

Henry Hudson PAC

January PAC Meeting - in person

January 19, 2023

15 in attendance - Executives and parents

Call to order at 6:37 pm

Welcome and Introductions

We recognize that we are gathered on the unceded territory of the Skxwú7mesh [Squamish], xʷməθkʷəy̓əm [Musqueam], and səliilw̓ ətaʔ [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.

Budget update

Revenue:

- received first transfer for hot lunch of \$1516
- collected from spirit wear and cookie sale \$2001.78
- from DPAC (surplus) \$977

Hot lunch is earning less than anticipated but is offset by other sources of income.

Proposed additional line expense on the budget for coffee and refreshments at in person PAC meetings - \$750

Vote passed/carried - New budget approved

Principal's update

Peer conflict, mean behaviour and bullying - restorative talk and circles with students. Peer conflict: 2 kids just don't agree on something and both are visibly upset. Strategies such a walk or a deep breath are used. Some parents ask why certain students can't be suspended or expelled but those students may be on individual education plans or behaviour support plans. Hudson want to support all families and students.

Mean behaviour: happens a lot. Saying or doing things that aren't nice. Forced apologies are not forgotten and can lead to grudges.

Bullying: One child has power over another, size not always a factor. Resolutions are reassuring students that adults are there to help. Counsellor (Ms. McKenzie) and Ms. Litza assist with bullying situations often to advocate and teach how students can remove themselves from a situation. Restorative circles not used right away, only after healing. Parents can make a plan with their kids during the healing process so that bullying doesn't continue, such as participating in activities so that they are not alone and in vulnerable situations. Determine a safe person/adult for your child/student.

*Even where none of the above exist, each parent, with their child(ren), should identify a safe adult that the child can go to if one of the above or another issue were to occur.

Counsellor, Ms. McKenzie, is at school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and visits every classroom.

In February additional support will be brought in for grades 6 and 7 to help them as they enter High School, and provide sexual education.

If you would like your student to have counselling, approach their teacher. A consent form needs to be signed.

Indigenous cultural safety/indigenous trauma & equity informed practice: professional development for teachers provided by Len Pierre.

He has a great instagram and Facebook page.

The number of indigenous students continues to grow each year at Hudson.

What we can do with what we are seeing in front us - removing judgement and looking at each student individually.

Older Students will be heading to Van Tech to help with a carving project joining the three indigenous nations on the entrance of the Van Tech school.

Second indigenous support worker, Mr. Jack, will be at the school on Fridays.

Diversity map proposed to highlight how rich the schools diversity is.

Communication of student learning:

3 ongoing communications between teachers and families per year, and 2 written progress reports (first is [Jan 27](#)).

Key communication questions: Where is the student now? Where are they going? How do they get there?

Scale to measure learning:
Beginning, applying, developing and extending

Descriptive written comments:
Learning strengths, areas of growth and ways to support learning

DPAC

No December meeting

Choir has started again, still looking for participants for the senior choir. You can try before committing, late starters welcome also.

Groups - (on DPAC site)

Active transport and safe routes

Facilities

Anti racism

Child care

Sustainability

Student family and affordability

Seismic

No site meeting since construction started. But it is on scheduled.

Time lapse camera has been set up and installed.

Special Activities Co-ordinator

Samy Riviera to fill this role - voted passed/carried

She has proposed a school and community schedule. Every month a different small scale event or community activity, ie yoga and the park or bake sale.

Ideas for activities could be - cultures of the world event

Pizza lunch

Once a month pizza lunch at the school. Vegan and gluten free options to be available.

Vote passed/carried

For lunchtime clubs, teachers are giving up their lunch to supervise the clubs.

For after school activities, available space limits the amount of participants that can attend.

Meeting terminated at 8:18pm

