

Henry Hudson PAC

November PAC Meeting

January 27, 2021

Call to order at 7:30pm

Welcome and Introductions

We recognize that we are gathered on 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'aʔqw [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.

November PAC meeting minutes

Approved by Melissa, Claire seconded

Meeting Notes

Executive Elections

- Motions passed for new Treasurer: Dana Hoffman and new DPAC: Rep Claire Stephenson.

Constitution and Bylaw Update

- We've drafted a new set of Bylaws and Constitution and they have been sent to Lynne for review. Once get her comments and feedback we will share with the parent community for review.

Budget Amendments

- Dana reviewed proposed revisions to the budget. Minor revisions were made and Cheryl will post the revised budget on the PAC website
- The Direct Donation campaign raised \$6,898.99 this year (goal \$7,000).

HOOSC Update

- Angela Olsen, parent on the HOOSC board, provided an update
- They've been busy engaging with the City of Vancouver (COV), MLA's, and Kits Neighborhood House regarding the new school build
- If any parents have expertise in architecture, municipal affairs or tendering they would be happy to hear from them
- Will continue to collaborate with PAC seismic committee.

District PAC (DPAC) Update

- Tomorrow is the monthly general meeting at 7pm.

Seismic Upgrade Updates

- No update, meeting this month was cancelled.

Vancouver Plan

- PAC Executive has been brainstorming ways to build a strong working relationship between the COV and VSB. There is very little communication between the 2 (ex: for seismic they are using 2 different demographic forecasting)
- The COV is drafting its first city-wide plan. We want to encourage the parent community to get involved in the city planning process, as there is opportunity to provide input, to ensure schools are part of discussion and asking for policies in the plan that speak to schools
- The VSB long range plan presented this week does not take into account pending developments and there is concern that the upcoming developments on the Señákw and Molson lands (they predict 27-31% of occupancy will be families) being in the Hudson catchment and a notoriously full school. The gap needs to be bridged between the VSB, COV and developers, they are not aligned at all
- Angela shared HOOSC has been having these discussions for the past 8 or 9 months, the PAC will collaborate with HOOSC on it. Create a Google share drive for information and Angela will follow up and Melissa and Nicole
- First steps will be to engage with city councilors and the VSB to make sure we can bridge this relationship in any way shape or form.

Principal Update

- In February students school-wide will be learning about black history month
- Anti-racism inquiry is continuing in many classes
- Teachers are being creative about getting groups of kids together in their cohorts and online
- Picture day is on hold by the VSB. Will share in school newsletter when it can happen
- Appreciate parents reaching out to PAC with inquiries and questions. They can also always reach out to the Principle and Vice-Principle via email.

Teacher's Update

- Sandra Wilson, teacher librarian, provided an update
- The district is purchasing new ebooks and audio books, students have access to so much more than what is physically in the library. There are multiple copies available and holds can be placed if all are signed out
- She is working with teachers to ensure students know how to login to the online library. There is a library link on Hudson website. Student login with their pen and team's password. Info will be included in the next school newsletter
- Is weeding/going through current library collection and plans on doing a diversity audit. Teachers will do the same with classroom libraries
- If parents see/notice a book that is not culturally appropriate, etc it is important to have a conversation with their teacher or the librarian. There is a process in place to have them removed
- Parent created idreamlibrary.com has an online collection of BIPOC stories
- 3 year plan includes creating more a comfortable space including reading nooks for students.

Executive Updates

1. Treasurer Report
 - See Budget Amendments above
2. Secretary Report
 - Nothing this month
3. Special Events Coordinator
 - Nothing this month
4. Activity Coordinator
 - Not present

New Business

- Thank you to Robert Ford, former PAC Chair, for his 13 years of service
- Question asked: as a Hudson community, do we know how families are doing and the impact of COVID? Only 20 students did not return to in-person learning this year, most returned. Families are encouraged to reach out to school admin if they are struggling. Kudos given to teachers and staff, Lynne recognized that staff is very positive and united. Admin is committed to sending out a bi-weekly school newsletter and showing what classes are doing in it. This topic will be added as an agenda item at the next PAC meeting

Adjourned at 8:33pm. Passed by Dana, Claire seconded.