

Hudson PAC Meeting Minutes: December 6, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.
2. Approval of November meeting minutes: Jerry/Nicola.
3. PAC chair report (Robert):
 - a) Robert gave a background on playing field drainage issue and recapped Tuesday's meeting with the VSB. (See end of minutes for those notes.)
 - b) Elford volunteered to have one of his contractor's come onsite and also provide a quote. Ian will get him in touch with John Epplette
 - c) Ask what going to tender is for the VSB
 - d) Reviewed and discussed draft motion
 - e) Collectively created the following motion: 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
 - f) Rob brought motion forward, Neil seconded. All in favour – yes.
4. Events report (Nina):
 - a. Winter Fair - pre ticket sales are complete. Went quite well, raising around \$3,700
 - b. A new addition to the market will be family portraits by professional photographer who is volunteering her service. Cost TBD
 - c. We need raffle donations, kid's market donations and volunteers. Suggested sending notice in backpack calling for all this in addition to the email reminders.
5. Treasurer report (Evin):
 - a. Direct donation campaign raised \$9,027 from 108 families. John and Ian to the order laptops
 - b. Evin reviewed budget to date
 - i. Question re: what is the Greening expense
 - ii. Will hold off on buying more picnic tables until field repair is complete
 - iii. Put in budget amendment to remove student bursaries from Miscellaneous.
6. Activities report (Nicola):
 - a. Term 2 is live. Parents can sign up their children for activities now, but should not put money in PAC mailbox in office. Money should be paid directly to instructors.

7. Principal's report (Ian):
 - a. Please read November newsletter.
8. Teachers report (Ms. Tso):
 - a. Kids loving gym dance program. It is age-appropriate for all grades.
9. Secretary report (Cheryl):
 - a. Cheryl is moving overseas in January leaving the secretary role vacant. Secretary role(s) will need to be filled.
10. SPC report (Victoria):
 - a. Committee is meeting next week.
11. DPAC and Advocacy report (Alan):
 - a. There are 2,389 signatures on seismic petition!
 - b. There will be an emergency preparedness town hall meeting at the school in February
 - c. Hudson is expected to be part of a seismic announcement next year.
12. Hot lunch committee (Marina):
 - a. Term 2 ordering opens December 15
 - b. Continuing to follow up on those that have not paid term 1
 - c. In good shape for volunteers.
13. Guest speakers (Victoria): no report.
14. Spirit committee (Carly):
 - a. Thank you to Ms. Tso for volleyball practices.
15. Grounds Committee:
 - a. Still looking for adult volunteer, but holding off on search for now with the playing field motion.
16. Safety and Social Responsibility:
 - a. Assault on a woman walking her dog took place by a male on the school grounds last Friday, December 1 at 5pm. VPD and VSB do not want us to send out warning
 - b. Question: with the upcoming marijuana legalization any plans for educating/discussions with the students?
17. Diversity by Design (Aisha): no report (Aisha absent).
18. New business:
 - a. We've invited our new trustee to a future PAC meeting. She has committee meetings on Wednesday nights, so it was suggested we may move a meeting to a Thursday.
19. Adjourn 7:55pm (Nicola/John).

Meeting Notes from December 5

The meeting occurred on the Hudson field with the following people to discuss next steps for field drainage.

- Ian Cannon, Principal
- Judy Zaichkowsky, School Trustee Liaison
- Magdalena Kassis - Director of Instruction
- John Epplette - Grounds Maintenance Supervisor.
- Doug McClary - Manager, Maintenance and Construction
- Jim Meschino - Director of Facilities
- Robert Ford - PAC Chair

I thanked them all for convening and explained that the reason the Hudson PAC was so much more pressing for drainage remediation was that there was no indoor space for rainy days due to class size and composition changes. With Hudson not being on a seismic upgrade timeline there was no way of knowing how long the field and its issues would persist. I said that if somehow the school was rebuilt in 5 years, that was too many years of a child's time at the school with limited usable playing space.

Note: if Hudson were slated for a retrofit, not a rebuild, no action would be taken on the field.

I probably repeated at least 5 times that it was unethical and did not support provincial standards for daily physical activity to leave the field in its current condition. See <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/daily-physical-activity>

The history of the field is that 20 years ago, the VSB had extra clean fill from another site and used it to make the field grass friendly. No drainage was installed at that time.

The options for fixing are

- Full replacement: \$100 to \$200 K – This seems to be overkill given the highly likely replacement of the school in a seismic upgrade project
- Slit drainage replacement – interim quote from Janet Fraser's letter was \$75,000. I full and proper estimate needs to be done. This site shows what this means. <http://tdsdrainage.com/existing-green.html>
- Make it a gravel field. Not a great idea as it does not solve the drainage

The Slit drainage process seems the most reasonable for a 5-10 year solution. However, it will not make the field 100%. It will improve drainage but not make it perfect. John of the group was very insistent I hear that and make sure all parents know that.

The work would have to be contracted out as the VSB does not have the equipment for the process. This is good because we aren't in any union situation.

I asked if there were any cheap band-aid solutions like a pump in the gym, but they said no.