

# Henry Hudson PAC

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## **April PAC Meeting**

April 28, 2021

Call to order at 7:32pm

## **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.

## **March PAC meeting minutes**

Approved by Dana, Melissa seconded

## **Meeting Notes**

### **Teacher Speaker Series**

- Mme Chloe, Div. 15F (grade 5/6), spoke about Self-Regulation
- She explained the definition and strategies and how teachers are practicing techniques class-wide. Also gave some analogies and took questions from parents.

### **District PAC (DPAC) Update**

- There are some great resources for parents on the DPAC webpage <http://vancouverdpac.org/>, Claire has also linked it on the Henry Hudson Families Facebook page.

### **Seismic Upgrade Updates**

- There is a meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Construction is expected to begin Spring 2022.

## **Principal Update**

- School growth plan: every 3 years the school embarks on picking an area of learning to focus on. It has been Writing and that will continue next year
- A Welcome to Kindergarten virtual event is scheduled for May 12. Parents will be invited to meet with teachers and the principal. An email with the invite will be sent out soon. Welcome to Kindergarten bags will also be distributed, pickup date TBA. Dates and times for gradual entry in September are being worked on
- Lynne announced her retirement! She will not be returning to the school next Fall, the teachers were informed on Tuesday. A new principal has been placed and they are working together for a smooth transition.

## **Teacher Appreciation Week**

- Every year the PAC does something for the teachers to show our appreciation. It is usually a potluck lunch, but that is not an option this year due to COVID
- A vote was held to allocate funds (\$300) from the PAC budget, all were in favor
- Suggestions were individual breakfast from a local business; such as Pane From Heaven, a Purdys gift bag, seedling
- Whatever is chosen needs to follow the COVID protocols (ex: no shared food).

## **Executive Updates**

1. Treasurer Report
  - In the last month funds has been spent on classroom materials and field trips
2. Secretary Report
  - Nothing to report this month
3. Activity Coordinator
  - Starting to think about planning extra-curricular activities for next year and will start by reaching out to past vendors to see who is still in business. If anyone has any activity ideas please share and will also ask parents in the next PAC email
  - Lynne shared the Community School Team (CST) coordinator is not yet planning for Fall and are awaiting direction from the VSB. Before the end of the school year they should have a better idea, but are thinking it will be more after-school activities and less lunchtime ones.
4. Special Events Coordinator
  - Nothing to report this month

## **Recruitment**

- The PAC is looking for more parents to join the PAC Executive. Melissa and Nicole are work on a flyer with info and will start advertising it in the next couple weeks
- There are quite a few positions to be filled (15)
- It was suggested to check with the Strathcona PAC on their recruiting methods and ask the Hudson preschool to include info in their monthly newsletter for the new Kindergarten parents
- Community building events (when allowed) were also suggested

## **PAC Bylaws**

- Melissa has sent the draft to the PAC Executive for review and comments back within 2 weeks. It will then be circulated to wider school community for feedback.
- The goal is to adopt them before the end of the school year

## **New Business**

- A parent shared that a group of students (in grades 6/7) are regularly staying on the school grounds afterschool and are using inappropriate language, are aggressive with each other, being disrespectful to other children and parents, and leaving behind garbage. Parents have spoken to them and they have been rude in response. It was also shared that some are carrying pocket knives, setting fires on the field and setting off firecrackers. School admin will follow up
- A question regarding immunizations missed in Spring 2020 for grade 6 students and when they will be caught up. Will likely be a clinic in grade 8

Adjourned at 8:46pm. Passed by Dana, Claire seconded