

## Henry Hudson PAC Meeting Minutes May 15, 2019 6:30pm - in the library

1. Welcome and introductions (Robert) 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 from the lands and village site of Sen'ákw or sən'aʔqw [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.

2. Approval of minutes from April 10 meeting ([hudsonpac.ca/meetings](http://hudsonpac.ca/meetings)) (John/Jenn)

3. PAC Chair report (Robert)

- Support for the next 8 years of French Immersion. Allan Wong is receptive to hear our ideas at a board meeting, so our PAC needs to make a list:
  - Textbooks
  - More tech
  - Stuff to support new curriculum
  - Team up with other French Immersion schools in the neighborhood for cultural exchanges with Quebec.
- Question: could we organize a trip for English students too?

4. Principal's Report

- Joanne Gauthier is moving to a North Van school, we have a replacement for this year, a French teacher with a primary background: M. Ali Mohammed
- Naomi Nimic is now a full time teacher Monday-Friday
- Miss Armitage (English resource teacher) is retiring
- So there will be some postings available in the spring
- We have lost a French division (now have 6 classes instead of 7)
- Now we will have split classes down to Grades 2 & 3
- Ian is trying to maneuver class orientation to meet class size requirements for special needs and split classes
- Still no news from Ministry on seismic upgrade
- Sports Day will have to end at lunchtime instead of at 2pm this year due to lack of teacher support.
- Ian is going to daycares to meet with incoming kindergarteners with special needs
- An author is writing a history of the Hudson area including the First Nations who lived here. The story has been approved by the Squamish nation and is being vetted by the Musqueam Nation. She has been meeting with teachers and will create lesson plans to present it to all grades.

Special Section – Handling Change from VSB April 29 Decision to phase out French Immersion

- Immediate Needs Activity Coordinator
  - • Someone with tech experience given the updates required on the website & spreadsheets
  - • Someone who has availability to be the "face" of activities -- frequently at school at pickup/dropoff, & potentially available during the day if problems arise E.g., no provider shows up for example or a parent needs to be contacted; someone Ian or Hannah can contact & reach. I am at work & unavailable to drop everything & come running. \*MOST IMPORTANT ASK\*
  - • Regular email monitoring is needed; there are daily emails that are actionable.
  - • Ability to work on recruiting/retaining vendors & negotiate with Ian for space etc
  - • Good organization & coordination skills as activities must be supported, coordinated & followed up with to ensure programs run in alignment with school programming
  - Angela asks if we can put an insert in kids' backpacks asking for another volunteer, since most people at the PAC meeting are already tasked with PAC things like committees
  - We will put an ask in the weekly reminders, too
  - Make sure we mention that you will work with another parent, so it's not just you taking over sole responsibility
  - Anyone interested should email [HUDSONACTIVITIES@gmail.com](mailto:HUDSONACTIVITIES@gmail.com)
  - Melissa C. suggests that we also plug the PAC meetings in the backpack insert
  
- Hot Lunch Volunteers
  - Marina is good for the rest of the year, but we will need people in September.
  - We should definitely recruit kindergarten parents with a table on the first week of school.

#### 5. Teachers' Committee Report - none present

#### 6. Treasurer's Report (Dana)

- Everything seems to be on budget.
- ACTION ITEM: We need to present a draft budget at the June PAC meeting.

#### 7. Events Report (Stella)

- All seems to be going well. We're gearing up for the summer fair on June 21st.
- The bouncy castle company wants us to sign a waiver that they will not be held responsible for damage to land or injury to children. School will not sign and PAC doesn't want to either.
- Idea: Allow parents or kids to rent a table to sell crafts or old toys? Idea is tabled until next year because there's not enough capacity among volunteers to organize it.
- We will need lots of volunteers to man the bouncy castles.
- We will require that parents supervise their own children

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

9. Activities Report (Angela and Cécile)

- Already presented

10. DPAC and Advocacy Report (Melissa C)

- DPAC is hosting Part 2 of the new Curriculum requirements on May 23
- DPAC AGM is June 20. If anyone is interested in serving on the executive, our PAC needs to nominate you by June 18
- VSB is doing the budget and the Long Range Facilities Plan right now.
  - Budget is slated to be adopted on June 24. It's a "status quo" budget, meaning nothing cut or added, however they are proposing some extra staffing. They want to fund it through an increase to school fee from \$25 to \$35. These are some in-school staff, but also some VSB staff, including a business manager to do some fundraising, and an external consultant to review reinstating the music program. They are also proposing increasing their rental fees. Parents should feel free to write the trustees with their comments.
  - LRFP is being reviewed, but the VSB doesn't have clear guidelines for re-drafting it, given the Ministry of Education's memo on April 12 that seemed to change the requirements. DPAC conducted a survey of parents and is presenting it to the VSB tonight. The board has only directed the VSB to stop considering school closures, but has not directed any other specific changes to the LRFP.
- PAC Chair has met with Janet Fraser re: school expansion of Hudson and trying to get capital expenditures assigned to Hudson. Her understanding is that before you can get a school expanded you have to expel any district choice programs, then shrink the catchment, and only then if you still can't accommodate students in an area can you make the request.
- Shaughnessy, Bayview, and Queen Mary are all schools that have taken our overflow. We should reach out to those parents to see if they will help us advocate for a bigger Hudson
- Josh is at the Facilities Planning meeting tonight, and Jennifer Reddy will re-introduce her motion re: French Immersion closures. Also the Squamish Nation will present about their needs.

11. SPC report (Victoria S)

12. Committee updates

- a. Seismic Upgrade Committee Report (Laura)
- b. Traffic Safety Update (Jennifer)
- c. Hot Lunch Committee (Marina B)
  - Parents need to be pestered to pay
  - Is it too early to ask volunteers to step up for September?
- d. Technology Committee (John)

- We've acquired 8 more iPads, which allow us to access textbook materials at a cheaper cost.
- We'll need a new volunteer for Technology Committee next year
- e. Guest Speakers (Victoria)
  - Done for the year
  - Career Day: kids had a great time, and gave great feedback. They were very interested in asking questions of the parents. THANK YOU to all the parents who gave their time to present to the kids.
- f. Spirit Committee (Carly)
  - There are still some jerseys that haven't been returned.
- g. Paws of Empathy Project (Victoria)
  - Victoria will continue the project next year. She has seen great results in the class that she's presented to twice.

### 13. New Business

- June 25 is the leaving ceremony for Grade 7s. Parents need to buy tickets for themselves and the children for the boat cruise. There will not be any alcohol served. Class reps for Grade 6 and 7 should message their parents - it is a tradition that the Grade 6s cater the leaving ceremony.

### 14. Next meeting Wednesday June 12

### 15. Adjourn (Dana/John)