

## **PAC Meeting Minutes: February 12, 2020**

December Minute Approval: Dana, Seconded by Nicole

### **Principal's Report**

- Communication between staff and administration is always improving
  - School teachers work hard at communication. Lynn thanked the parents who help fill in the gaps. We are a community and need to all support each other
  - There is a link on the VSB website that discusses conflict resolution ([https://www.vsb.bc.ca/\\_layouts/vsbwww/arch/default/files/conflict-resolution.pdf](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/_layouts/vsbwww/arch/default/files/conflict-resolution.pdf)). There are talking steps and contact steps in order to walk through conflict resolution
  - Office admin cannot share specifics and neither does the support staff. If there is an injury you may receive a phone call from a teacher or someone who was with your child. No matter who calls you, the communication is sufficient.
  - If you feel you need to talk to Lynne you can also email, but there are a lot of emails
  - If something needs to be communicated, you will be informed. There is board consultations before system wide information can be circulated
  - Sometimes information is vague for our own benefits
- Recess and lunch safety. This is on our radar and the K and grade one teachers are being consulted. Staff capacity has been addressed and teachers and supervision aids are being consulted
- Encouraging you to ask your child what their learning. Can you explain something you learned today? What other people ate?
- Proposing a parents cafe - casual for anyone who wants to come for it. Casual conversations. Deeper learning with parents and the community
- Diversity club - pink shirt day on February 26
- February is Black History month
- Make learning visual
- Environmental focus: Salmon. Got eggs class is watching. Connections. Visited high school and got excited about the clothing drive. Making things from the old clothing
- Two classes are doing a worm garden and zero waste is coming
- We have 6/7 grade students being student leaders.
- Teacher Information shared by Lynne
  - Teachers are planning for Earth Day. It's going to be very fun!
  - Global play day happened and now they are looking to create another learning through play. More outside classroom learning is also under way.

### **SPECIAL DISCUSSIONS**

#### **Seismic upgrade:**

- Project Definition Report (PDR) has been sent to the provincial government
- It has a schematic design of a replacement school. The Vancouver Project Office states this is new for seismic projects as new schools were having cost overruns. We still don't know if it's repair or replace for the school.
- Livingston Elementary is getting a retrofit and Lord Tennyson is getting a replacement. We are not able to see the rhyme or reason for their decisions. The PAC was told that no two 1912 era schools were built the same way.
- Don't infer because one school got one thing, we are getting it. This will be based on the government
- There is concern that the school won't be able to handle the development around it. I.e. Molson's and Señákw Development

## WHAT CAN WE DO?

Ask for meeting with MLA. The VSB does not have the financial capability to take this, so it was suggested to look into a letter writing campaign. Engage the Squamish Aboriginal community that will also be affected by these decisions.

### **Music Program Update**

Preview of report

Recommendation was music specialist teachers accessible in all schools

### **DPAC SUMMIT**

Parent engagement is needed. The DPAC is trying to sort out and help parents with: who to talk to when you need help. They are also actively looking into getting younger parents engaged.

### **TEACHER'S REPORT**

None were present

### **EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

- Robert will be leaving Chair position, will stay on as DPAC rep and Special Projects, if elected.
- We need new recruits: Chairman and Co-Treasurer

### **Activities**

- Going well
- Field is not ready to use
- More information to come beforehand about what is about to come

### **Treasurer Report**

- Report: <https://www.hudsonpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Treasurer-report-2020-02-12.pdf>
- Spending money for projector and laptops has been completed
- 4K on winter fair

### **Secretary Report**

Nothing to report

### **Hot Lunch**

No report (Marina absent)

### **Events**

New event, Spring Bazaar taking place on March 10. Kids can rent a table, or half table, and sell crafts, baked goods or used toys. Notice going home in backpacks this week and an info session for interested/participating students and parents will be held after school on Feb 21. Volunteers needed for setup.

### **Grade 7 Grad**

Move to next meeting agenda

### **Traffic Safety**

Requested Mme. Bouchard leaves the info in the school newsletter permanently. Was noted that traffic calming measures have been put in place on Prior Street off the Georgia viaduct, we'd like the same to be done for Cornwall Ave.

**Important dates**

None

**Open Discussion**

Inquiry regarding thoughts on the name and possible renaming of the school. The VSB is currently looking at all school names and identifying changes

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm: Rachel and Carly