

# Meeting Minutes: October 17, 2024

**Location:** Henry Hudson Library

**Time:** 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

**Attendance:** 27 parents, including Ron and Katelyn

## 1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

**Speaker:** Ron

## 2. General Updates – [LINK](#)

**Speaker:** Doug Roch

- **Phase 1:** Building complete, except daycare.
- **Phase 3:** Addition to school started.
  - Changes to outside landscape with new plans.
  - Timeline TBD, anticipated summer 2025.
- **Phase 2:** Outside area.
  - Bench installation delayed.
  - Three more picnic tables to be added.
  - Four tables to be moved to the back.
  - Shorter fencing in front, obstacles like rocks.
  - SW corner roots and mud area reconsideration.
  - Timeline TBD, anticipated summer 2025.
  - Demolition occurring now.
  - **Field:**
    - Gravel field discussed; grass not feasible due to water table.
    - Grass not viable due to maintenance and cost.
    - Full fields at other sites show no significant increase in injuries.
    - Gravel fields are open all the time, easy to maintain, and cost-effective.

- Lines for sports to be added quickly and easy maintenance.
- **Q&A:**
  - **Paint durability:** Grounds need occasional repainting.
  - **Accessibility of gravel:** Confirmed accessible.
- Long jump pit included in plans – smaller kids can dig in the pit
- Similar designs at Fleming and Queen Mary.
- **Playground:**
  - Old playground not salvageable.
  - New playground to be installed south of courtyard.
  - Funding from district uncertain for new playground.
  - Corporate sponsorship policy allows donor recognition signs.
  - **Q&A:**
    - **Donation process:** Through VSB to PAC.
    - **Examples:** Simon Fraser (\$216,000), Tenneson (\$139,000), DLG (\$105,000).
    - **Cost increase:** Approximately 20%.
    - **VSB coverage:** No specific amount.
    - **Donation methods:** Various options available.
    - **Playground warranty:** Asset of the school.
    - **Swings:** Not enough clearance; saucer swing possible.
    - **Habitat contactor is first choice of district:** Possible they could incorporate old playground with new design and keep old warranty on the playground.

- **Ground crew:** Ready to maintain gravel.
- **Turf rental costs:** Collaboration with parks board for larger fields is possible.

### 3. Operational Budget Overview - [LINK](#)

**Speaker:** Ron

- \$5,000 surplus this year.
- Separate operational and capital budgets.
- Focus on operational budget.
- Reviewed income and expense charts (available on website).
- Plan to spend \$5,000 surplus immediately for student benefits.
- **Q&A:**
  - **Immediate equipment:** Mud kitchen.
  - **Covered area:** Indigenous learning and covered learning areas.
  - **Fundraising:** Ongoing through pizza sales.
  - **Amphitheatre:** Portable stools available.
  - **Voice inclusion:** Future surveys planned.
  - **Seismic meaning:** Clarified.
  - **Operational budget vote:** Passed.
  - **\$5,000 spending vote on mud kitchen for immediate use:** Passed.
  - **Gym availability:** November 4th, aiming for Halloween.
  - **Gym use during lunch:** Yes, alternating between primary and intermediate students.
  - **Sound system:** Coming soon, delayed by supply chain issues.
  - **Lunch arrangements:** Eating in classrooms, staggered schedules for outside/gym play.
  - **New lunch programs:** Quiet club (Tuesdays) and board game club (Fridays).
  - **Entrance safety:** Efforts to increase fence height and extend crossing light duration underway.
  - **Field trips:** Ongoing to kits playground.

- **Graffiti:** No cameras, applying for mosquito cameras, increased security for Halloween.
- **Intermediate teachers:** Using Teams.
- **AED fundraiser link:** [Fundraiser by Tobias Zhang : Mandate and Fund AEDs in Vancouver High Schools \(gofundme.com\)](#)
- **Corporate donor letter template:** To be added to website.
- **Renaming plan:** On hold pending district policy review.

#### 4. Fundraising Update - [LINK](#)

**Speaker:** Katelyn Zottenberg

- Reviewed agenda and communication channels.
  - Henry Hudson PAC website: [Hudson PAC – We are the Parent Advisory Council \(PAC\) of a public elementary school located in the heart of Vancouver, BC.](#)
  - Subscribe to emails: [Subscribe – Hudson PAC](#)
  - Henry Hudson Families Facebook Group: [Henry Hudson Families | Facebook](#)
- Ongoing and major fundraising initiatives.
  - Direct Donation Campaign - [Direct Donation Campaign – Hudson PAC](#)
  - Donate Now - [SchoolCashOnline.com: Fee Details](#)
  - Hot Lunch - [Hot Lunch – Hudson PAC](#)
  - Mabels Labels - [Fundraiser Partnerships – Hudson PAC](#)
  - Stongs Grocery Deliver - [Fundraiser Partnerships – Hudson PAC](#)
  - Mitchells soup fundraiser - [Henry Hudson Elementary \(mitchellssoupco.com\)](#)
- Upcoming events (PPT link to be posted).
- **Q&A:**
  - **Corporate donations:** Shares donation to be confirmed with VSB accounting.
  - **International donations:** No known restrictions.
  - **Involving kids in fundraising:** Ideas being developed.