

PAC Meeting Minutes June 12, 2019

1. Welcome 12 June 2019
2. May minutes approved (John/Nicole)
3. Chair report & succession planning for PAC executive
 - a. Important to identify new PAC executive members before some of the current ones leave! Think about candidates for September!
4. Principal's Report
 - Thank you for teacher lunch. Regina (new VP) was in attendance.
 - New principal will be here in August. Ian's last day is probably July 4. Ian thanks us for the years here at Hudson and appreciates what the PAC has done.
 - Last report cards are being prepared. (January & June are report cards - teachers will have done at least 3 other formal communications)
 - There is an open posting for a Grade 6/7 teacher, and a job sharing position with Julia Fleming (Grade 5).
 - New VP will be part time and the rest of her time will be resource (French and English)
5. Draft Budget
 - Planned to actual (to June 11) and then a projection to end of year - which entails a lot of end-of-year expenses.
 - Hot Lunch mid-term looks profitable, but at end of term we have to pay vendors.
 - We've made money off of lots of little initiatives (Mabel's Labels, rummage sale, sportswear sales, etc)
 - Winter and Summer Fair reliably make money so they go in their own line of revenue.
 - Teacher's Wishlist mostly hasn't been spent yet, but \$11,xxx went to iPads. Dana asked Hannah to tell the teachers to spend some money.
 - Expecting to end the year with a surplus of \$7000.
 - Question: Many schools don't buy technology - why do we? Ian says that teachers have requested technology, and that when the computer lab was closed to become a classroom we ended up with no computers. Melissa C says that we could discuss whether we want to be a PAC that solely focuses on community-building, not fundraising.
 - Dana has drafted a budget that looks like our previous budget, but tonight we can discuss if we want to change priorities or add or delete any programs.
 - We'd like to be able to pass the budget at the first PAC meeting in September, so that programs can get rolling.
 - Question: Have we signed up with Chapters/Indigo for their school funding program?
 - Dana would like to be able to give Ms. Nikon (librarian) and set budget for the library so she knows how much she can order.
 - Question: Why don't we do book fairs anymore? We need a volunteer, and we need space to set it up. It's too much work for just Ms. Nikon.

- Question: Can we set aside money for reconciliation, maybe art or a mask? A lot of the art donated to schools by the VSB has been stolen. On Aboriginal Peoples Day, we have received a small grant from the VSB for activities.
- Suggestion: More budget for more field trips. Younger grade field trips (K-1) are more expensive, so maybe we could give them a larger budget than the older grades.
- Suggestion: Spend about \$4000 of the current surplus on the teachers' wishlist.
- Question: Is it okay to begin spending money before the September PAC meeting? Rob thinks that's reasonable as long as it's one of our usual expenses.
- Rob's suggestion for budget: When VSB voted to phase out French, they pledged to support every class through their graduation. They have asked our PAC what we want/expect. We think a cultural exchange trip would be helpful. We need to have adequate numbers of students to participate and to begin planning in September. We want to offer both an English and French track. To get our numbers up, perhaps we can team up with another small school. Many parents in the past have been unwilling to send their children. Someone else has suggested that we also make it an "urban/rural" exchange. We have some PAC investments, including the "Pay it Forward" fund - in short-term GICS which mature in January and February. Cultural exchanges and the Grade 7 camping trip were the intended use for these investments.
- Ian has participated in cultural exchanges at Britannia. The YMCA organized it. They did lots of fundraising and grant-writing, and the students had to participate in some community-building activities.
- Rob and Dana propose using our extra money as a backstop to the exchange, to make sure it can go forward if fundraising falls short, and then to use the experience as a template so we know how much it costs and what is involved.
- Students stay in homes in the community they visit with families.
- Motion to spend \$4000 on teachers wishlist - Passed

6. Summer Fair

- No late ticket sales accepted
- Volunteers still needed, particularly bouncy castle attendants. Raffle runner needed
- Cakes have not filled up yet - many more needed. Simple cakes are just fine! A bit of sprinkle is still very appealing to kids. Cakes can be dropped off anytime on the day of the fair.
- Cake walk, raffle and food are the money makers
- Idea: Ask Hannah to invite the incoming Kindergarten families to the summer fair

7. Secretaries Report:

- In September, get the Class Reps together quickly.

8. Activities:

- We have a new parent volunteer! Kerry is taking over Cecile's role

- Activities are wrapping up
 - Kidpreneur Market Day is next Thursday after school. Kids will be selling their own wares.
 - Cecile is leaving next year
9. Choir Director
- Choir concert next Tuesday at 6pm.
 - Choir sang at Maritime Museum for their 60th anniversary
10. SPC
- Kindie washrooms are having vandalism
 - It's up to the new principal whether the SPC continues next year
 - Big thanks to Victoria and John for their 8 years of volunteering on the PAC
11. Seismic Upgrade
- Committee met with Chung Lee and Mike Rossi to see where we are on the report - we have no info until it moves through the Ministry.
 - We have a couple of advocacy ideas to try to get them to think big on this site.
12. Traffic Safety
- Still haven't heard from Liliana at city
 - Approaching the one-year anniversary of parent being hit outside our Summer Fair
 - Can we ask CBC Go Public to visit our summer fair and take footage of the fair and the damage still on the building that was hit?
13. Hot Lunch
- Some parents have not paid for this term.
 - June 25 is last lunch
 - Volunteers look good
 - In August about 2 weeks before school we'll send a reminder for orders
14. Technology
- John is close to lining up a new volunteer
15. Speakers
- Victoria has a volunteer to run Career Day
16. DPAC
- They are desperate for executive members. Time commitment is at least 10 hours a week.
17. Spirit Committee
- Just chasing 3 or 4 more jerseys to be returned
 - We have enough jerseys for now
18. Paws of Empathy
- Victoria may be doing 1 more session for Mme Chloe
 - Several teachers have expressed interest in continuing

Next meeting is in September - dates to be announced

Adjourn (Nicole/John)