains some food stuffs, though most of these are either expired or are nearing their expiration dates, plus a water container which is empty. The Board has said it will fill this water container, but until this occurs, the PAC will buy some large water containers from Costco to put in the shed. Hudson's shed also currently contains toilets a 2-way radio, a hot plate to boil water, and the emergency contact information for the students. Hudson also owns two first aid kits which are currently kept in the gym.

The Board is putting together a list of supplies that each school should have in its emergency shed as a bare minimum. In addition to the bare minimum standard, there are other items which we would like to have.

The PAC is exploring an opportunity for Hudson to partner with the Vancouver emergency preparedness store, Krasicki & Ward, to enable Hudson families to purchase emergency supplies for their homes at discounted rates, and at the same time earn money for the school to purchase and replenish earthquake supplies for the shed.

Although the Board is apparently responsible for supplying survival gear to the school, the group expressed agreement with Robert's suggestion that the school take steps to stock the emergency shed without delay.

Based on information she has obtained from various sources, Andrea C. is preparing an earthquake preparedness list for the school.

Discussion ensued in the group about the state of emergency preparedness in the school and knowledge was shared about various issues that could arise were a major earthquake to strike the Lower Mainland.

- b. Centennial Committee. Alan reported that the next meeting will be held on May 30 at 3:15 in Mme Boyd's classroom. At that meeting the group will discuss what work needs to be done over the summer in order to be able to gear up immediately in September to arrange the festivities scheduled for June 21, 2012. Alan reported that lots of research has been conducted lately (the group has uncovered several interesting facts about the school and its history), that the Facebook page is up and running, and that the committee will be using the display case in the front hall for all of next school year to post centennial-related info and displays. The committee will be asking the Kitsilano Secondary School band if they would come down to the event and play music for the guests.

Robert would like a big centennial sign put up on the school at the NE corner near the peak of the roof. We need to advertise the event to the community.

Ms. Browning mentioned that she managed to obtain from Lord Nelson, who recently celebrated their centennial, a to-do list that they used when putting on their events.

- c. Wooden Playground Equipment Update. Gary and Rob will be applying for help from Rotary and will also be approaching Lululemon (who just purchased the building at Cornwall and Burrard) to donate some funds to build a new playground. We could also approach other corporate sponsors to ask for community support. The sponsor would receive a tax receipt for such a charitable donation. As an aside, Robert mentioned that lottery grants are ineligible to be used to purchase playground structures.

1. New Business

- a. Nothing to report or discuss.

2. Next Meeting

- d. Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday, June 8th at 6:30 in the library. (Later moved to June 9 to avoid conflicts.)

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm. (Sheila C./Mitch)