

Henry Hudson Elementary School PAC

Minutes of meeting of October 16th, 2019

1. Meeting started at 6:35 pm with welcome and acknowledgement.
2. Approval of June minutes: Nicole/Dave.
3. Principal's Report
 - a. There are new and trained playground leaders. They are easily identified with their vests.
 - b. There is a new "special equipment" that can be used outside
 - c. On November 7th there will be a Remembrance Day Celebration in the gym
 - d. October 25th is a Provincial Wide Pro D Day
4. Traffic Safety Update
 - a. There will be more presence with the parking enforcement
 - b. Please follow the signage and know that the school cannot help with parking violations nor can the PAC
5. Executive Member Reports
 - a. Activities Update: We need at least 2 other parents to help us with our activities at Henry Hudson. It is a volunteer position that requires more time than the others.
 - b. Seismic Committee Update: The decision has not been made for total partial or upgrading of existing school. It has been suggested that the school board is doing extra diligence and is in the 2nd round of screening.
 - c. Vice-Chair External - DPAC rep: We need a parent to volunteer to be part of the DPAC. Melissa Clements was in the position and will be able to answer questions to anyone interested.
 - d. Treasurer Report: Deanna: Our goal for the Direct Donation Campaign is underway and we are currently at \$2000 of our \$10,000 goal.
 - e. Secretary Report: Nicole. Nothing
 - f. Vice-Chair Internal - Events: Stella: The Halloween Haunted House will be taking place on Thursday October 31st. The Winter Fair is on Friday December 13th. We will be looking for tree decorations and a tree to be donated.
 - g. Hot Lunch Coordinator Report: Marina. A test was done with a new pizza franchise. The children were given a new pizza to try and we may continue to use the new location. We will be conducting one more test.
6. Elections
PAC EXECUTIVE ROLES:
 - PAC Chair: Robert Ford Re-Applying
 - Vice Chair External DPAC: Melissa Clements (not reapplying) need to fill position
 - Vice Chair Internal Events: Stella Vetterlin Re-applying ** Name to be changed to Events Coordinator

- Co- Secretary: Vacant (New applicant Cheryl Do Livramento (absentia added)
- Co-Secretary: Nicole Parmar re-applying
- Co-Treasurer: Dana Thordarson reapplying
- Co-Treasurer: Vacant New applicant Dave Dexter
- Co Activities Coordinator: Angela Olson Reapplying (conditional)
- Co Activities Coordinator: Vacant open for nominations
- Member at large (seismic): Laura MacDougall Reapplying
- Member at large Josh Paterson Reapplying

7:00pm PAC Dissolved

- All new people approved
- All positions standing

7:10pm New PAC In Order

7. Important Dates and Events

October 25th Pro D Day

Nov 7th Assembly

Nov 8th No School

Nov 11th No School

Dec 13th Winter Fair

Dec 18th Winter Concert AM / PM shows - more information to follow

8. Teachers' report: No classroom teachers present this evening (Our Librarian Ms. Nikon was in attendance).

- a. It was discussed that September is a hard month for teachers. It was also discussed that teachers may need more technology such as ipads and projectors.
- b. Library needs: The library needs continuous support. They are looking for more indigenous resources. Ms. Nikon is looking into online resources that may include subscriptions. As always, there are free books in the hallway. It's a free library exchange. Take it if you want it.

9. Open discussion.

- a. Rob passed around surveys about improving meeting attendance.
- b. Parent: Children need laptops. With those laptops there needs to be equal access across both curriculums and grades. There was discussion about holding a technology fundraiser as technology ages out quickly. The discussion turned into how to better support teachers. The principal responded by suggesting that they are looking at 3 different segments of interest teachers have and are looking at these areas to support;
 - i. Differentiated activities
 - ii. Supporting Arts

iii. Environment

Parent - Dogs: Dogs are becoming a constant topic at PAC meetings and the Parents /PAC/ and principle discussed getting the children involved and making signs. It was suggested that there needs to be support from the city. We need to know who is responsible for this.

1. What's the VSB Policy
2. What is the school policy for dogs on property
3. What is the city policy

Parent Timing Of Lunch: It suggested there is not enough time to eat

- i. Talk to classroom teachers
- ii. Work with kids and let them snack during class
- iii. Each grade and each teacher can work on what works for them

10. Next meeting is Wednesday November 13th.

11. Adjourn: 8:02 pm Nicole/Shelley.