

# Henry Hudson PAC

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## **September PAC Meeting**

September 27, 2022

Call to order at 7:01pm

### **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.

### **Meeting Notes**

#### **Election of PAC Executive and Committee Leads**

- Co-Chairs: Olga and Ryan
- Treasurer: Dana
- Secretary: Janine
- DPAC Rep: Emma
- Fundraising Committee Lead: Simone
- Special Events Committee Leads: Helen and Samy
- Activities Committee Lead: none
- Seismic Committee Lead: Laura

#### **2022/2023 Budget**

- Dana summarized last year's income and expenses
- Dana provided a high level overview of this year's draft budget. It will be circulated then voted on at the next PAC meeting

#### **Seismic Update**

- Special guest: Doug Roch (District Principal - Educational Planning, VSB)
- He is new to the role this year which was previously held by Mike Rossi
- His role includes working with school communities on seismic replacement projects and new building construction

- He was a former Principal at Lord Selkirk and Lord Tennyson (was there for the entire duration of their seismic project)
- Construction at Hudson has started, the contractor (Heatherbrae) has taken over the site and will liaise with the VSB project manager and district
- They have brought in gravel, preparing the site to bring in larger equipment. Trucks will affect traffic. Site entry point is on Maple Street, there will be parking restrictions coming along Maple Street. Flaggers will be onsite for safety
- Timelines: none yet. Is dependent on supply chain, labor, weather and other factors. Estimating 2.5-3 years of construction if things go reasonably well. Will provide regular updates through school newsletters and PAC meetings.
- It will sometimes look like there is lots going on and sometimes like nothing as the project continues moving forward
- Questions: would the move into the new school be at the start of the school year? Depends on when it is done. Will need an Occupancy inspection and permit first. Want to make sure it is ready which doesn't always align with the school year. If the stars align it is possible
- There will be fundraising for list of items not funded through the seismic upgrade process (picnic tables, gardens, landscaping, etc., and for new furniture where old furniture no longer fits). Will reach out to parents and children to see what is most important to them
- Looking at a Legacy project (including a former school item into new space)

### **Hot Lunch Update**

- This was the PAC's biggest income source last year
- Using the same provider as last year (feedback is mixed). Will need more parent volunteers to make any changes/take over the program
- Question: Can vegan/plant based options be added to hot lunch menu? It is recommended parents contact the vendor directly with meal option request

### **Activities**

- School administration is working with the Community School Teams (CST) on providing extra-curricular activities and a list should be ready by end of October. They will be affordable for all or free
- For PAC activities there is limited space. No more field and the gym is being used afterschool M-Th this term for sports. The gym is not available at lunch due to construction they will need the space on rainy days
- Going forward when the PAC is able to use the gym space afterschool there needs to be a VSB staff member onsite and present, so it is not charged through rentals (which delayed/cancelled activities last year)

### **Direct Donation Campaign**

- Waiting for teacher's wish list to set the fundraising goal

- This campaign helps fund the PAC's routine activities and replaces chocolate, entertainment book, etc. sales
- Will mention in communications there will be additional fundraising this year for seismic items
- Only SchoolCash Online can be used for collecting donations

### **Principal's Update**

- A blessing ceremony was held last week on the field with Musqueam Nation and Coast Salish peoples and students
- Huge thank you to parents for their patience while we placed students into their classes at the start of the year
- Meet the Staff event was held last week; it was amazing to see parents and families in the building again. Thank you to the staff for hosting and families for joining
- The Terry Fox Run raised over \$2,000. The class who raised the most money will be announced this week and their teacher has agreed to get a pie in face!
- An assembly will be held next week for The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Parent teacher conferences will be held mid-October
- A Book fair will also be held in October where parents will have a chance to see the new library commons
- Question: does the PAC have a First Nations community rep or contact? Not at this time. Noted it will be important to have with the Squamish Nation when children living on the Señákw lands attend the school

### **Continued Format of PAC Meetings**

- Will meet in person again going forward and are able to hold meetings in the library
- Co-chairs will provide a calendar with dates and times for the rest of the school year
- Childcare was provided in past (organized and paid for by the PAC)
- Poll parents regarding start time?

### **New Business**

- Spirit Wear fall sale. A local parent is interesting in taking over as the vendor

### **Next Meeting Date**

- TBA by new Co-Chairs

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.