

## Henry Hudson Elementary PAC - May 15, 2025, 6:30pm-8:00pm

### Meeting notes ([previous meeting minutes](#))

#### Land Acknowledgment

#### Indigenous games share

Parents were given the chance to try playing some of the Indigenous games which are part of the school's efforts to share Indigenous ways of knowing and learning.

#### Growing Readers Program

- Ms Robinson shared an updated on the growing reader's program
- Started three years ago to help students who need additional support with reading
- 12 teachers work with the kids on Mondays and Tuesdays
- Grades 1-4 - skills foundations
- Phonics skills, reading skills, and comprehension
- Each day ends with a game (gamification enhances learnings)
- Resource teacher are involved for additional lessons, activities that support motor skills (ex pass through a hula hoop without touching the sides)
- Kahoot games on last day - treats etc
- Program has proved successful with positive feedback shared from parents of participating kids - students are also enjoying

#### Teacher Jolene Dosch

- Indigenous learning
- Coast Salish weaving - VSB knowledge keeper, Tracy Healy
- Quarter bags - created in response to outlawing of Potlaches (way to share things when coming together but hidden)
- Fabric is made from hair of breed of wooly dog (learn about creatures)
- Kids are learning about weaving, algorithmic thinking through patterns
- Growing patterns - weaving of this type can be linked with mathematic equations
- Reading materials are available in the glass case in the lobby

#### Potential for future activities - Knowledge keeper that focuses on music

- Questions - Would be great to have joint sessions with parents
  - June - setting up a loom that could be done by anyone
- Question - Any chance that there could be a learning opportunity for local Indigenous languages

- School team will take away for consideration

## **Summer camp**

- Update on status - many parents were not successful in getting their kids into the summer program
- Kelly will be sending an update to parents on the current situation
- 45-50 spots available - 100 applications on day 1

For comparison - after school care has 80 full time spots - 135+ when including part time

Reminder - While after/before school care, summer programs and new rooftop care programs are run in the Henry Hudson school, the school administration does not have oversight on the management of those programs. Please direct any questions to:

Kelly Han - [ed@hudsonchildcare.ca](mailto:ed@hudsonchildcare.ca)

Any parents reaching out to Kelly about camp programs can copy [hudsonpac@gmail.com](mailto:hudsonpac@gmail.com). The PAC is open to advocating for addition, new solutions to help parents find needed care.

## Alternative options discussed

VSB Learning program -

- city wide but not in every school
- Not a great fit for every child
- Students may be shuffled based on needs and mix - some get moved around

Private camp has requested for use of Room 210 - approval in progress with VSB

- July 14-25 and Aug 5-18
- 8am-3:15pm - 20 spots (ages 5-7)
- Math & Dance, combined
- Private - Henry Hudson admin have no say in registration

Vancouver Parks & Rec - great camps

- Burnaby has free spots

Summer learning program

- Potential for future summers at Henry Hudson.
- Some analysis still required - need to factor impact on school (full size program takes up all classes).
- HH admin may look at proposing smaller version to VSB

For future years, PAC team will aim to share a list of options in spring for summer camps next year

Resource shared by parent - Hellocamp.ca - site to help parents find camps

### **Playground update**

- Playground has been built and shipped. Work has started on the field and playground zone.
- Project still on track for Sept 2nd (school opening) - weather remains the key factor

### **PAC events**

End of year BBQ - Thursday, June 5th

- Friends and family welcome
- Posters being made up
- On site:
  - Vera's burger shack on site
  - Yum's Candy
  - Raffle
  - Clothing swap
  - Game stations
  - Bricks from the old school will be available for sale

Father's day - Vancouver Canadians Game (see reminder email)

Trivia night - Wed June 11th, 7pm

- Kits beach coffee
- Tickets at 20\$ - half of sales go to PAC

Bike to school week - June 2-6th

### **Whatsapp group**

Volunteer whatsapp chat - want to join? Email PAC with name and phone to be added