

Henry Hudson PAC

May PAC Meeting

May 26, 2021

Call to order at 7:31pm

Welcome and Introductions

We recognize that we are gathered on the unceded territory of the Skxwú7mesh [Squamish], xʷməθkʷəy̓əm [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.

April PAC meeting minutes

Approved by Dana H, Claire seconded

Meeting Notes

Immunization Update

- Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) has sent an update on immunization catchup (clinics that normally happen at school for grades k, 6 and 9) which had been suspended due to COVID. Cheryl will circulate the [notice](#) in the next PAC email.

Teacher Speaker Series

- Andrea Galbraith*, Vancouver Public Library (VPL) Children's Librarian, spoke about the VPL's [Summer Reading Program](#). The theme this year is Crack the Case and online registration begins on June 14. Mrs. Wilson (school librarian) has coordinated virtual talks next week between Andrea and students. Children will receive a medal if they complete the program. Cheryl will include info about registration in a PAC email to parents in early June
- Regina Voshalo, Vice-Principal, spoke about the role of the Vice-Principal and her career leading up to this role
- Regina then spoke about Communicating Student Learning (student reporting) and answered parent questions. View her presentation [here](#).

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District PAC (DPAC) Update

- VSB Superintendent Suzanne Hoffman will be leaving her role
- The DPAC Vice-Chair is also leaving their role, there are a number of DPAC roles to be filled on both the Executive and Committees
- The DPAC general meeting - Asian Heritage Month - Challenging Racist BC is tomorrow (May 27)

Seismic Upgrade Update

- VSB will be presenting new school plans and design to parents in June

Principal Update

- Thank you to the PAC for sponsoring 2 recent ArtStarts initiatives for students: Jess Dance virtual hip-hop class and The Hungry Feast Dish virtual theatre performance
- A staff committee is planning a Sports Day for the end of June. This year it will be called Games Day, focusing on games rather than competitions. Parents will not be asked to volunteer this year due to COVID protocols. The PAC will provide a cold treat
- Teachers are also organizing Bike to School Week in June, details coming soon
- Question about the recent BC Restart plan announcement and if we will see any changes to COVID protocols this school year? Admin is waiting for info from district on relaxing restrictions and will communicate them as they hear.

Executive Updates

1. Treasurer Report
 - Reviewed last month's expenditures
 - Added funds (\$250) back in for Sports Day treats
 - Grad 7 leaving ceremony funds are available
2. Secretary Report
 - Nothing to report this month

Update on Student Behavior and Safety

- It was brought to school administration's attention a few weeks ago that some students were seen with pocket knives on school grounds afterschool. They gathered info from witness reports, identified names, saw students individually and investigated in detail to ensure they had all info then called homes and contacted parents. Parents were supportive. There is a no weapons policy at VSB schools including toys or tools. Students are strongly encouraged to go home afterschool and not gather on school grounds
- Parents spoke up about an increase in aggressive and bullying behavior at school and what is being done. Admin will speak to individual students and classes and involve the school counselor. Question about her role. Jasmine is a youth and family worker who is at the school 2.5 days a week building relationships with students and works with small groups of them on social skills and self-regulation. Admin will get involved when students find conflicts difficult
- It was reported there was a troubling incident today afterschool around 4pm. It generally seems to be happening when staff has left for the day. There is teacher supervision until 3:20pm and then it the parents responsibility afterwards. Students are encouraged to go home afterschool and not gather on grounds
- The school's Code of Conduct can be found [here](#). It was asked to be included in next school newsletter and instruct parents to review it with children
- The school office closes at 3:30pm – if a witness would like to report an incident they can call school before then, email after 3:30pm or call next day after 8am with a description and details of the incident.

New Business

- The gaming grant for the PAC was recently applied for
- PAC will provide popsicles for students on Games Day
- Hot lunch planning is underway for September. Will begin with pizza and sushi and PAC voted it return 2 days a week (Tue and Thurs)

Adjourned at 8:40pm. Passed by Dana, Stella seconded