

# Henry Hudson PAC

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## **March PAC Meeting**

March 29, 2022

Call to order at 7:02pm

## **Welcome and Introductions**

We recognize that we are gathered on the unceded territory of the Skxwú7mesh [Squamish], xʷməθkʷəy̓əm [Musqueam], and səliłw̓ ətaʔt̓ [Tsleil-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 Meeting Minutes**

Accepted by David, Laura seconded

## **Meeting Notes**

### **Music Working Group**

- The DPAC has formed a music working group to look at strategies to support music at the elementary level. This working group has been struck to focus on ensuring music is a part of every student's school experience
- Robert Ford, working group lead, shared info on what they have been doing and requested the PAC put forward and approve a motion enabling DPAC to put together district-wide choral program
- The motion read: Henry Hudson PAC requests the Vancouver DPAC - by way of its Music Working Group - engage the necessary resources to create the Vancouver DPAC Extra Curricular District Choral Program, which will support the VSB Mission Statement for Music Review, as described in "DPAC Extra Curricular Choral Program Proposal March 26.pdf."
- The motion was accepted by Laura and seconded by Emma
- Any PAC can sign up for the choral program. It would be held afterschool and they will provide a conductor. Aiming for a September start
- Question about how the program will be funded? It is a parent funded activity and PAC morally (not financially) supported

- Interested parents can contact working group lead, Robert Ford, at Robert@quokkasystems.com

### **Teacher Speaker Series: Sandra Wilson, Librarian**

- The vision for the library moving forward is a Library Learning Commons model (with both physical and virtual space). It is moving away from a traditional library where it is just books
- Have been working on the physical space getting rid of furniture and weeding the book collection; eliminating dated books and those not reflective of our community and adding more that are. More Indigenous books were added last year and more diverse novels that reflect our population for intermediate students this year
- Using the library to showcase Ms. Cassidy's art work
- There will be an upcoming virtual visit from BC and Yukon book award author
- She is working with Vancouver Public Library (VPL) and promoting their summer reading program
- Looking to host a Scholastic book fair in the fall
- Question on if photos of the library updates can be added to Teams so parents can see the progress/changes?

### **Seismic Update**

- No news from the VSB on construction start date (scheduled for Spring 2022)
- Fences going up around the field will be the first step

### **Budget Update**

- Melissa gave high level overview on the PAC budget YTD

### **Activities Update**

- None

### **Special Events Update**

- None

### **DPAC Update**

- There will be an opportunity in the spring for parent engagement with the DPAC trying to bring different PACs together for a round table discussion

## **Principal's Update**

- Excited to be lifting some restrictions:
  - Masks are now a choice and they are posting new signage to reflect this.  
Those who travelled abroad for Spring Break must wear a mask at school for 14 days
  - Expect an update to visitors in the school on April 8
  - There is no more social distancing in the classroom (desks spread apart)
  - Field trips are coming back
- School Fees will remain the same at \$35 next year and agendas at \$6
- There has been a t-shirt designed for National Indigenous Day on June 29 which reflects student ideas around this day. Proceeds from the sale of the t-shirts will go to the Urban Native Youth Association
- David Bouchard, an author and storyteller, will be hosting a virtual workshop with French immersion students. This is via a grant from Canadian Parents for French
- The PAC is supporting tennis at the school in April and a pow wow dancer in May celebrating indigenous culture through dance
- Miss Hannah is back in the office

## **Hot Lunch Update**

- Moved to new model this term with 3<sup>rd</sup> party catering company (C'est Mon Café)
- The PAC receives \$1 per meal and \$1,230 was raised in Jan and Feb. Thank you to parents for supporting
- Please share all feedback (good or bad) with the PAC. Can be sent to [HUDSONPAC@gmail.com](mailto:HUDSONPAC@gmail.com)

## **2022/2023 Executive**

- Chair and secretary executive positions are vacant next year and need to be filled
- Special Event and Fundraising committee lead positions are also vacant and need to be filled
- Helping out is a fun way to get to know parents, contribute to the community and make a difference to the school
- Recruitment for the above vacant positions will start soon

## **Other Business**

- Spirit wear from the recent sale will be delivered to the school this week to bring home. Spirit Day is this Friday (first Friday of each month)

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. Motioned by Emma, Laura seconded.