

## PAC Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2018

30 people attending

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from June 13, 2018 meeting (Victoria/Dana: passed)
3. PAC chair report:
  - a. Today we will discuss & pass budget
  - b. Next month (October) we have elections for PAC executive, which means all current executive step down. Then we call for volunteers for PAC executive positions. At the moment we think we have volunteers for all positions, although if there are more volunteers then we can discuss changes.
    - i. Chair. Currently Rob.
    - ii. Vice-chair internal (school affairs, e.g. events and activities). Currently Nina.
    - iii. Vice-chair external (district and provincial parent advisory councils and figuring out what is going on at school board and beyond. Melissa C has met with Alan the outgoing vice-chair and has volunteered.
    - iv. Secretaries. Currently Jennifer and Nicole
    - v. Treasurers (currently Dana & Melissa T)
    - vi. Activity co-ordinators (members-at-large; Angela and Cécile).
  - c. School board trustee elections are on Oct 20 with the civic elections. If you have a question for a trustee candidate or an issue you want raised, let Rob know and he will send a bundle of questions out to candidates and see what they respond. The PAC Exec does not recommend candidates. Let your kids see you voting!
  - d. Traffic safety. One parent discussed how her husband was hit by a speeding car at Cornwall and Maple. There are small signs to indicate a school here but no 30 km/h speed zone. Another parent mentioned how cyclists also don't stop at York and Cypress, and she was hit by a cyclist while pregnant, who came back after hitting her and assaulted her. Petition about traffic safety around the school is on the Hudson PAC webpage. We need a group of people to help get attention of City of Vancouver, police, traffic engineers, VSB, by doing incident counts in the mornings at several intersections. We need data to help push this forward. In the 1990s a Hudson student was killed at Cornwall and Vine. Also the lights across Cornwall at Cypress and at Maple are too short to cross with a family of young children. Victoria stated that the police liaison informed her that the crossing times have been analyzed and stated they are adequate. He suggested we engage with city, traffic management; not a VPD issue. Rob will send a call for volunteers. VSB has no program for adult crossing guards, only children crossing guards, but our Cornwall & Cypress intersection is considered too dangerous for child crossing guards.
  - e. Parking. Parents are getting tickets at drop off. For the record, the school, PAC, and VSB have no influence over parking regulations or their enforcement, nor do we cover your tickets. Recommended parking strategies: Maple has some short parking times; leave earlier. Parking meters are free before 9 am (along York and along Chestnut). Also try to

park efficiently on York to drop your child off, and do not park at all in the zone where you are supposed to just stop and drop.

4. Principal and Vice Principal report

- a. Traffic safety. VSB has surveyed our traffic as part of seismic upgrading. They are collecting volume of traffic report (transit, cars, speeds) and a scatter plot of addresses of Hudson families. Collection went well. They also recorded entry points onto school yard, how much parking we need, sight lines, etc.
- b. Please complete earthquake reunification forms; these are kept with emergency supplies as a backup in case networks/computers are unavailable.
- c. School opening went well. On Day 2 kids were in their new classes by 9:30.
- d. Waitlists: we still have a large waiting list for K and for Gr 1 French. Also a waitlist for Gr 6/7, so we had to change class configurations. The waitlist is all catchment children, so we cannot accept out of catchment children
- e. Field is fenced off, they've installed drainage and aerated and seeded the field, so it is closed for the grass to start growing. The field has looked pretty dry in recent rain. It is scheduled to open in mid-October.
- f. Portable classroom is mostly furnished. It has no toilet or water fountain; kids come into gym for that. He and the teacher will try to figure out a water jug system to have drinking water in the classroom. Also need 6-7 iPads out there permanently; all the rest of our technology is on carts and can't be taken out. The portable itself is 60 years old, but the space is big and bright.
- g. Chronic shortage of TOCs (substitute teachers on call). VSB has hired a number of new teachers, which will also help increase resource time.
- h. Student support workers (SSWs) are also in chronic shortage and VSB lacks substitutes for them. VSB working with program development for Langara students to do practicums here. The aides are meant for the kids who have most extensive need for support. Very rare that a child has a full-time aid. Most children with a designation do not have a specific worker assigned to them.
- i. David Eby, a local MLA and Attorney General has been invited to come on October 5<sup>th</sup> to talk about electoral process. Mr Cannon expects that press of some kind may be in attendance; Mr Cannon has procedures to manage this.
- j. Ms Lorieau the new VP discussed the Communicating Student Learning (CSL) initiative in place of "report cards." CSL aligns with new curriculum, ongoing assessment, and student self-assessment. This year some of the teachers are participating in CSL pilot, but not all of them. Next year will be mandatory. For those teachers participating, there will only be two formal reporting periods (Jan & June). At intermediate level, there are no longer letter grades. Teachers noted that the removal of letter grades is not the removal of standards. There will still be a matrix of competency assessments that kind of maps to a letter grade. But this should help parents and students focus on the actual anecdotal comments from the teachers and the student's self-assessment. In addition, there will be at least 3 ongoing communication with parents (such as goal-setting and student-led conferences, and maybe other methods like email or an online classroom tool to share e-portfolios). For more info, google "VSB CSL".

- k. There were parent questions about new curriculum and core competencies and new reporting; that may be a good topic for an upcoming PAC meeting. Ms. Lorieau and Miss Johnson volunteered to do an info night about the new curriculum in case people want to know about new assessment standards.
5. Teachers' report: Four Hudson teachers are sponsoring volleyball. Teachers also thanking PAC for support and monetary support for their wishlist items.
6. Treasurers report (Dana): Treasurer presented budget which passed unanimously (Jenn/John).
- a. Revenue-raising items:
    - i. Activities made money
    - ii. Hot Lunch is the main fundraiser – projected to raise \$12K
    - iii. Direct donation campaign will happen again
    - iv. Gaming grant (proceeds from casinos and lotteries, etc) given on a per-student basis
  - b. Costs:
    - i. Teachers wishlist 14K - mostly will be technology, isn't final yet
    - ii. Library will get some . and kindergarten would like extra funds for field trips because little kids can't use transit as easily, and they don't use the technology as much
    - iii. Little extra for supplies and field trips because those aren't fully funded
    - iv. Physical activity enrichment
    - v. Tables for activities (the old tables were taken back by the school that had lent them to us)
    - vi. Activity subsidies for families who can't afford full fees
    - vii. Pay it Forward fund - 10% of direct donations gets put into GICs and invested. Currently have maybe 5K in it. For something that would not otherwise be affordable (playground, big trip for kids), or total disaster contingency.
7. Events report (Nina):
- a. Family soccer game this Friday;
  - b. Lip sync battle is back in October;
  - c. Carly and Stella are booking tentative date of Dec 14<sup>th</sup> for Winter Fair. Lots of volunteers needed for Winter and Summer Fairs!
  - d. Kids' clothing "fundraiser" for those who are clearing the closets: parents donate kids' clothes in good condition, to be collected and sorted, then a clothing sale to sell it off VERY cheaply. Anything that doesn't get sold gets picked up by Value Village and they give us \$0.15 per pound.
  - e. Multicultural potluck needs a week's notice for a date once we get tables. This is a social event, parents bring food for a big potluck in the gym.
8. Secretary report (Jennifer):
- a. Need more class reps. This is an informal process where parents volunteer. Class rep is a way to get PAC information out and work with teachers to enhance communication to parents.
  - b. Parents should sign up to receive the weekly reminders email

9. Activities report (Angela and Cecile): Activities have started! We usually have more but because the field is not usable we have fewer this term. All activities are on website and posted around school. Subsidy is an option; this goes through Mr Cannon and is kept confidential. Lots of Grade 1 kids have signed up for choir which is terrific. If your child's nervous about joining activity, they might be more confident if they join with a buddy. PAC doesn't handle money; parents deal directly with vendors.
  
10. DPAC advocacy. Field drainage was a product of PAC advocacy. Next week is DPAC general meeting "PAC 101" and Rob is attending; he's going to emphasize doubling-up of roles.
  
11. SPC report: skipped
  
12. Committee updates:
  - a. Seismic upgrade committee (Laura/Rob) getting in to have input in project definition phase, advocacy for enough space for out-of-school care and other options to be included in school, and population projections for this area. This is one of the most over-capacity schools in the district and we have lost our non-classroom space (technology, music rooms lost, staff room lost, etc). Anyone please let them know if you want to be engaged and involved. Several trustees are coming to visit on Friday and have a tour.
  - b. Technology: John will work with Ian to figure out what we need to purchase
  - c. Hot lunch started last week. Marina B is in charge and has new volunteers, but still needs more. Volunteers are mostly needed on Tuesdays. 9 am to 1 pm is the whole shift but even an hour or two is helpful. It's very fun and a good way to make parent friends.
  - d. Guest speakers: Victoria has invited Dr Santa Ono the President of UBC but he is quite booked up. Also as stated above Ms Tso has invited David Eby.
  - e. Spirit committee: 20 new jerseys ordered! Spirit wear on sale, order online through OddBall Workshop, adult and kid sizes available. \$2 from each sale goes to PAC. Orders close Sept 28. First Friday of each month is spirit day, wear RED (Hudson spirit wear or anything red)
  - f. Paws of Empathy: Roots of Empathy with a dog. Piloted in June, this year a new version for slightly older grades is starting on the 26th with grades 6 and 7. Victoria arranges a dog to visit classroom.
  
13. New business: Parent brought up a recycling service who will pick up returnables e.g. juice boxes and give money back to school. The service's website is <http://www.onestoprecycleshop.ca/school-recycling-programs/> and more info can be gotten by emailing [info@regionalrecycling.ca](mailto:info@regionalrecycling.ca)
  
14. Next meeting is election of the PAC executive committee on October 10
  
15. Adjourned 8:04 pm! (Lobat/Kylea)