

PAC Meeting Notes - Oct 21, 2025

Speakers

- Principal: Tamara Van Wyck
- Vice Principal: Joe (Keo) Mergens
- PAC Executive: Ryan K

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Admin update

- PAC meeting child minding update
 - Parents will need to sign children into child minding.
 - Needs to be student of school - younger siblings not in school can't be
 - Meeting space can be inclusive for those children that can't be in child minding

PAC Executive team

- Open roles
 - Vice-chair
 - DPAC rep
- Vote
 - Chair - Ryan - confirmed
 - Treasurer - Ron - confirmed
 - Secretary - Nic - confirmed

Principal's Update

- Fund request - historically PAC support field trip funding requests
 - In-class resources (\$300 per division)
 - Field trip fund
- Grounds work
 - Fence behind soccer goals
 - Benches along east side of playground grass
 - Picnic tables, harvest table, planter boxes
 - Front entrance - second flag pole, move 2 of the picnic tables to border cornwall fence
 - Clover/grass planted in back(during winter)
 - Preschool area - mud kitchens along fence
 - PAC fundraising for small structure in the blacktop area (100K)
 - More recent confirmation that roots and electrical may not be a limiting factor - can't go as deep but there can be structures
- Parent teacher conferences

- Oct 28 & 29 - 2pm dismissal
- In person
- Staffing - Resources teacher (provides supplemental teaching opportunities - colleague of in class teacher to make plan for student. Priority learners (language or abilities).
 - Teacher on call until December 19
 - Jesse Costello January onwards
- Response to Intervention
 - Tiers may not be equivalent for all aspects of learning - students may be in different tiers for numeracy, literacy, etc
 - Tiers may also provide additional support for students who are excelling and benefit from additional parallel learning opportunities that meet their needs
 - Tier 1 - Baseline level of student support
 - Tier 2 - Support needed to help onboard information i
 - Tier 3 - Small percentage - one to one needs
 - Henry Hudson has 2.5 FTE that are resource teachers
 - Needs are evaluated on an ongoing basis throughout the year
 - "Staffing" is assigned by the VSB according to:
 - Special education
 - Indigenous
 - English learners
 - Overall number of students
 - Additional support workers support
 - Indigenous Education Support Worker
 - Youth and Family Worker
 - School and Student Support Workers
- Lunch timing issue
 - Staff meeting on Oct 30th - teachers expected to provide an update on how the 15 minute duration is working or not.
 - Current timings
 - 12:10pm-12:25pm - eating in class
 - 12:25pm-12:55pm - outdoor play

Fundraising update

- Next fundraising goal is a new playground at the front - ideally in time for next summer
- Ron reviewing current funds to determine gap to be filled by fundraising
- Will engage Habitat (who did back playground)
- Initiatives
 - Hot lunch
 - Online auction
 - Winter fair
 - Partnerships (pedal heads, soup, etc)

- Wreath and poinsettia sale
- Direct parent donations
- Corporate donation letter template

Budget

Review of 2025 budget figures

Review of 2026 budget forecast

Vote on funds dispersal to administration for classroom resources & field trip support - vote passed

PAC Activities

- Halloween party - Oct 29th
 - Pumpkin carving contest
 - Volunteers welcome
 - Kids welcome to wear costumes (please follow VSB best practices) - not to be worn during class time
- Winter fair - planning in process (December 4th)
 - Call for volunteers going out shortly
 - Activities
 - BBQ on site (Vera's)

Community Activities

- Free kick - Soccer program - Fridays
- STEAM for kids - Tuesdays
- UBC Farm - kids programs

Community schools program

- UBC activekids

Road Safety

Conversations started with support of Keo

PAC Communications

- Looking for additional volunteer support for delivery of Hot Lunches
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays
- PAC volunteer Whatsapp chat
- PAC handout being shared with kindergarten students