

Henry Hudson Elementary PAC - June 19, 2025, 6:30pm-8:00pm

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

Land acknowledgement

High School Transition Program

Travis Klimko - Community School Coordinator for the Kitsilano Hub

Kitsilano Hub includes four elementary schools: Henry Hudson, Lord Tennyson, General Gordon and Bayview

Spoke about the programs for support on student transitions to high school

For any additional questions on the program - please contact Travis at tklimko@vsb.bc.ca

Programs includes:

- Parent seminars
- Link Crew
- Visit to high school
- Summer camp

Parent Seminars

- Typically 2-3 throughout the year - usually fall and spring
- Co-directed by parents
- Topic examples: How to talk and listen to your teen, internet safety, public transit safety, gender rights, etc
- Parents vote on preferred topics
- Seminars take place after school at Kits High

Link crew visit (grade 10 students from Kits High School)

- Career education focused
- Visits to elementary school - link crew students speak to grade 7 students
- Topics: Ice breaker game, 101 on the school, practicing use of locks, etc
- Timing is usually March to May
- Grade 7 students have access to an anonymous question box
 - Questions are answered by students (except for tricky ones - taken by Travis)

High School visit

- Late May open door visit to the school - Travis greets the group
- Start with an intro chat in the school theatre
- Students are introduced to key staff (Admin, Indigenous liaison, etc)

- Groups break out with link crew to do a visit around the school

Summer Camp

- 15 students - by invitation (3-4 per local school)
 - Summer camp has limited space to support small group of kids with extra attention
- 1 week duration - activities in school and at community centre
- Topics: peer pressure, what to expect, visit to lunch spots near school
- Focused on kids who may have higher anxiety in transition
- Usually Travis and team determine based on observations through other programs
- Parents can connect if they want to discuss their child's participation
- Not a requirement - parents get the choice (Travis reaches out for those kids who may benefit)

Additional Grade 7 programs at Kits High

- After school programs - focused on helping kids get accustomed to school
- YWCA guide to high school program

First week of High School

- Transition week - first week of school
- Students do half days
- Go to home class, get lock and get course schedule
- Link crew is around during the first few weeks

Presentation - can we share?

Note for PAC:

- Travis could come at the beginning of the school year to share update
- PAC could also use bulletin board and email newsletter to share out invites to calls/presentations set up by Travis

Highlights of program for National Indigenous Peoples Day

Sarah Jameson - Lead on interactive living archive (school display)

Sarah couldn't join the PAC meeting by Ryan shared a story she sent

School entry display is quickly filling up with all the students' weaving

Storytime workshop - several Indigenous stories

- 3 crows productions - oral storytelling with an indigenous elder (how crow stole the sun) - Dallas Yellowfly (<https://www.3crowsproductions.com/school-performances>)

Activity stations for Friday June 20th to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day

- Drumming

- Giant map of Turtle Island
- Courtyard Art (Indigenous Art
- Pow-wow dancing
- Musqueam Belongings
- Plant scavenger hunt (match clippings to
- Indigenous Nations of BC
- Storytime in the library

Thanks to the Henry Hudson team for all their efforts on these and other special programs. Staff Committees are created to focus on developing these programs (ex National Indigenous Peoples Month & Black History Month)

Update:

There are ongoing discussions and work for the 3 pieces of art that are planned to be placed on the side building - request is out to tender for artists (additional considerations include factors for attaching to the walls + budget constraints)

Principle's Update

Lots of recent activities at Henry Hudson

- Track and field district meet
- Rainbow days
- 3 crows productions - oral storytelling with an indigenous elder (how crow stole the sun) - Dallas Yellowfly
- VPL summer reading presentation
- Book launch for Div 11
- New admin team visited the school (meet with current admin)
 - Meeting covered programs, rentals, construction, culture at HH, PAC, etc