

Hudson PAC Minutes

February 21, 2018

1. Welcome and introductions (6:35 pm) – Presentation by student volunteers advertising book sale Thursday and Friday 8-9:00 and 3-4:00; minimum \$2 donation; all proceeds towards the Hot Lunch Subsidy program.
2. Approval of minutes from Jan 17 meeting – Jerry and Marina.
3. PAC Chair report (Alan, for Rob):
 - a. Angela Olsen is our new Activities Co-ordinator; Tannis Romer is the new secretary. Thank you to each for stepping forward!
 - b. Playing field – we believe the drainage installers have been to the school to prepare an estimate for the VSB; the VSB facilities committee will be considering approval for funding at their March 14 meeting. The Hudson PAC will have a delegation at this meeting. We hope this project will be approved and proceed this summer. Please direct questions to Rob, PAC chair.
4. Principal's Report – Mr. Cannon:
 - a. Kindergarten – Lottery completed for French and English Feb 20, and offers went out yesterday; tomorrow is deadline to respond. Afterwards offers will go to children on the waitlist. Significant numbers of children on both French and English waitlists.
 - b. Several new families have moved into the catchment – 2 positions were able to be offered.
 - c. No longer accepting cross boundary applications.
 - d. Rachel Sutton – new staff member, was previously here as a supervision aid.
 - e. District continues to struggle with lack of substitutes; resource teachers are having to fill some of the vacancies for absent staff.
 - f. Also a struggle to find substitute school support workers for children with extra needs; prioritization is for children with safety and personal care needs.
 - g. Technology – all of the new laptops have been received. ½ of the formatting completed. 9-10 iPads have arrived and are formatted.
 - h. 2 teachers are trained at adding apps.
5. Teacher's Report – Mrs. Tso:
 - a. No specific report; thank you to PAC and parent volunteers for their ongoing work and support.
6. Activities Report – Angela:
 - a. Term 3 – Activity Registration through VSB began on Monday; other term 3 activities registration will be available soon.
 - b. New activity for term 3 – Rugby
7. Events Report – Nina and Stella:
 - a. Dance – “Surf's up” theme to be held March 9th 3-4:30-free admission ; all snacks will be \$1
 - b. Form will come home in backpacks Feb 22; please complete and send in if you know your child will attend (this will help with numbers for snack preparation)
 - c. Parents will need to come and mind their own children
 - d. Will be a free event as we made a small profit from the winter fair
 - e. If your child is unsure about the dance, they are encouraged to come and ‘check it out’ – there will be games and group dance activities led by Nina, to get everyone in the groove.

- f. Summer Fair planning to commence soon.
- 8. PAC secretary report – No report
- 9. Treasurer’s report – Not in attendance however a budget to actual update was prepared and distributed for review
 - a. \$90 withdrawal from direct donation was to correct a hot lunch payment that had been counted as a donation in error
 - b. All budget lines are currently within proposed amounts. Please direct questions to Dana or Evin.
- 10. DPAC and Advocacy report – Alan:
 - a. DPAC – 3 open positions still available; Roy Park from Van Horne Elementary is the new treasurer; he will also be our liaison for Henry Hudson; he will be invited to join us at a future PAC meeting.
 - b. VSB currently in review process of Choice programs – they are starting with the French Immersion program. School Board is looking for 5 parents who are able to sit in on meetings once per month.
 - c. Province is reviewing school funding formula – watch weekly email updates for details
 - d. PAC has put together a resolution for BCCPAC AGM regarding proposed revisions to the provincial area standards for design of new and re-built schools. Deficiencies we are asking to be corrected include: no space allocations for Out of School Care, no space allocations in elementary schools for art, music or individualized learning for special needs students or as required to fully implement the new provincial curriculum. Other Vancouver schools currently in progress of seismic rebuilds are experiencing challenges with having spaces for these activities included in the plans for new buildings; Hudson is number 11 in line for seismic repair, with the process anticipated to begin next year, and we are anticipating similar challenges. The resolution is posted on the advocacy section of our PAC website.
 - e. Discussion re: how successful have these resolutions been in the past? We don’t have a good sense of this, but will learn by bringing this resolution, which has specific action items attached, forward.
 - f. Provincial budget announced yesterday; funding announced for hiring teachers and for capital projects, including seismic upgrades – links for more details and analysis will be in a future weekly email update.
- 11. SPC Report – Victoria:
 - a. No report; have had their first meeting of the year.
- 12. Committee updates
 - a. Seismic Upgrade Committee – Laura -- Feb 26 presentation at Henry Hudson in the gym: Earthquake Preparedness; you can register on line and request childcare (link in email weekly updates). This is to help with childcare numbers for babysitters. Please attend even if you were not able to register.
 - b. Technology Committee – John – Discussed above – computers have arrived.
 - c. Hot Lunch – Marina -- Going well; great team; MunchaLunch will be open for third term orders sometime over spring break; Carnival was a success – this year only 2 divisions at once for pancakes.
 - d. Diversity by Design – No report

- e. Guest Speakers – Victoria – Next event will be career day for Grades 5, 6 and 7 (grade 4 if teachers request) with short presentations with a variety of parents from Hudson, and then booths for students to have 1:1 chat with participants (May 2 or May 9). Victoria will be looking to pass this role on when her son leaves the school.
 - f. Spirit Committee – General discussion - Great experiences with basketball this term – great sportsmanship of students was discussed and great appreciation for Coach Perrella was expressed.
 - g. Grounds Committee – General discussion - Table has been moved while field was being assessed. Permission given by Mr. Cannon for garbage can painting project. Mr. Cannon advised that field has been closed a number of days this year; sometimes a portion of the field is closed.
 - h. Safety and Social Responsibility – Alan: Mr. Cannon advised he continues to clean the field every recess, removing dog waste. This continues to be a very challenging issue.
13. New Business
- a. None
14. Next meeting Wednesday April 11, 2018.
15. Motion to adjourn (8:40 pm) – Victoria and John.