

# Henry Hudson PAC

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## **October PAC Meeting**

October 26, 2021

Call to order at 7:03pm

### **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.

### **AGM minutes**

Approved by Dana, David seconded

### **Meeting Notes**

#### **Hudson Diversity Club**

- Teachers Arielle Baker & Riley Hauptman spoke about the diversity club at Henry Hudson
- The main focus of the club is inclusivity and providing a safe environment for students to talk about LGBTQ and anti-bullying
- There were 28 students last year, numbers are a little lower this year
- They meet in the multi-purpose room at lunch on Thursdays, student announcements are made to create awareness and encourage participation
- They will be working on Pink Shirt Day and Pride Month activities (which they have made posters and videos in the past)
- Are working to educate members and other students in the school about anti-bullying
- Have been talking to students about what's going well right now; teachers have been bringing diverse voices and literature into classrooms
- They also have virtual guest speakers and a lot of fun!

## **Seismic Update**

- The Seismic Advisory Group (SAG), comprised of teachers, school administration, a PAC rep and a Hudson Child Care Society (HCCS) rep, recently met
- There are no notable changes to the schedule. The new school being built onsite is still scheduled to break ground this spring
- The meeting focus was to review the plans; interior and exterior landscaping and take note of things built into the plan that may not be funded by the overall budget of the project. Not foundational items, more so things people may wish to see included. Are in the process of making a list
- Have met with other schools learn from their experiences (General Gordon, Bayview, Lord Tennyson) and learned it is important to live in the space for awhile before seeing how to make use of a particular space. Not everything has to be bought at once
- Will meet with Sonja to look at engaging parents, students and teachers to get input
- The PAC has been setting aside a little bit of money each year in the budget and will be looking to raise a little bit more; depending on what the list looks like and the need for more funds.

## **Budget 2021/2022**

- Dana reviewed the PAC budget proposal for the school year
- Laura put forward a motioned to accept the budget, Cheryl seconded it. Budget was passed
- Note: it is not set in stone; small amendments may happen over the year and any large amendments will require a vote to be passed.

## **Activities Update**

- We recently launched 3 activities (soccer, choir and musician theatre) for this term, but unfortunately have had to pause as we are waiting on some approvals (that we weren't aware) of from VSB facility rentals
- There was really good responses to them, lots of kids signed up
- Will start planning for winter term activities soon. If parents have any activity ideas to put forward please reach out with ideas and we'll consider any new providers.

## **Special Events Update**

- There will be no special events this term (i.e. winter fair), the VSB will not allow any events on school grounds that bring in large crowds until at least January 2022.

## DPAC Update

- The October DPAC meeting takes place on Thursday, October 28 and a Treasury 101 special meeting will be held next week on Thursday, November 4
- All meeting details can be found at <http://vancouverdpac.org/2021-2022-school-year>.

## Principal's Update

- Service ramp: the ramp entering the school grounds from York street is getting a makeover; VSB maintenance is looking to see if they can put in a new post that is easily accessible (removing the chains)
- Masks: teachers are really encouraging families to send more than 1 mask to school. Students coming for disposable ones several times a day and they are trying to get consumption down for sustainability reasons
- Halloween: very excited to have 2 classrooms working on Halloween stations in the gym. 2 classes will enter at a time for about 20 mins. Doors will be kept open to keep air flowing and there will be cleaning between classes. An outdoor costume parade will take place before recess. Administration has a few items for students that don't have costumes, so they feel included
- Bullying: concerns have been brought forward and it has been asked what school administration is doing about them. Individual concerns and incidents are being worked on. Sometimes parents don't agree with the consequences for actions and are encouraged to read the school's [Code of Conduct](#) (and contact school administration with any questions)
- Often incidents can be dealt with in the moment and in other cases need to be taken a step further. They are either handled on the playground by supervisors or brought to administration if they cannot be solved there
- If parents have concerns it is requested they first contact teachers and then if needed, administration can join. Please give teachers 24 hours to respond and if they are unresponsive to email, parents are welcome to call office and leave a msg for them.

## Hot Lunch Update

- Hot lunch is very close to being able to launch, the coordinator is working on getting vendor covid safety protocols approved
- It will be on Tues/Thurs with pizza one day and a pasta trial the other this term.

## Call for Volunteers

- There is currently 1 parent volunteer leading the fundraising committee and could use some help. Please email [HUDSONPAC@gmail.com](mailto:HUDSONPAC@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining the fundraising committee.

## **PAC Vice-Chair Election**

- Nicole (PAC Co-Chair) has recently left the school and Josh Paterson has agreed to serve as Vice-Chair to fill the vacancy on the PAC
- Melissa brought forward a motion to elect him Vice-Chair and Dana seconded it
- Welcome Josh and thank you for volunteering your time!

## **Other Business**

- New kindergarten parents are asking how they can learn about the curriculum. Is there a resource for parents?
- Sonja advised all teachers should have sent home overview of themselves and the year at glance via Teams, email or a backpack notice at the start of the year
- Parents would like to know the curriculum for all grades, Sonja will include ministry links in the next school newsletter.

Adjourned at 7:45pm.