

HENRY HUDSON PAC MEETING MINUTES

Date: 17 November 2022

Call to order: 7:00pm

Facilitator: Olga

Meeting Venue: Henry Hudson Library

The secretary took notes at this meeting but unfortunately, due to wifi issues, this information was not saved properly. These minutes were recreated after the fact and may not include everything that was discussed. Apologies for this inconvenience.

PAC executives

Olga – Co-Chair | Ryan – Co-Chair | Dana - Treasurer | Janine - Secretary | Emma - DPAC Rep | Simone – Fundraising Committee Lead | N/A – Special Event Committee Lead | N/A – Activity Committee Lead | Laura – Seismic Committee Lead

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We recognize that we are gathered in the unceded territory of the Skwxú7mesh [Squamish], x^wməθk^wəy^əm [Musqueam], and səililw' 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'a?qw [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.

Budget

- A gaming grant was received as well as another grant
- the direct donation campaign has not been as successful as expected so far
- not sure what the spirit wear sale will look like

Seismic

Executive representative was not in attendance but the principal advised that things are going well and everyone is being very accommodating.

Fundraising

Executive representative not in attendance but others in attendance advised that:

-Direct donation campaign at \$2120

-spirit wear sale received \$1000 from Artee for initial sale. Another 60 pieces have been sold. Logistics of delivery TBD.

-Holiday cookie fundraiser - Olga to spearhead

DPAC

Nov 10th DPAC Meeting

1. Walk Bike Roll Mini Grant awarded to school. Mrs. Dosch has a project in mind

2. Another Grant with application Deadline Dec 16th - sustainability Grant.

Grants are available for projects that improve sustainability at school or in the community and should be related to the themes in the VSB Environmental Sustainability Plan: Education, Green Spaces, Transportation, Resources Conservation and Climate Change, and Leadership.

Elementary schools and annexes are eligible for up to \$500 for teacher-led projects.

3. A lot of discussion regarding lack of EA and support, students missing school because no support available. Is this driving families to private schools? How to track?

<https://bcedaccess.com/exclusion-tracker/>

Report your exclusion if you are a K-12 student, or report on the exclusion of your child/youth from their education if you are their parent/guardian. Exclusion here is defined as you see it – whether it's being asked to keep your child/youth home, attend part days, miss a field trip, etc. This survey also takes you through the path back to inclusion – steps you can take to advocate for better inclusion. It also offers the opportunity for your child/youth to provide their feedback in a section just for them.

Vancouver DPAC is now forming a committee to be populated by families whose children's specific needs (including physical disabilities, learning difficulties and neurodivergence) are not being met as they seek an education at VSB

5. Working groups

Active Transportation Safe Routes (ATSR) Working Group

* Are you interested in Active Transportation and Safe Routes to VSB schools? The DPAC has formed an Active Transportation Safe Routes (ATSR) Working Group. If you are interested in being part of the conversation, email Mike Lang and join our Slack Group.

Childcare Committee

* The committee is focused on encouraging increased access and wider options for school-age care. Interested parents please contact committee lead, Alan Patola Moosmann

Facilities Planning Committee

* The committee works on Long Range Facilities Planning, Seismic Planning and shadows the VSB Facilities Planning Committee, providing feedback to the DPAC Executive. Read the year end report for facilities. For more information and to join, contact DPAC Chair Vik Khanna

Anti-Racism Collective and Working Group

* Vancouver DPAC has created and is holding space for Black (of African Descent) and Indigenous Parents to gather and discuss issues pertinent to them that happen within the context of Vancouver Public Schools (VSB). Meetings are scheduled for every [first Thursday](#) of the month from 5:30 pm until 7 pm. Parents of Indigenous and African Descent can contact the Black and Indigenous Working Group to learn more.

* DPAC hosts a Slack Group for all who are interested in furthering the work of anti-racism and anti-oppression. Please contact Karen Tsang for an invite to the group.

Music Working Group

* This working group has been struck to focus on ensuring music is a part of every student's school experience. Interested parents please contact working group lead, Robert Ford

Food Framework Working Group

* Vancouver DPAC has a seat on the VSB Food Framework Ad-hoc Committee which will advise the VSB on developing a vision for topics including school food programs, food growing and food education. We are looking for parents interested in providing a broader perspective to inform our feedback to that committee. Contact our rep on the committee, Celena Benndorf.

New Committees / Working Groups

* Vancouver DPAC is expanding the tent! If you are interested in specific work at DPAC, we want to hear from you! This year we are adding the following groups, which will be working groups until structure is in place and a committee is struck:

- * Sustainability Working Group (Skye Richards)

- * Inclusion / Disabilities / Neurodivergence Committee (Sandra Bell / Karen Tsang)

- * Student Family and Affordability Fund Working Group (Sandra Bell / Karen Tsang)

Principal update

-Significant funding received from government to put towards food security programs for children and families in need at school. Possibility of left over funds to go toward another initiative (i.e student/family mental health program)

-Good uptake from school led community support programming, dance, volleyball teams. STEM program coming in new year. Choir initiative a possibility still, winding through DPAC channel.

-General discussion of Seismic progress, currently on schedule. Repetition of previous talking points for the process to come. Camera to be mounted for a time lapse project of the construction. Will be mounted inside due to risk of vandalism.

Parent's questions and comments

No cooking program at this time but would like to bring it back. New school will have a kitchen

Timeline for preschool, yellow house coming down - district is waiting on Vancouver Coastal to do an inspection on the art room to see if it can be the new preschool space. After school will be in the portable, younger kids will be in the old art room.

Washrooms - after school is in terrible condition. Kids scared of using the bathroom. Trying to get it cleaned regularly. The girls bathroom had a lot of graffiti, it was painted but went back up. Smell is strong and it is unhygienic, not much you can do about it as it is old. Cleaning as much as possible. Building engineer spends most of his time cleaning it.

Looking into new ventilation for the smell but it is limiting with the age of the building.

How do kids take ownership - addressing how kids behave with particular vocabulary to reinforce school code of conduct. Using restorative justice practices.

Christmas - someone wanting to donate toys. Any interest in a toy drive? Or donating to the community and then childrens hospital.

Looking for a committee for a spring/summer fair. Processes for previous years have been kept and can be used again.

More parent participation - bribing with coffee and pastries

Parents aren't aware that the PAC is parent run. Parents may not be aware that coming to meetings means you are involved in the voting of how money is spent/raised.

-Better graphics in email newsletter.

-More enticing activities for kids at PAC meeting - movie pizza night

Will certain extra curricular activities be brought back, like musical theater? There are no coordinators and have to work within Covid restrictions.

Backlog for rentals was cleared but gym is rented for athletics so we only have library space on certain nights.

Mondays and Thursdays activities coordinator is on site. Hands forms for activities out, like dance on Thursdays for grades 2-4.

Lost and found is a growing collection.

No word on Covid mandates coming up.

Next meeting - Dec 15, 2022