

PAC Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2019

1. Welcome and introductions (Robert)
2. Approval of minutes from December 5 meeting (hudsonpac.ca/meetings) – Passed (John/Dana)
3. PAC Chair report (Robert)
 - a. Robert will be presenting a petition to the VSB to reinstate the Elementary Band and Strings program on January 23, 7pm. Children who began playing instruments at Hudson are now going to university and majoring in music, but current elementary students do not have that opportunity. Robert will bring a delegation with him, including a Hudson parent and Morgane Oger. More parents volunteered to be part of the delegation at this meeting – you do not have to attend the meeting to be part of the delegation.
 - b. Robert mentioned the Eric Hamber Secondary petition and encourages parents to look at it. Everything we do to help other schools' seismic projects will help our project. <https://www.change.org/p/eric-hamber-alumuni-pac-help-us-ensure-eric-hamber-secondary-is-built-to-accommodate-current-future-programs>
4. Principal's report
 - a. Seismic. Ian met with Michael Rossi from the VSB and invited him to the next PAC meeting. Hopefully by then we'll have more information about the project planning for our seismic upgrade. He have a new project manager, Chung Lee from the VSB.
 - b. Staffing update: Mme Lorieu, our current Vice Principal and Grade 5 teacher, has been hired into an administrative position in Abbotsford. She will leave on January 21. Ian is dealing with the staffing repercussions. The Wednesday teacher, Julia Fleming, will now cover Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Monday and Tuesday will be Lisa Peterson. She will be in the class this week to spend some time getting to know the students and hand off curriculum and assessment information. Two gym periods had to be switched also to accommodate the changes in prep time for the teachers. The gymnastics manager will take a look at the new schedule to make sure it still works. Mike McEwan, a retired principal, will join Ian one day a week as Vice Principal, probably until the end of the school year.
 - c. Technology update: All the primary classes now have a pod of iPads in their classrooms. Primary classes have started an Intro to Coding class in the library with Miss Nikon.
 - d. Project Chef: A weeklong program where students are learning about nutrition and experiencing uncommon produce, and learning some cooking skills. Two classrooms are participating. Parents are participating in each session.
 - e. Grounds: Cypress Street fence line has been repaired. The gap under the fence has been closed, and all the fencing and posts are new. The field is patched with white coloured sand, to fill all the dog holes.
 - f. Choice Programs: VSB has published a report (available Friday) on reviews of choice programs (sizes, locations). Ian is expecting to get some kind of notice to forward to parents.
 - g. Mme Perella is expecting a child and taking a mat leave in mid-February. Her job will be posted in February.

5. Teachers' Committee report – covered by Ian's report
6. Treasurer's Report (Dana)
 - a. Do we need any more procedures to have peace of mind that we won't have a Treasurer embezzle PAC funds? We already have 2-signature cheques and we don't pre-sign blank cheques, and only our Treasurer has the cheques, and we have 2-person authorization required at our bank. But banks don't check the signatures. Should we provide the monthly statements to the PAC meetings? We are required as a PAC to provide financial information to any parent who requests it.
 - b. Dana presented the current Budget-to-Actual fundraising and costs.
 - c. For the Teachers' Wishlist, we have to wait for the school district to release the Direct Donation funds that we raised.
 - d. Winter Fair raised a record amount of money. Thank you to all the organizers and volunteers!
 - e. We probably don't need to do any more fundraising, but we will start a Flip Give team.
7. Events Report (Nina)
 - a. The Winter Fair was a big success.
 - b. The Winter Fair sales have been remarkably similar every year.
 - c. The Events Coordinators are thinking about what to have for a big event this spring. Ideas are another dance, or an adult event with kid activities and babysitting available.
8. PAC Secretary report (Jennifer and Nicole)
 - a. Nothing
9. Activities Report (Angela and Cecile)
 - a. Activities has begun. We added another session of Mad Science due to popular demand.
 - b. The gymnastics equipment must be moved to run activities in the gym and that incurs a cost for the PAC, but we think we have a good schedule worked out.
 - c. We had at least two activities providers who weren't able to provide their activity due to the cost of liability insurance, which is required by the school district. Robert and Ian will follow up with the VSB about better instructions for providers and questions for insurance brokers about whether the providers' existing policies might work.
10. DPAC and Advocacy Report (Melissa C)
 - a. DPAC is running another workshop on anxiety in children. The first was so popular that they are running it again.
 - b. PAN is hosting an open meeting for anyone with any seismic experience on January 30th. Melissa will send the details for the reminders
11. SPC report (Victoria S)
 - a. They will meet in February.
12. Committee updates
 - a. Traffic Safety Update (Jennifer)
 - i. Robert will re-engage our VSB contact with updated traffic safety report (Jenn)
 - b. Seismic Upgrade Committee Report (Laura)
 - i. PDR is due January 30, but we haven't seen any updates to indicate if they're on schedule.
 - ii. Committee is working on financial number crunching to try to make an argument for giving Hudson the space it needs.
 - c. Hot Lunch Committee (Marina B)

- i. Marina will send Jenn the list of current volunteers, and our head count needs per lunch day. Jenn will make a calendar sign-up to see if we have enough coverage for the term.
 - ii. In February, Robert will remind people who have payments due.
 - d. Technology Committee (John)
 - i. We are doing well on our tech wishlist.
 - ii. Wear and tear have taken a toll on our computers, but we have been able to maintain a pool of 30. We are targeting buying 11 more this year.
 - e. Guest Speakers (Victoria)
 - i. Career Day is planned for May, with Hudson parents presenting. We are looking for a dentist or dental hygienist and anyone else who would like to present their job
 - f. Spirit Committee (Carly)
 - g. Paws of Empathy Project (Victoria)
 - i. Victoria is planning another session in February, and hopefully will expand into other classrooms soon.
- 13. New Business
 - a. Special guest Kelly Han, ED from HOOSC. She thanks the seismic committee for representing after-school care and preschool needs.
 - b. Polite emails to the VSB do get attention. Writing to your local MLA is also very effective. Don't hesitate to raise concerns.
- 14. Next meeting Wednesday February 13
 - a. Add Michael Rossi to the agenda. Promote it big time.
- 15. Adjourn (Victoria/Jenn)

