

Henry Hudson PAC

February PAC Meeting

February 24, 2021

Call to order at 7:41pm

Welcome and Introductions

We recognize that we are gathered on the unceded territory of the Skxwú7mesh [Squamish], xʷməθkʷəyəm [Musqueam], and səliłw̓ ətaʔt̓ [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.

January PAC meeting minutes

Approved by Claire, Stella seconded

Meeting Notes

Constitution and Bylaw update

- The draft has been circulated to Lynne, she has arranged a meeting between Nicole and Melissa with a rep from the VSB to review/discuss. The draft should be ready to bring to the next PAC meeting

Covid Checklist questions

- Parents are wondering, what is the procedure for recovered students with still symptomatic/positive person(s) in their household. Lynne advised they should follow the protocols provided to them from Vancouver Coastal Health

Budget Amendments

- We raised \$340 in pink shirt sales. Funds were spent the past month on classroom and library materials

District PAC (DPAC) Update

- The monthly DPAC general meeting is tomorrow at 7pm. There is a mental health check in session after regular business concludes. All parents are invited to attend these meetings. There are open positions on the DPAC executive, they looking for parent volunteers to fill them: <http://vancouverdpac.org>

Seismic Upgrade Updates

- Not present

Principal Update

- A part-time art teacher is seeing 12/18 of the divisions. The school has a kiln and all students will be working on a clay project using it
- Planned performances for students:
 - Hopeful for tennis in the spring
 - Hip Hop dance lessons for all classes planned
 - First Nations theatre
- Teachers are very active with anti-bullying, racism and diversity. There is a display by students on a tree on the field near the preschool

Teacher's Update

- Arielle Baker, grade 1 French Immersion teacher, talked about the school's diversity club. It is an optional lunch time club, has been at Hudson for a number of years and is a space for grade 5-7 students. They approaching it as a learning, advocacy and safe space for students. The goal is to raise awareness and create an inclusive school. They are working with teachers on their curriculum and resources they use in the classroom. Students are ambassadors outside of the club, have been given pink bracelets to wear. They are currently meeting in 3 separate cohorts and 28 students have signed up

Executive Updates

1. Treasurer Report
 - See Budget Amendments above
2. Secretary Report
 - Working on PAC information flyer for Kindergarten orientation package. Looking for parent with design skills to assist on this and future needs. Will include request for help in next school and PAC newsletters
3. Special Events Coordinator
 - Nothing this month
4. Activity Coordinator
 - Not present

New Business

- Parents of a child hit by a car a block from the school inquired if the PAC could assist with advocating for safer traffic measures in the neighborhood. Melissa will put them in touch with Jennifer Tillet, who has worked on transportation issues on Cornwall before, and the PAC Executive will discuss and get back to them

Adjourned at 8:16 pm. Passed by Stella, seconded Claire