

Henry Hudson PAC Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2019

Welcome and Introductions

We recognize that we are gathered in the unceded territory of the Skxwú7mesh [Squamish], xʷməθkʷəy̓əm [Musqueam], and səliłwətaʔ [Tseil-Waututh] peoples. We acknowledge that Henry Hudson Elementary is just over 100 metres from the lands and village site of Sen'ákw or sən'aʔq̓w [pronounced Senawk] from which Squamish people were sent away by illegally forcing them to sell their land in 1913, the year after Hudson was completed.

Presentation: Hudson Choir Singers shared some festive songs

Approval of October and November minutes: Claire and Dana.

Principal's Report

Mme. Bouchard reviewed the School Learning Plan where the school learning goal is improving student writing skills.

Mme. Vosahlo presented the new reporting process. It is now focused on communicating student learning rather than reporting. Mr. Dong shared an online communication app that his class is using called My Blueprint. Student reports will now be issued twice a year, on January 31 and June 30.

Teachers and student are preparing for the Winter Concert on December 18. There will be two performances at 9:30am and 1:15pm.

We are collecting donations for the Food Bank. Boxes are placed in classrooms and the office.

The staff vs student volleyball game is taking place tomorrow at lunch.

Three teachers are conducting an inquiry to reduce waste in and outside of the school.

Seismic Upgrade in the Context of the Señákw Development

In regards to the Seismic Upgrade, Henry Hudson is currently in the project definition phase. We are still waiting on the announcement to learn whether the school will be a new build or retrofit. If a retrofit, we will be stuck with the same size of our existing building.

Suggested we encourage the parent community to advocate to our MLA and the VSB for a bigger school due to the Señákw Development which will be in the school's catchment. As there will be approx. 6,000 units in the development along with approx. 2,000 units in the new Molson development (also in the school's catchment).

Background Direct Donation Resolution

The Direct Donation campaign, which funds The Wish List Budget items from teachers, is estimated to be \$9,000. Normally this is directed toward technology, but there's been a request as follow to make a minor budget adjustment for this year.

Resolution

Be it resolved that the classroom supplies budget will be increased by \$100 for 10 primary classrooms totalling \$1,000. The remaining \$8,000 would be used as follows:

- \$1,000 for new projector for the classroom that has a broken one (About \$900 estimated cost)
- The remaining \$7,000 would be dedicated to replace and update laptops. Estimated 7-8 devices

The additional classroom funds will go to special projects such as building catapults, clay/pottery, quilts, special paints and paper.

Vote to change the line item in the budget: Rob and Jenna.

Request to Mme. Bouchard to ask for more timely reporting from the VSB for School Cash Online donations. There is currently a long delay so we don't know for about 6 weeks after each month how much funds were raised.

Teacher's Report

Bargaining is ongoing. BC teachers are the 2nd lowest paid in Canada. There is a teacher shortage; no substitutes resulting in resources are being pulled from Special Needs. Requested report sent to HUDSONPAC@gmail.com.

Executive Member Reports

- Activities Update

CST, PAC and principal met to explore Term 2 activities. Schedule not yet finalized, hope to be within a week.

- Treasurer Report

Dana reviewed YTD. Hot lunch revenue is down about \$2,000 vs LYTD, but we are still waiting on some payments.

- Secretary Report

The PAC website has been updated and content is now up to date.

- Vice-Chair Internal – Events

Update on Winter Fair: we've had tons of raffle and kids market items donated. String pull donations are low, so this activity will probably be cancelled. We need volunteers to run games and for food sales - Mme. Bouchard will send an email to parents with time slots. Tents have arrived and look amazing. They are/will be located in the boys change room in the gym.

- Hot Lunch Coordinator Report

We are chasing payments from parents who have yet to pay for Term 1. Ordering for Term 2 should be ready by December 28.

- *new* Grade 7 grad planning

Request to move this to the next meeting agenda.

- Traffic Safety Update

Received an email from a VPD Constable with his observations on parent behaviour at morning drop-off. Overall it was pretty good, cyclists were more of a problem not obeying the 4 way stop. It is believed the ticket blitz by bylaw officers has parents following the parking rules around the school. Suggested perhaps we have parent volunteers wear sandwich boards to educate cyclists during school drop-off time.

Important Dates and Events

Carly has been approached by General Wolfe and False Creek PACs to partner in a parent casino night at the Creekside Community Centre on January 31. Tickets are \$30 and include a drink ticket and \$1,000 in play money. Winnings can be used to bid on silent auction prizes.

Spirit Wear vendor, Oddball, will replace any peeling items in the new year.

Attendance Draw

Won by Claire

Next meeting date: to be announced

No new business

Adjourn at 7:33pm: Laura and Marina.