

HENRY HUDSON PAC MEETING

Date & Time: November 4th, 2011 Meeting started at 6:45 pm.

Location: Henry Hudson Library.

In attendance: Parents (approximately 19), Principal Mrs Browning, teacher Mme Boyd and HOOSC's Pat M. 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 minutes from October 2011 Pac meeting by Alan P. was seconded by Monica M. Due to a technical issue, the minutes for September's PAC meeting had not yet been approved. A motion to approve September PAC meeting minutes by Mitch L. was seconded by Jerry. Both motions passed.
2. The PAC secretaries suggested that the meeting get started as the PAC chair had been held up. The meeting began with the Centennial Committee's update.

3. Centennial Committee Update – Alan

- a. Alan reported that the Centennial website had been set up thanks to Tom O. and was linked to the Henry Hudson website. The web address is: www.hudsoncentennial.com. More photos will be scanned and downloaded. Registration to the Centennial's raffle will be linked to the site as well. Any other ideas to add to the site are welcome.
- b. Alan mentioned that an idea had come up to seek parent volunteers to put together decade presentations for the glass case in the Hudson foyer. The idea is to get the community (especially students) excited and educate the students. The librarian, Ms Nikon, said she would make a point of introducing each class to the display when they were at the library for their weekly visits. She mentioned she would try to find books linked to the decade to further student interest. Any member of the Hudson community who is interested in working on a display should come forward to any member of the PAC or Alan.
- c. A big next step to centennial planning is going to be doing the budget. Alan mentioned that he and Rob had met and discussed this and that a proposed budget would be presented at a future PAC meeting.
- d. Alan reported that more historical research needed to be done in the coming months.
- e. Ms Browning and Mme Boyd are expected to report on a meeting of schools who have had Centennial celebrations and find out the pitfalls and pointers from their experiences.

f. Parents asked Alan some questions:

Q: How can alumni be contacted for the event?

A: Alan responded that media - Georgia Strait, The Province and local news stations - run community events columns and will be solicited to help advertise and contact people. He also referred to a big sign that is posted on Hudson's fence (that is being moved to the eaves) to draw attention to the event.

Q: Is there no charge for the event?

A: There is no charge as this is also the end of the year event for the school. We would like to encourage all members of the Hudson community to attend.

Q: What was the turnout like at other Centennial Celebrations?

A: The other schools had pretty good turnouts. It depended, of course, on what type of celebration/activity and what time of year it was happening.

g. Alan mentioned that there had been some idea that Nat Bailey was an alumni of Henry Hudson and now there is concrete proof: Nat Bailey is pictured in a 1912 photo of Hudson's rifle team. Rob has been getting connected with Nat Bailey stadium and the Vancouver Canadian's baseball team manager to see if we can get sponsorship and further any links to community businesses.

4. BC Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional Program - Theresa K.

- a. Theresa K. came to tell the PAC meeting that she had applied for Henry Hudson to receive fresh and mostly local fruit and vegetables from the BC Ministry of Health and Agriculture as an initiative to promote kids to eat more fruit and vegetables as part of their diet. The fruit and vegetables are free and delivered every once per week to every two weeks. The prepared produce is delivered to each classroom and becomes part of class time to promote eating healthy foods with peers.
- b. Ms Browning has been at a school before with this program and shared her views. She said there were no downsides that she had experienced. She mentioned that a permission form would be sent home allowing families to opt out and state any allergies.
- c. The application will be accepted or denied Dec.1st, 2011 and the program would begin right away in January 2012. To find out more about the program, go to: www.sfvnp.ca.

5. School Planning Committee

- a. A note was made that School Planning Committee elections were coming up in January 2012. The elections will be made at the PAC meeting in January.

6. Halloween Haunted House Update - Robert (on behalf of Susan S.)

- a. Robert reported that the pumpkin carving and haunted house were a success. The fog machines were a big hit and the haunting in the house was not too scary for the little ones. A suggestion to hold the pumpkin carving earlier next year was made as this year it was a full week before Halloween, which was so early pumpkins begin to rot. Robert also suggested that we get some intermediate students to make posters and decorations to get the kids excited about the event and to decorate the gym.

7. Choir Update - Catherine

- a. Catherine reported that the choir has 39 students this term.
- b. Catherine thanked Hudson community for the opportunity to teach here as it has helped lead her to 2 new school choir jobs and a job with the Bach Children's Choir. Those offers came about by people in the community hearing the Hudson Choir perform. Thank you to the choir, too!
- c. There are about 20 pieces that Catherine would like to record to sell at the Centennial Celebration, however there need to be more boys and older (male, if possible) students involved in choir in order to pull this off. Catherine asked members at large whether they had any ideas to try to encourage the older students and boys at the school to join the choir. Here were some brainstorming ideas:
 - Have mentor kids from high school/recent Hudson graduates to come and perform for students to encourage more participation.
 - Encourage choir membership as an aid in a student's grade 7 articulation.
 - Perform more recent "hip" pieces.
 - Inspire the older students with "Glee" - and show how singing and acting go hand-in-hand.

If there are any other ideas, please contact Catherine and/or Robert.

8. Treasurer's Report – Robert (on behalf of Andrea & Sheila)

- a. Robert reported that the money allocated in the budget for kindie mats would be diverted for this year to the contingency fund, hopefully to be used for a smart board. It turns out that the kindergarten teachers can make do with what they presently have from parents for this year.
- b. The Winter Fair will be happening this year again, under Sheila and Andrea's organisation. It will be December 2nd from 3-7pm. The Fair will require about 30 volunteers doing 2 hour shifts. Andrea M. will be organizing volunteers. This year, the games section will have adults supervising and handling the tickets to ensure and accurate gain or loss. All members-at-

large were asked to do what they can to find one volunteer on the playground to help out.

9. Hot Lunch Update – Wendy M.

- a. Wendy wanted to formally thank Market Meats on West 4th for their beef donation for the hot lunch's chili lunch. An announcement was sent out to parents, encouraging support for this community donor.
- b. Wendy mentioned that the hot lunch program would be evaluated and presented to the PAC meeting in December. She could report that, in general, families had opted to choose hot lunch/pizza two times per week in the last term. There was also a 30% increase in uptake since last year. This is probably due to the increase in population at Hudson.

10. Principal's Report – Mrs Browning

- a. Mrs Browning reported that a new teacher has been hired to replace the TOC Mr O'Neil for the grade 2/3 class. His name is Mr Jeff Lynch. We will also be replacing Mr Fonseca (the long-time TOC) with Ms Stella Lee for the 4/5 class in the New Year.

11. Earthquake Preparedness/Supplies Update – Andrea C.

- a. Andrea gave a quick overview of the VSB's report on schools regarding their Seismic Upgrades & Heritage Value. Here is what she reported:

Hudson was given a fairly low heritage value (6/10), even though Heritage Vancouver has Hudson listed as one of its key heritage schools. We scored just slightly better than Gordon on the overall scale (15/25, compared to their 13). It sounds like our building is considered to be in very rough shape (.18, compared to around .33 for many, though that's better than Maple Grove, which got a 0.07!). We got an 82% on the educational adequacy of the facilities, which was pretty good. Still, we have an H1 for risk to the structure, which means they think the risk is catastrophic, basically. And the report found that a full seismic upgrade would be \$15M, a meet-the-requirements upgrade would be \$12M and that they could just build us a brand-new school (with likely lower maintenance costs?) for \$10M. In replacing schools, they listed many reasons we would be better off. From a safety requirement, completely replacing the schools would provide shelter after a quake, as the upgraded schools are not expected to be usable after a quake. (This then makes one wonder just how well they mitigate casualties.) Looking at the results, Andrea thinks the VSB will be hard pressed to make a decision to do anything but replace most of the schools on the list. Hudson included. Normally, students are moved into portables during the rebuilding process, instead of sending them to other, neighbouring schools. The full report can be found at:

http://www.vsb.bc.ca/sites/default/files/11Oct04_op_comml_item15.pdf

- b. Andrea mentioned that from her impression, Patti Bacchus wants to hammer out a schedule for seismic upgrading of schools and have this done by 2020. Hudson would be in the top 26 schools to be completed. Patti Bacchus would like to do upgrading before supplying earthquake supplies.
- c. Robert noted that he would send out Andrea's overview to the extended PAC list by email for their information.

12. Wealthy School Revolution Update - Monica M.

- a. Monica gave an update on how the WSR fundraiser was catching on at Hudson. She reported that 28 people were registered and 8 people had purchased goods, amounting to 15 orders totalling \$509. Hudson has made about \$90 so far from these purchases.
- b. Monica would like to put out a challenge to parents to register and order their food from WSR. As a promotion, Monica and her mother will offer their 10% off of a food order. Just email Monica at mmsmurray@gmail.com to get it. If 19 or 20 people could make purchases, the school could win pasta or juice for the hot lunch program.
- c. Monica will be at the Winter Fair to promote WSR and help families sign up. She intends to have product on the table and perhaps a laptop (with wireless connection).
- d. Pat M. from HOOSC said they will be doing a cost comparison to see if they can also support WSR for Henry Hudson. HOOSC would love to purchase their day care snacks from WSR if budget allows.
- e. Monica suggested that families teach their children to shop with WSR as another component of this fundraiser. She would also like to see Hudson community members who do the shopping for businesses (ie. staff rooms) to shop from WSR, allowing Hudson to gain.

13. Mabel's Labels Fundraiser Update - Andrea C.

- a. Andrea reported that the Mabel's Labels fundraiser had generated \$98 so far for Hudson.

14. Next Meeting

- a. Next PAC Meeting to be Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 pm in the library.

15. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jerry was seconded by Mitch M. at 7:45. Motion passed.