

December 8, 2017

To: Judy Zaichkowsky, School Trustee Liaison  
Jim Meschino - Director of Facilities  
Magdalena Kassis - Director of Instruction  
Ian Cannon, Principal  
John Epplette - Grounds Maintenance Supervisor.  
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Cc: VBE Trustees  
John Lewis (Interim) Superintendent of Schools  
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From: Robert Ford  
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Re: Henry Hudson Elementary Playing Field Status

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Greetings all,

Thank you all for meeting with me on the field last Tuesday, December 5. I was able to take the information from that meeting and relay it at last night's PAC Meeting (December 6).

At the PAC meeting there was extensive discussion on the state of the field and the potential costs, which we understand might be \$75,000, but know further estimation is required. The parents generally considered the repair of the field an immediate emergency, because there is no indoor play space and the field is considered a bathroom for local dogs, making it a health and safety issue. With no date for seismic upgrade, waiting seems an inappropriate option.

The parents reviewed the current finances of the PAC and felt it wrong to make a massive budget change that would deprive categories such as dance, technology, field trips, etc. from funding in the current year. To fundraise anything like \$75,000 is daunting because this is more than double our annual budget and our annual fundraiser just completed. In addition, in 2012, we spent \$30,000 for new playground equipment.

Despite tight finances, a motion was passed as follows: **"The Hudson PAC will commit our Pay It Forward fund of \$2,295.73 for slit drainage repair of the playing field to be completed by January 31, 2018 by the VSB."**

The Pay It Forward fund is our, pardon the pun, rainy day fund and is not currently committed to a specific project.

The Hudson PAC is aware that the slit drainage process is not a 100% solution.

The Hudson PAC discussed funding and encourage the VSB to follow up on the following.

- A commitment to attempt to obtain funding from the Provincial Government under their promised program outlined here: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/schools-playground-fundraising-government-budget-1.4369556>
- Government of Canada infrastructure grants. The PAC has a connection in the federal government. This information will be passed to Jim Meschino separately.

Please let us know as soon as possible what our next steps are.

Thank you,

