

Minutes for Hudson PAC Meeting Oct 10, 2018
6:30 – 8:00 PM – in the Library

1. Welcome and introductions (Robert)
2. Approval of minutes from September 19 meeting (hudsonpac.ca/meetings)

John & seconded by Cécile, unanimous

3. PAC Chair report (Robert)

Special thank you to Chris Taylor for picking up the tables!! We are thrilled to have new tables for Hudson use.

Please VOTE in the upcoming Civic election! There are many new candidates for School Trustee positions as many previously elected trustees are not running again. DPAC has a video posted on their Facebook page outlining the candidates.

Elections

Current Positions and Names of those standing for the positions

Robert Ford

- Chair

Melissa Clements

- Vice Chair External and DPAC Rep

Nina Patel

- Vice Chair Internal

Nicole Parmar

- co-Secretary (Not present – intention emailed to PAC Chair)

Jennifer Tillett

- co-Secretary (Not present – intention emailed to PAC Chair)

Dana Thordarson

- co-Treasurer (Not present – intention emailed to PAC Chair)

Melissa Taylor

- co-Treasurer (**Not present – intention emailed to PAC Chair**)

Angela Olsen

- Member-At-Large / co-Activities Coordinator

Cécile Yuen

- Member-At-Large / co-Activities Coordinator

Nobody present at the meeting tonight stated their intention to run for election & no other parents have come forward expressing intention to run for any positions.

All candidates acclaimed. Unanimously voted in the PAC executive.

4. Principal's report

Gr 4 & 7 are writing the FSA exams. These provincial exams are done every year, focusing on numeracy & literacy. Approx 65% of children were exempted by parents this year. There is a collection of writing samples (unedited or unassisted) that occur throughout the year so we can see how the children have progressed. The sampling helps teachers know where to focus their teaching & resource requests.

Attorney General David Ebby came for a visit with the intermediate students. The children were very engaged & the visit was successful! Some questions asked by the students included ICBC, Cannabis legalization, proportional representation. Mr. Ebby also talked with the children about the electoral process & the debate process with role-playing.

PAWS of Empathy has been introduced with Mrs. Perella's class with great success. The program was also featured in the Vancouver Sun! Thank you Victoria for creating this opportunity for Hudson students! Victoria got the idea from the Dali Lama. The bottom line is that EMPATHY can be taught & what better way than via an animal. Several teachers have expressed a desire to have PAWS of Empathy in their classroom.

Head Lice has returned to Hudson!! Parents be aware & take precautions. The school contacts parents of the children who have been found to have lice & provides lice treatment information; kits are provided to families who need assistance. The school no longer does lice checks due to issues of parental consent. We need parents to check their own children. Please no sharing of hats, head bands, etc.

Our water has been tested for lead levels and it is okay (below the accepted level). The report is public on the VSB website. Mr. Cannon has emailed parents advising of this. Parents may chose to send a water bottle for their child(ren).

Ms. Heather Armstrong is a student aid who was made permanent staff this week. She is a student support worker, spending a lot of time in the kindergarten classes with the children who require extra support.

5. Teachers' Committee report

NONE.

Mme. Lorieau will speak at our next PAC meeting about the new curriculum.

6. Treasurer's Report (Dana)

We got a bonus this year!! Our budget allows \$8000 for a gaming grant, however, the amount is actually over \$9000! \$24/student this year compared to \$20/student in previous years.

Direct Donation Campaign – CRA advised we cannot do it the way we did last year.

7. Events Report (Nina)

The Lip Sync Event was successful as well as the Clothing Drive Fundraiser. \$310 was raised at the Clothing Donation. The extra items were sent to Value Village & we will know how much we made there soon.

The Winter Fair is Friday December 14th in the gym, after school until about 5pm. Stella: magician & photo booth is coming! Tickets & wrist bands will be sold ahead of time which makes the day of the event easier for families & helps for planning/budgeting. Volunteers are needed. Donations are needed for the cake walk & raffle!

8. PAC Secretary report (deferred)

9. Activities Report (Angela and Cécile)

All activities have been running now for a couple of weeks. Guitar is cancelled this term due to low enrolment.

Ian confirms the playing field will re-open next week.

Sr. Choir – the students will be performing for CKNW at Hotel Vancouver in December.

Jr & Sr. Choir will have a Winter Performance coming in December also.

10. DPAC and Advocacy Report (Melissa C)

DPAC meetings are open to all parents of VSB students. They are moving towards topic-based meetings.

Oct 25 - SOGI 123 discussion.

Nov 15 – talk for parents about ADHD

11. SPC report (Victoria S)

First meeting on Nov 13th. Nothing to report tonight. There are 5 members now.

12. Committee updates

- Traffic Safety Update (Robert)

On Wednesday last week several parents videotaped the 3 corners around the school. In 30 min of footage from 8:40-9:10am, the number of cars outnumbered the number of pedestrians by 4.1:1.

Vehicles: 1807

Bikes: 168

Pedestrians: 567

Will follow up with Jim Meschino to brainstorm ways to slow cars down if there are going to be that many going by.

Parent drop-off area is very dangerous! Some parents are even driving right into the playground area! There is a 15 min parking area by the yellow preschool house that often has space during drop-off times.

The crossing light at Cornwall/Cypress is 12 seconds, even shorter at Maple/Cypress.

- Seismic Upgrade Committee Report (Laura)

ROBERT: PAC Chair & Laura are meeting with David Eby to discuss the issues of Area Standards & the project definition report. There are challenges as they do not outline space for out of school care & non-enrolling space. Now is the time to influence the outcome for Hudson students. Further meetings with George Heyman, Spencer Chandra Herbert and Sam Sullivan are planned.

- Hot Lunch Committee (Marina B.)

Robert: We have sufficient volunteers however parents are welcome to join. Reminder that hot lunch is a FUNDRAISER. Come out to volunteer to learn more.

- Technology Committee (John)

6 ipads have been purchased for Ms. Peterson (out in the portable). They have arrived & been delivered to the classroom.

Mr. Cannon: A projector in the gym & replacement laptops are high on the teacher wish list. The new speakers have been installed.

- Guest Speakers (Victoria)

Santa Ono, UBC President, has been invited, but seems unlikely.

Milton Randall is a First Nations drummer & we have confirmed PAC will fund him to come.

Victoria is working on a Career Day. Parents who have a weird or cool job, please see Victoria!

- Spirit Committee (Carly)

Stella - Spirit wear arrives next week!

- Paws of Empathy Project (Victoria)

See above.

13. New Business

#1 Robert – Three Hudson families were impacted by the fire in the West End. One family has been severely impacted, likely displaced for a year.

MOTION: PAC Executive would like the authority to spend up to \$2000 without a formal meeting to assist these 3 families. Ie., grocery cards

Victoria, UNANANIMOUS

Please contact Mr. Cannon (not the families directly).

#2 Robert – The playing field is about to re-open & there are disrespectful dog owners polluting it right now. We need larger signs. Mr. Cannon is constantly out shovelling dog feces.

MOTION: PAC Executive would like the authority to spend up to \$500 on dog & non-dog related signage for the field without a formal meeting.

Stella, unanimous

14. Next meeting Wednesday November 14 – Focus on New Curriculum

15. Adjourn at **7:50pm**

Moved Robert, John, unanimous