

Henry Hudson PAC

September PAC Meeting

October 20, 2022

Call to order at 6:06 pm

Welcome and Introductions

We recognize that we are gathered on the unceded territory of the Skxwú7mesh [Squamish], xʷməθkʷəyəm [Musqueam], and səliłw̓ ətaʔt̓ [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

- September meeting minutes - Approved

Executive and Co-chair update:

- 2 PAC volunteers for the special events coordinator role have resigned from those positions
- Nothing new to be added to the agenda

Seismic Update

- Construction is underway. The playground had to be cut into to run a gas line. The Cornwall side required a water line. Students have been respectful of the construction zones and are staying away. Updates have been made to the website.
- Focus will now be on equipment needs from a seismic perspective. These items include supplies for outdoor classrooms, soft furniture, etc.
- Seismic wish list will form the basis of fundraising
- A survey has been done by the teachers for a seismic wish list. One will also be sent to parents to see what their priorities are, and maybe even students. This wish list will form the basis of PAC fundraising.
- Further down the road a legacy project and ceremony will be explored. A camera will go up to chronicle the construction, for a timelapse. We will attempt to reach out to former students of Hudson to get their input on the new school.

2022/2023 Budget

- A gaming grant was received.
- We will commence selling spirit wear which will hopefully increase the budget from previous years.
- Updated wish list received from the principal which includes replacement racquets for badminton, more games and books, classroom materials, library items, etc.
- \$5000 goal for the teacher's wish list. Budget is currently at \$4000 for this, to adhere to what has been raised in previous years.
- A Direct Donation campaign will start on October 28, 2022. VSB uses Schoolcash Online. Cash or e-transfers not accepted. Parents cannot get a tax receipt for cash donations.
- A motion was made by 2 PAC executives to approve the budget. No one opposed.

Fundraising/spirit wear update

- New provider of spirit wear, Diana McDonald/Artee, also a parent at HH.
- A booth will be set up at the school on key dates. The first date will be Friday, October 28. Diana will create an ordering flyer to be distributed at the booth.
- The vendor will organize her website so that it is easier for parents to order directly from it. They can be the main contact for ordering as well. This vendor can offer \$7 per item to the PAC.
- Details will be sent to parents by hopefully Monday, October 24.
- Budget requires \$5000 for the teacher's wish list. Fundraising and seismic PAC execs will meet to discuss further.
- A thermometer will be put up to show the status of fundraising goals in two places in the school with a QR code attached that leads to the direct donation campaign.

DPAC update

- September meeting missed, upcoming one is next week.
- DPAC 101 meeting following this PAC meeting.
- Mini grant of \$500 for walking or biking initiatives. Applications due by October 28th. DPAC exec will apply for it.

Activities/DPAC Choir Program

- Choir previously offered at HH by a previous parent, Ms. Catherine, and is now offered at multiple other schools. A pianist attends. It is a very popular and affordable program. Henry Hudson wasn't asked again to bring back the choir but Ms. Catherine is willing to return if parents are interested.

- The principal would need to coordinate rental space, the fee for this is very minimal. There is currently no space during the school day so it would have to be held after hours.
- The library or a multipurpose room can be used with a rental keyboard. The library afterschool is all that is available. Insurance is needed but if a VSB teacher attends there is no room rental fee charged.
- A parent of HH, Leanne, would be happy to organize this with DPAC and program organizers. As long as viable with limited space and time options.
- Co-chairs will discuss with Leanne in more detail and determine if this can move forward.

Question's comments concerns

- No complaints on the hot lunch. Noticing that it is coming later, meaning it is warmer at lunchtime, but there is a smaller uptake.
- The school has been able to provide food supply to lower income families 3 days a week through Food Safe and the PAC is providing a hot lunch the other 2 days per week to those families.

Principal's Update

- Lots of broken musical instruments found but the school was able to pass on some of their parts
- Thrilled to see different things changing on the construction site
- Welcome Ms. Litza, new Community School Teams coordinator offering extra-curricular activities including yoga for grades 4 and 5. This year dance will be added for grades 2 - 4. In January they will adding coding and stem for grades 3-6.
- Cross country this afternoon. 33 students with 3 coaches went to Trout Lake.
- Volleyball up and running. Games starting soon.
- Field trips starting - a recent one to Granville Island to see an author. Future trips to Art Gallery and museums.
- Kindergarten to be doing forest walks soon on Fridays.
- Hopefully asphalt in the Basketball court soon instead of gravel
- Lots of parents in for parent teacher conferences this week.
- Book fair was a big success.

Next Meeting Date

- November 17, 2022, in person at the library

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.