

Henry Hudson PAC Meeting Agenda
April 10, 2019 6:30pm - in the library

1. Welcome and introductions (Robert)

- Submit for future PAC meetings the following acknowledgment: I want to recognize that we are gathered in the unceded territory of the Skxwú7mesh [Squamish], xʷməθkʷəy̑ə m [Musqueam], and səliłw̓ ətaʔł [Tseil-Waututh] peoples and that Henry Hudson Elementary is just over 100 metres from the lands and village site of Sen'ákw or sən'a?qw [pronounced Senawk] from which Squamish people were forced away by illegally forcing them to sell their land in 1913, the year after Hudson was completed.
 - Passed unanimously

2. Approval of minutes from February 20 meeting (hudsonpac.ca/meetings) - Passed (John/Angela)

3. PAC Chair report (Robert)

- Approval of Stella V's acceptance of PAC Executive position of Vice Chair Internal - Passed unanimously
- Request for assistance with a new, better, stronger outdoor notice board. It was vandalized during March Break and pulled completely off the wall.
 - Question: Do we really need one? Most notices get posted on all the doors too, and it seems many parents don't even notice the board.
 - Idea: General Gordon has a writeable sandwich board for important announcements for the day

4. Principal's Report - Ian absent due to family emergency. He emailed this report:

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

PAC Meeting – Principal's Report

1. Seismic Project/ FI Update – there have been no new announcements, news or updates to share from the District or the Ministry. The PDR was submitted to the Ministry and we are waiting for them to announce which option they will be funding.
2. Long Range Facility Plan/ 2019 VSB Budget – parents should have received an email from the District today with information about consultations, timelines, meeting dates etc.
3. KUNDA African Dance – the classes have enjoyed their experiences, the program started on Monday and will end on Thursday. I had the chance to watch a few classes and the instruction was quite good and engaging.
4. VSB Carving Project – several of our classes have walked to the School Board to observe the carving of a large totem pole, students also had opportunities to engage with the carvers. There was an article in the local Vancouver Courier about the carving project.
5. Staffing Update – Ms. Boyd is on Leave until the end of the school year, replacing her is Mr. Jeff Shoub. Ms. Perrella had a baby girl “Elizabeth.”

6. Enrollment Overflow – Our wait listed English program students will be attending Queen Mary Elementary School, if placements become available between now the start of the school year and next year.

5. Teachers' Committee Report - no teachers present

6. Treasurer's Report (Robert for Dana)

- Direct donations go to the school this year. So for technology wishlist this year, school will use our direct donation money to pay for that directly.
- We are doing well on budget, due to events making money, and fundraisers such as the Clothing Sale and Mabel's Labels fundraiser.
- We have reinvested our GIC.
- More detailed transactions are available upon request due to privacy concerns.
- Many schools had errors in money getting to the PAC when they switched to using School Cash Online, but those have been fixed. The advantage for parents is that you get your tax receipt immediately. Dana recommends that we offer School Cash Online as an option for direct donation next year.
- Direct donation needs to be kicked off much earlier next year. This year we launched too close to Christmas and didn't get as big of a response as usual.
- Do we need to boost our babysitting budget for next year? We need to increase the rate we pay sitters to comply with minimum wage, but the extra cost this year was due to the 3 French Immersion committee meetings which were unexpected and hopefully will not be needed next year.
- Sports Day on May 16: Should we serve cookies and juice? \$300 was allocated in the budget. Marina thinks that will suffice.

7. Events Report (Stella)

- Next event is Summer Fair. Tentatively planned for week before the last week of school. Will be held on a Friday, from 3-5:30 if possible. Bouncy castles and raffle are standbys. Games are not that popular, so they're trying to think of alternate activities. Gym will be needed as a rain alternative. Could be held on June 21 - Indigenous Peoples' Day and Summer Solstice. If done on the solstice, lantern making could be an activity. Stella will try to pin down a date with Principal Cannon.

8. PAC Secretary report (Jennifer and Nicole) - none

9. Activities Report (Angela and Cecile)

- Activities have started for Term 3. Rugby registration didn't start until the last minute. There have been some glitches, but we're working it out. Some subsidy requests have come forward - we are still on target for budget for that.
- We're looking for additional help for coordinating activities. Contact HUDSONACTIVITIES@gmail.com if you have interest and availability.
- Choir has started. Catherine has a new pop song by Lenka called "Trouble is a Friend" and the kids really like it.

10. DPAC and Advocacy Report (Melissa C)

- LRFP feedback sessions are tomorrow and next Tuesday.

- From April 11-19, you can fill out the VSB's survey on the LRFP. DPAC also has a survey - Melissa has filled it out on behalf of our PAC.
- VSB released their draft budget for 2019-2020 and they will have some online engagement - probably a survey. Also 2 public information sessions. If anyone wants to make a delegation, they should make a request directly to the VSB budget committee.
- Robert: He will be making a delegation for Elementary Band and Strings and choral programs on April 23rd. He will keep up posted on details.

11. SPC report (Victoria S)

- Probably one more meeting this school year.

12. Committee updates

a. Seismic Upgrade Committee Report (Robert (instead of Laura))

- Seismic and FI Advocacy have become connected. We are now compiling planned development within our catchment area to argue that the projected population numbers for Hudson are vastly under-estimated.

b. French Immersion Proposal Committee Report (Josh)

- VSB continues to push forward with its proposal. Hudson and Strathcona PACs met together at a potluck, and plan to present a press conference together after the VSB's consultation report comes out this Friday. We will also try to prepare a "counter-report" to contest the VSB's version of the consultation, which we expect will be disappointing, biased and incomplete. We have a joint petition, that we will try to get more signatures on. The petition comments are very valuable and we will present them to the VSB.
- Question: Shall we get the French class reps to re-send the petition?
- 3 members of the Hudson PAC Executive were at MLA Melanie Mark's community meeting at Strathcona on Friday April 5. Janet Fraser attended, as well as Shawn Kelly of the DPAC.

c. Traffic Safety Update (Jennifer)

- We have a new VPD school liaison officer who is very keen.
- VPD will do "education by enforcement" starting in a couple weeks.
- Parent concern - Drivers parking are putting their bumpers over the sidewalk as they parallel park and that puts kids at risk.
- Should we put tall pylons in the driveway area so drivers don't back up into it or try to park there (nice heavy ones that you'd feel? HOOSC could put them out in the morning. Robert to ask Kelly Han if they can do that
- Jenn to ask Ian if he'd like the PAC to install a removable bollard in the driveway
- Should we make a video of bad behavior to show parents

d. Hot Lunch Committee (Marina B)

- Marina need volunteers. Jenn to send a link to the place in Munchalunch that has a calendar sign-up for volunteers
- Robert and Marina to contact parents who haven't paid for Term 3 yet.

e. Technology Committee (John)

- No complaints :)
- The classes could still use more computers/laptops.

- It's difficult to donate technology directly to the school, but HOOSC can take it if anyone has tech to deliver.
- f. Guest Speakers (Victoria)
- For Career Day on Friday, May 10th, Victoria is looking for someone who works with animals. Approximately 90 minute commitment in the morning.
- g. Spirit Committee (Carly)
- Spirit Wear sales are dwindling.
 - Should we investigate if we could have a permanent online store with a retailer and they handle shipping. Make/Promo Sapiens might give us a deal.
- h. Paws of Empathy Project (Victoria)
- Had another session in the portable with the teacher's dog. Victoria will try to go back again soon (in April).
 - Victoria will try to continue the program next year even though her child will have graduated

13. New Business

14. Next meeting Wednesday May 8.

15. Adjourn - (John/Kylea)

The French Immersion Committee will meet immediately after the general meeting concludes. All interested parents are invited to attend.