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- ix. On-street parking will be removed on both sides of Cypress St between Cornwall and York. There will be one way bike routes on each side of the street with two way vehicle traffic in the middle.
- x. Intersection of York and Chestnut St. is currently uncontrolled. (no stop signs, etc.)
  1. Stop signs will go on north and south approach. Bikes crossing from cycle path through Seaforth Park onto York will have right of way.
  2. Chestnut St. is technically two way (so traffic can access 1st Ave without going past the school) but is mostly one way use. (northbound)
  3. Metered parking on Chestnut will move to the other side (east side) of the street.

- xi. Suggested driving approach to the school off of Burrard St. would be from 1st Ave, right on Chestnut, left on York. Chestnut would be preferred over Cypress St to avoid congestion at the intersection of Cypress and 1st.
- xii. Recommended cycling approach east of Burrard St. would be either the bike path through Seaforth Park or 1st Ave, right on Chestnut, and left on York onto bike path.
- xiii. Q: Parent concern regarding backups at the intersection of York and Cypress for drop offs. As a French immersion school the catchment for Henry Hudson is large and there is more traffic and car travel for drop offs.  
A: There are fewer right turns from Cypress onto York and less southbound traffic on Cypress now that left turns are no longer allowed from Cornwall. There will also be no traffic exiting York east bound anymore. A 4 way stop should improve safety and ease flow.
- xiv. Q: Parent request for a clear stop sign at the 4 way intersection of Cypress and York for cyclists so it is very clear to them that they must stop.  
A: Cyclists are supposed to follow the rules of the road and obey traffic laws. Recognition that there are problems with follow through on that. The stop sign on that corner will actually be closer to the cyclists than the cars and a stop line will be painted on the ground.
- xv. Q: On some separated bike lanes pedestrians are wandering onto the bike path because there are no cars. Concern about the children doing so as well on Cypress bike lane.  
A: There will be no change in the curb on Cypress. The cycle lane will be on road level not sidewalk level.
- xvi. Q: There are often large delivery trucks from Lululemon southbound on Chestnut to 1st. There is very little room for passing.  
A: There will be not be a change in width on Chestnut but there is very little southbound traffic.
- xvii. Q: Regarding the after 5pm permit parking for residents on York. Can the hours be negotiable? The daycare is open at 7:30am until 6pm. Parents have to go in to sign kids in and out. Need drop off parking. 7:30am to 6pm would be better.  
A: They will look at changing the hours for drop off and pick up times.
- xviii. Q: Can up to the driveway be made a loading zone for drop off instead of a no stopping zone?  
A: Parking bylaws state that in No Parking areas you are allowed to leave your car for up to 5 minutes.
- xix. Q: Regarding parking during the summer. Regulations will be in place during school days/hours but the day care is open year round and parking is difficult in the summer. Is it possible to keep one section regulated for drop off year round?  
A: Will look at the options for that.
- xx. Q: Is there any possibility to change the parking regulations on Maple to become permit parking for residents due to the 30+ residential spaces being lost on York? Discussion regarding the hours of Henry Hudson preschool/ Kindercare and the need for drop off parking during operational hours. (9am - 5:30pm)  
A: Possible. Will look at regulations and hours for permit parking on East side of Maple.
- xxi. Q: Can there be parking added on Chestnut? (Lululemon laneway is actually a street.) Or is it possible to create drop off parking on York between Chestnut and Cypress?  
A: Currently it is 1 hour parking with no meters. It will become metered on the north side, and parking on the south side will be eliminated due to the bike lanes. Can look at how that parking could serve the school during morning hours. Afternoons would be a problem for local business parking.

xxii. Q: When does the construction start around the school?

A: Preliminary work will start in early March with a large portion of the work and significant closures aimed to be done during the two weeks over spring break. The goal is to be done all of it by the end of May.

Q: The daycare is still open during spring break. We will need to keep some access to the school while parts of the work are completed.

A: If York is closed, can maybe keep Cypress and Maple open for drop off during that time.

xxiii. The project team will try to give a couple of weeks notice before starting the sections surrounding the school. They will also send out a map ahead to Principal Adams and Robert with a schedule of closures and work being done.

xxiv. Any further questions for the team can be sent to Robert to forward on.

xxv. Thank you very much to Robert for organizing this opportunity to meet with the Pt. Grey Cornwall project team and ask questions.

### 3. SPC Elections

a. Principal Adams gave a short background on SPC (School Planning Committee)

i. It is an overseeing body that sets goals for school to support learning and achievement. (ie. numeracy and social responsibility).

ii. 3 parents and the principal form council. The 3 parents consist of one from the PAC exec and two who are not in the exec.

b. Mitch is stepping down as a parent not on the exec. Thank you Mitch for being such a proactive member of the SPC.

c. Victoria is standing for the committee.

d. Chantal would like to stand as a parent not on the exec as she is no longer on the PAC exec.

e. No other interested parties standing for a position.

f. Victoria and Chantal elected by acclamation. Wendy motioned, Dana seconded, all in favour. Motion passed.

### 4. Principal's Report

a. Guest speaker Professor Malena Alvarez will join teachers on the Jan. 31st Pro D day discussing her studies in math to support numeracy goals.

b. Feb 6th there will be a performance called Emily Carr - Small Wonders by the Canadiana Musical Theatre Company. It is a musical look at Emily Carr, her life and her art.

c. The gymnastics program is going well, the group is doing a fantastic job and changing things up every week. The kids love it.

Thanks to the PAC for funding this program.

d. There is a very healthy Kindergarten registration for this coming year. There is a new online registration system for French immersion which makes it hard to know for sure how many english K. students there will be for next year due to the English catchment enrollment requirement. Will have to wait and see what impact that will have on the rest of the school.

### 5. Teachers' Report

N/A

### 6. PAC Secretary Report

a. No new updates.

b. Reminder that the PAC meeting dates have been scheduled to the end of the year. Dates are noted below. Please also check out the website:

[http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/HUDSON/Parents/PAC/Pages/PAC\\_Meeting.aspx](http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/HUDSON/Parents/PAC/Pages/PAC_Meeting.aspx)

### 7. PAC Treasurer Report

a. The Hip Hop program was over budget. (given explanation: there were more classes involved this year) Budget was for \$2000, actual cost was \$2700.

b. We don't know the bill for gymnastics yet either.

- c. We need to do a better job of figuring out costs ahead to keep an accurate budget, and need info from staff earlier when doing budget planning.
  - d. Q: Does the PAC choose the activities or the teachers? Is there a chance for parents to have some input and give ideas?
    - A: Teachers take a vote on activities then ask the PAC for funding. Need to decide what we would like to do next year by the spring. Booking happens in the spring/summer for the following year.
  - e. Q: What happens when things are over budget costs?
    - A: PAC plans the budget, the school procures and signs the contract after.
  - f. Principal Adams: Programs typically repeat and just carry forward year after year. This is probably a good time to review for next years programs.
  - g. Mme Cathy will also bring it up at the staff meeting next Wednesday for teachers to discuss.
  - h. Dana will speak to Principal Adams and also plan a meeting in the spring to discuss budget.
8. Members at Large Reports
- a. Hot Lunch program
    - Hot lunch is going well.
  - b. Bylaws Committee Report
    - Committee is working on it again after a busy holiday time. Haven't got a copy to Principal Adams yet but they should be able to soon.
  - c. Community Garden Report
    - Final approval from the VSB received today.
  - d. Hudson Choir update
    - Junior and Senior Choir start back next week on the 21st and 22nd.
  - e. Quebec Exchange
    - Alan reported that they are meeting next week with Jules Quesnel to see if they can do something together. They are considering a trip (but not an exchange).
  - f. Grade 7 Grad
    - Are in fundraising process.
  - g. Rainy Day Club
    - Dry activities for lunch and recess combined with mentoring by older grades.
    - location still to be set, probably the lunch tables and maybe in lounge area.
    - Principal Adams, Victoria and Chantal still need to go shopping.
9. New Business  
N/A
10. Next meeting date:  
Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 6:30pm
11. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Andrea and seconded by Gerry. All in favour. Motion passed.  
Meeting ended at 7:47pm.
12. Future meeting dates:
- a. Wed Feb 12
  - b. Tues Mar 11
  - c. Wed April 9
  - d. Tues May 13
  - e. Wed June 11