

Hi everyone,

Here's the latest from the PAC team.

[January PAC meeting minutes](#)

## **Traffic and Safety**

Following last year's meeting on school property with two city councillors, and a follow up with city engineers, we were pleased to hear that city will be increasing the duration for the north south crossing light at Maple & Cornwall. The city will also be doing a traffic study to determine the feasibility of a pedestrian crosswalk at the corner of Walnut & Cornwall. We'll be sure to keep every updated on further information. In the meantime, we recommend continued use of the light at the intersections of Maple or Cypress when crossing Cornwall.

## **Immersion Program Sunset**

Some parents may be aware the students in this year's grad 6 immersion class was the last cohort of the now sunset immersion program at Henry Hudson. The VSB had previously committed to offering the program to students through to graduation age, however parents of this cohort were advised late in 2025 that unfortunately the program would end this year. The parents of these students are working hard to get answers on the shift in position and would appreciate the community's support in sharing our concerns with the VSB on their planned cancellation of the program early. In the meantime, please find below is a note from the parents, with a request for support.

*Dear Henry Hudson families,*

*We are reaching out to ask for your support for a small group of Grade 6 students in our French Immersion program who have been told they will not be able to complete Grade 7 at Henry Hudson.*

*These children are part of our school community, for many it is their catchment school. They have grown up alongside our kids, shared classrooms, assemblies, and friendships.*

*Parents are seeking a one-year, time-limited solution so this cohort can finish Grade 7 French Immersion at their home school. We have drafted a letter you can use or you can send your own letter of support to the trustees. This makes a real difference and helps show that this is a community issue, not just a program issue. Thank you for standing with our students and families.*

[Letter template](#)

*Trustee emails are:*

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Alternatively, there is also an [online petition](#) for those who would like to sign.

Thank you for your support,  
Grade 6 FI Parents

### **Fundraising Update**

The PAC is pleased to share that a total of \$35,000 has been raised so far to support the purchase of a new primary oriented playground. A huge thank you to everyone who helped bring us to this point.

A big focus between now and the end of the school year will be our direct donation campaign and corporate fundraising program.

We're kicking off our Direct Donation campaign with a community's suggestion gift of \$200 per family. A huge thank you to all family's who have already provided their support. If that's not feasible right now, any amount - or a gift of your time - truly makes a difference.

How to give

- Donate online through our school cash system:

<https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true?fundDestination=Henry%20Hudson%20Elementary%20PAC>

- Prefer to give a different amount? The system lets you choose any amount that works for your family

- All donations receive a charitable donation receipt that can be claimed for tax purposes

Prefer to volunteer instead (or as well)?

We welcome helping hands for things like spring raffle, spring party, Mother's Day art fundraiser, and more. No experience needed-just an hour here or there goes a long way. Please reach out via email to [HUDSONPAC@gmail.com](mailto:HUDSONPAC@gmail.com) to sign up for volunteer opportunities.

To support the corporate fundraising campaign please consider sharing one of our two letter templates (1, 2) with someone you know. This may be someone at a company, foundation, developer or simply a grandparent or neighbour.

Our fundraising goals continue to align with the priorities identified by students, teachers, and parents in 2022.

### **Community Programs**

Many community programs take place at Henry Hudson after school hours. While these programs are neither run or sponsored by Henry Hudson admin or VSB, we encourage parents to see if any are of interest to your kids. Below is a list of some of the programs, the details of which can all be found on the bulletin board just inside the front entrance of the school

- VEMS junior and senior choir
- VEMS band
- UBC active kids program
- Lights up theatre
- Free kick soccer
- Girl guides
- Little Rembrandts
- and more...

### **PAC events**

The PAC team is starting to work on events for this spring, including a parents' trivia nights and our end of year BBQ. We'll be sharing more on these in the near future

### **PAC meeting**

The next PAC meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 3rd in the library.

Until then, have a great month.

PAC team