

## **HENRY HUDSON PAC MEETING**

**Date & Time:** June 4th, 2012 Meeting started at 6:41 pm.

**Location:** Henry Hudson School Library.

**In attendance:** Parents (approximately 18) and principal Mrs Browning. 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 May 2012 PAC meeting by Gary W. was seconded by Donalyn. Motion passed.

### **2. PAC Chair Report - Robert**

- a. Robert gave an update on the Hudson Choir, on behalf of Catherine, who finished their Centennial CD recording of 20 songs with 30 kids. The choir students worked really hard, were able to settle and successfully record their voices along with drums, tambourine and shakers. He explained that the CD's should be completed on June 18th, just in time for the centennial. Robert said the huge number of parents who came to support the choir and demonstrate that this was a unique and serious endeavour was greatly appreciated. He also wanted to let everyone know that Ella was the winner of the coin set incentive.

### **3. Principal's & Teacher's Report - Mrs Browning**

- a. Mrs Browning confirmed that our school secretary, Andrea Batstone had indeed broken her foot. She mentioned that after surgery, Andrea was feeling well but Mrs Browning was unsure if Andrea would be returning to school before the end of the year and would therefore be replaced by a substitute secretary to help shut down Hudson for the end of the school year.
- b. Mrs. Browning said the calendar for next year would be published in this publication of the Hailer. She mentioned that one date had changed since the preliminary calendar: Family Day was added in February. She said the programs for the Professional Development Days were yet to be determined but Premier Clark's initiative on anti-bullying would be part of the Pro-D Days next year.
- c. Mrs Browning mentioned that the bell schedule would be different by 3 minutes, with dismissal at 3pm sharp, not 3:01pm. More time would also be added back into lunch and recess breaks.
- d. She announced that, although class numbers were still being determined, so far 2 French teaching positions would be replaced by new teachers in the fall and two teachers would remain as is in the French Immersion Department. The English teachers and classes at Hudson were still being determined.

- e. Mrs Browning spoke of Jessie Miller who gives talks about Facebook safety for kids in grade 4-7. Speaking with Mr Miller opened her eyes to the reality of what students post and face on Facebook. Mr Miller has worked with police and he surprised Mrs Browning with how students were crossing boundaries on Facebook that were well beyond their maturity levels, and at late hours of the night, when most kids need to be sleeping. She felt parents would benefit from the knowledge that Mr Miller has accumulated and may become more aware of the pressures that our kids will be facing on Facebook and the internet.

#### **4. Playground Donations and Replacement - Robert & Mrs Browning**

- a. Robert mentioned to Mrs Browning that playground donations were coming into the centennial committee. He asked Mrs Browning to determine how these donors would receive receipts and where the money should be entrusted until purchasing a new playground. Mrs Browning said she would ask Kim at the VSB about how to proceed.
- b. Svetlana and Gary are planning to present our needs to businesses in October to try to gather donations for our playground replacement. Gary also mentioned that Hudson will find out if they will be granted money from Rotary to help with the playground cost from a community grant application that was submitted earlier in the year.
- c. Chantal wanted to make a note to ensure Gary and Svetlana receive resources required to help them out in the fall in their endeavours. Robert made a note to bring this up at the September PAC meeting.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report - Sheila**

- a. Sheila began her report with a move to renew Wendy's hot lunch contract for next year, starting in September. The current contract is until the end of the school year in June. Wendy said that the hot lunch program up until the end of May had expenditures of \$33,100 and revenues of \$50, 708 so had currently raised \$17,608. Another \$1800 was expected as income for June. Typically the hot lunch program makes about \$10,000 per year so this is better than expected.

#### **6. Hot Lunch Report - Wendy M.**

- a. Robert asked Wendy to talk about how many kids participated and how the program was looking for the 2012/2013 school year. Wendy said that approximately 185 kids participate twice a week and, on the pizza days, there are more than 200 kids who participate. She hopes to start a pilot program in the fall, offering lunch 3 times per week. There will be pizza one day per week and two cooked lunches per week. The cooked options will be 9 rotating options that were inspired by some ideas from the daycare, still using the limited equipment in our kitchens. Wendy hopes mainly to be offering this expansion as a service to families but expects this third day will also produce

- income for the program. She says that there will be 4-5 more volunteers needed per week. Her pitch is to ask that volunteers give one day per month.
- b. A motion to continue with Wendy's Hot Lunch Program contract was moved by Chantal and seconded by Jerry.
  - c. A parent asked Wendy if prices were to be the same as this year in the fall and Wendy replied "yes" with hopes that families will pick up the third day. She also mentioned that there would be 59 new kindergarten students next year so there would be some figuring out about space where all the students' lunches will occur.

#### **7. Treasurer's Report - Sheila (cont'd)**

- a. Sheila continued with her report to say the Volunteer Tea was being organized by the teachers and would occur Wednesday, June 13th from 1:30-3pm. She suggested that if you have not received an invitation yet, to contact the office.
- b. Sheila completed reporting for the Spring Planter Fundraiser, saying that \$331 were raised, not quite meeting the target goal of \$400. She suggested that this fundraiser be earmarked for revision next year as it may not be worth the effort for the money.
- c. Finally, Sheila asked for approval to amend the PAC budget so that the centennial committee might cover costs of the event before money from the event is collected. As many of the costs of the event are required before the evening and much of the money collected will not happen until June 21st, \$3500 additional is necessary to add to the expenditures for centennial. This will make total expenditures \$4500 from PAC funds for centennial. Since Hot Lunch currently exceeds their projected income by \$7000 at this point of the year, it can be assumed that the budget will not be left in a deficit. Attendees unanimously agreed to this amendment.
- d. Robert reiterated that selling raffle tickets at the centennial would be an easy way to help pay for all of centennial costs. There was some discussion about setting up kids throw games on centennial to make some more money too. Unfortunately, with limited volunteer availability and so many volunteers necessary for other activities at the centennial, resources would not allow for this undertaking at such a late date.

#### **8. Grade 7 Fundraising Report - Cathy M.**

- a. Cathy reported that the grade 7's last bake sale raised \$322, completing their fundraising goal to pay for the graduation cruise and annual memory books for each student leaving Hudson. She said that all the bake sales between January and May enabled the grad class to raise \$2150. Together with \$400 from sales at the Winter Fair and \$500 from PAC money, the grad class would cover their expenses of approximately \$2650. Cathy also mentioned

the grad class may have a couple hundred dollars to donate to a school less fortunate.

#### **9. ChildRun - Theresa K.**

- a. Theresa reported that this year's ChildRun was well-attended by 65-70 students and family members. Members of Team Hudson were able to raise close to \$4000 for the BC Children's Hospital Foundation for Sick Kids. There were two members raising over \$1000 each so they both received matches of \$1000, bringing the total of what Hudson fundraised to \$6000.

#### **10. Centennial Committee Update – Alan P.**

- a. Centennial celebrations will be Thursday, June 21st at 3:30-8pm, with the school building open from 3:30-6pm. There will be four classrooms with aboriginal and decade displays from 1912-1990, including class photos of alumni. Current students will be displaying artwork in the gym, library and throughout the halls. The choir will be performing from 3:30-4:30 outside the art room. There will be vintage cars on the field and 2 bands will be performing from 4-8pm outside the gymnasium.
- b. The centennial committee is still looking for volunteers to help watch decade rooms and sell raffle tickets on the afternoon and evening of the event. It is still uncertain as to how many will attend the event as it is open to the public and alumni and neighbours can show up on the day of the centennial.
- c. The centennial memory book is being put together by the Vancouver School Board publishing department. It is a unique and impressionistic booklet that will be for sale, including journal entries and letters by current Hudson grade 7 students imagining themselves as students from a different decade.

#### **11. Next Meeting**

- a. Next PAC Meeting to be determined in September.

12. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jerry H. was seconded by Pascal F. at 7:48pm. Motion passed.