

Minutes for Hudson PAC Meeting June 13, 2018 6:30 – 8:00 PM – in the Library

1. Welcome and introductions (Robert)- 6:36
2. Approval of minutes from May 16 meeting (hudsonpac.ca/meetings)- Dana/Alan
3. PAC Chair report (Robert)
 - Volunteers for 2018-2019 - lots of expressed interest however only a few parents have yet to sign up for summer fair jobs or to commit to volunteering next year. Various strategies discussed including more presence at summer fair; re-instate the class rep system; week before school starts email; guest table at first day of school; target K/Gr 1 parents.
 - July 9 - Drainage remediation to begin on the field; unsure what condition the field will be in this fall; therefore planning for fall activities is somewhat on hold. Great thanks to Robert for his dedication and hard work on this issue.
4. Principal's report (Principal Cannon, absent, sends regrets; his report is below)
 1. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the PAC for providing a wonderful staff appreciation luncheon. It was very well received.
 2. Portable Classroom – the portable will be located south of the gym building, it will take up some of the grass field and will affect the location of a soccer net. An asphalt walk way will connect the portable to the main building. Furniture has been ordered.
 3. 18/19 School Calendar was attached to the May newsletter and is also posted on the school's website.
 4. The new Vice Principal is Victoria Lorieau, she is currently on maternity leave. At this time, her teaching assignment is gr 5/6 French Immersion, she will have her administration time on Wednesdays. The Wednesday class position has been posted. Ms. Lorieau was most recently the Vice Principal at Lord Tennyson school. She came by for a visit this afternoon.
 5. Health and Safety – I have contacted the VPD to increase their presence at the school during nights and weekends due to an increase of individuals sleeping on the grounds. This seems to be a seasonal issue as this also occurred last year about this time. The custodial staff have had to take more time in the mornings cleaning the grounds, stairwells and the covered area.
 6. The Volunteer Appreciation Tea is on the morning of June 20, in the library. [8:30 AM to 9:30 AM]
 7. Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony is on June 27. I am looking for parents of grade 6 students to organize the post ceremony refreshments afterwards – contact the office if you can help.
5. Teachers' Committee report
 - Ms Nikon joined us this evening. Discussion re: technology and how students in portable will access this (e.g. in the main school as computers are not to be transported outside).

6. Treasurer's Report (Dana/Evin)

- Budget update and proposed adjustments for 2018-19
- everything has been at or under budget; small surplus at year end anticipated
- we have applied for our gaming grant for next year.
- direct donation and hot lunch are our two main fundraising events. All other events are aimed at mainly being FUN raisers.
- Activity subsidies - will be added as an official budget item line for next year and will be allocated term by term.
- Thank you notes were sent out to parents who contributed to the direct donation fund.
- Final Budget will be presented at first PAC meeting in September. New PAC executive will be elected in October - they will start with an approved budget.

7. Events Report (Stella)

- Summer Fair - Advance ticket sales completed. 220 children responded so far. Volunteers and raffle items still needed. Cake donations still required.

8. PAC Secretary report (Tannis)- no report.

9. Activities Report (Angela)

- Lots of great upcoming activities; they will all be confirmed in the fall once the field status and teaching staffing is
- Changes with CST for next year - youth leadership, social/emotional connectedness and social responsibility will be the main focus.
- Choir - Catherine - Choir will perform at a Senior's Centre in the afternoon of June 21st. Also there will be an evening concert on June 21st at the school at 6:00 pm. The choir will perform during the day on the 20th for the student body.
- Zeynep - has been the Fruit, Veg and milk program representative and will continue next year - THANK YOU!

10. DPAC and Advocacy Report (Alan)

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- 1) DPAC - AGM is coming up next Monday - executive elections (six open positions), budget and revised by-laws, including one designating one of the twelve executive positions for indigenous parent representation.
- 2) BCCPAC and Area Standards - approved version of our resolutions will be posted soon. These ask BCCPAC to lobby for changes to provincial Area Standards for the design of new/seismically upgraded elementary schools to include non-enrolling classroom space and out-of-school care space. BCCPAC president met with Minister of Education today and will update us as this lobbying effort develops
- 3) VSB catchment boundary review - some Hudson parents joined the group from General Gordon presenting the results of their survey to the VSB today, asking for younger siblings to be grandfathered into their original schools following any catchment boundary revisions. Review has been extended for a year to allow for, among other things, collecting this kind of data which was missing from the original process

- 4) VSB French Immersion program review – Hudson parent Tom Pearce attended a focus group as part of this review. The working group is recommending that the VSB ensure that all early French Immersion programs start with two full Kindergarten divisions. (Hudson has one.) Watch for presentations and consultations about how the VSB can implement this, and what effects it may have on where French Immersion programs are located throughout the district in September and October of next school year. With Hudson well over capacity already, and the catchment review also underway, the FI review adds another dimension to figuring out the best long term design capacity of a new Hudson rebuilt for seismic safety.
- 5) Ministry of Education revamp of ERASE bullying website – the Ministry is asking for parent input via a survey, the link will be included in the next reminders

Miscellaneous updates (Alan PM)

- 1) General and PAC childminding rosters – revision is underway with so far seven sitters on the new lists. The updated general roster will be distributed before the end of term.
- 2) Parent organized grad event for grade 7 students and families / leaving ceremony. Some grade 7 parents are considering a potluck picnic on the beach so that the students and families can celebrate together. Some of the grade 7's are independently planning a dinner at a local restaurant with parent chaperones. Alan will work with Marina on how best to use the PAC budget supporting the leaving ceremony (refreshments, small gift and flower for each leaving student).

11. SPC report (Victoria)

- one last meeting planned prior to the end of the year.

12. Committee updates

- Seismic Upgrade Committee Report - (Alan)

The committee has three main tasks at the moment:

- 1) Parent input into Project Definition Report – Alan has connected with the VSB staff person in charge of Hudson's file at the Vancouver Project Office, and will speak with her upon her return from vacation next week to ask what opportunities there are for the PAC to present parent concerns and ideas at this initial stage of the process before any final decisions have been made on options for the school. Committee lead Laura is preparing a letter outlining concerns we would like to see addressed (out-of-school care space, non-enrolling classrooms, etc.) in every option which goes forward to the province to consider in the Project Definition Report, and will send this letter to the appropriate VSB personnel whether or not there is any formal opportunity for parent participation.
- 2) Petition to the province re clear guidelines for prioritizing the remaining seismic upgrades – signatures were collected earlier this year and combined with a similar slightly earlier petition from another school – current plan is to forward combined results to the province when their next budget consultation cycle begins
- 3) Neighbourhood Learning Centres – committee will investigate more details about this program, which adds up to 15% area to schools rebuilt for seismic upgrades over and above what the current Area Standards allow, including how it has worked out in other Vancouver schools which have made use of it to date.

We welcome interested parents/guardians to join the group next year

- HOOSC would like to be a joint partner in this process.

- Spirit Committee (Carly) - not present for meeting (too busy looking for jerseys - Funding present to purchase more jerseys for fall 2018.

- Safety and Social Responsibility group - Alan and Robert - York and Cypress corner is the busiest each day. Friendly supervision proposed - need parent volunteers to spearhead this project. Stat gathering is needed for baseline. Parent cross guards and safety placards are ideas proposed.

- Paws of Empathy Project (Victoria) - new pilot program started today. Principals of Roots of Empathy combined with animal rights education - student feedback obtained and hope to expand in the fall.

- Hot Lunch - Marina - proposal for price increase for fall due to increase in food prices. Decision to keep prices the same for first term and re-evaluate after term 1. First Hot lunch will be September 11.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

13. New Business

- Leaving ceremony - need parent volunteers for refreshments.
- New Program proposed - Proposal for parent support network for parents in need (e.g. critical illness; crisis; separation). Confidentiality is priority. Proposal and unanimous approval to adopt this program. Nicolle and Zeynep to liaise with Mr. Cannon to begin to set this up.

14. Next meeting sometime in September!!

15. Adjourn

Addendum to Minutes

On June 25, 2018 at a PAC Executive meeting, the following three people were voted in as Executive members effective until the October elections. Please welcome:

- Cécile Yuen - Member at Large - Co Activities Coordinator
- Jennifer Tillet - Co Secretary
- Nicole Parmar - Co Secretary