

Henry Hudson PAC

October PAC Meeting

October 28, 2020

Call to order at 6:32pm

September PAC meeting minutes

Approved by Cheryl, Laura seconded

Welcome and Introductions

We recognize that we are gathered in the unceded territory of the Skxwú7mesh [Squamish], xʷməθkʷəyəm [Musqueam], and səliłw̓ ətaʔt [Tseil-Waututh] peoples. We acknowledge that Henry Hudson Elementary is just over 100 metres from the lands and village site of Sen'ákw orsən'a?qw [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.

Meeting Notes

PAC elections

- Elections for PAC Executive positions are postponed until the November PAC meeting due to parents not being aware of recent changes to the PAC Executive and the PAC not being able to send out emails at the moment (having issues with Mail Chimp)

Direct Donation Campaign Update

- \$3,700 raised to date, just over halfway to goal of \$7,000
- PAC hopes to send email to parents by Wednesday next week (only backpack [flyer](#) has gone out to date due to our Mail Chimp issues)
- Lynne will add it to Friday's school newsletter
- PAC is aware this year has been hard for many families financially

DPAC Update

- Tomorrow night DPAC will be hosting a Zoom Q&A town hall meeting to seek input on the VSB's upcoming budget for next year. Those interested in attending can register on DPAC [website](#)

Seismic Upgrade Update

- A Seismic Advisory Group (SAG) meeting was held on October 14 where it was shown they have been making progress on the design. The designs are looking quite good. A lot of the concerns raised have been addressed in updated design, but there are still some areas of concern (ex: teachers have requested storage space). Funds were committed for the design of the 6 extra classrooms, but there is no guarantee they will be built. A 2nd tender has been put out for the build of them. All existing furniture is expected to move. Not aware of any fundraising needs from PAC yet. The more advance notice we have, the more forward planning we will have

Principal Update

- Library news: are processing some new books. They have a lot of novels, but are looking to build the early learning and non-fiction resources. Lynne asked to be invited to the next PAC Executive meeting to see if we can adjust the current budget to reflect this year's needs. Book exchange is up and running. Some classrooms have been participating in VPL workshops, book talks, virtual authors, collaborative work with teachers and students and supporting novel studies. Soon we will be showcasing art and the love of stories in the library
- There will be a Remembrance day virtual assembly on a larger scale where families will be invited to attend
- Teachers continue to collaborate in a variety of Teams: Tech Team, Indigenous, Art, Primary, Intermediate, Math, Code of Conduct, Outdoor Learning and Anti-racism
- Today we have the pleasure of Jen Johnson our grade ½ teacher to share a little more about our journey on anti-racism

Teacher's Update

- Jen Johnson, grade 1/2 teacher spoke about a workshop on anti-racism that she attended in July. She is meeting once a month with other colleagues who attended the workshop on how they can bring those discussions into the classroom. A couple of the things they have done are created a Channel on the topic in MS Teams and read the book All are Welcome

Executive Updates

1. Activities Update
 - Doesn't look like activities will be running this term
 - Activities and hot lunch status are unknown for next term
2. Treasurer Report
 - Dave is the lead Treasurer this year, it is Dana's last year at the school
3. Secretary Report
 - Planning to update the PAC website so information is streamlined and cleaned up
 - Collecting information on PAC roles and responsibilities from the PAC Executive members to help with new member recruitment for November
4. Vice-Chair Internal
 - Stella absent
5. Important Dates and Events
 - None

New Business

- None

Adjourned at 6:55pm. Passed by Melissa, Rachel seconded