

PAC Meeting Notes - Jan 14, 2026

Speakers

- Principal: Tamara Van Wyck
- PAC Executive: Ryan K

Welcome & Introductions

Traffic Safety Update

- Late 2025 -
 - Admin & PAC Exec meetings with city councillors (school walkaround)
 - Follow up meeting took place with city engineers to discuss proposed changes
 - Additional discussions with VSB facilities team
- This week
 - Approval received - City will increase duration of north/south light at corner of Maple & Cornwall (specific duration tbc)
 - City will do traffic study analysis for pedestrian crossing at Walnut
 - Additional hedging along Cornwall fence
 - TBC - misalignment between VSB and City on jurisdiction
 - Fence gate mgmt
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- Separately, Senawk build is leading to larger traffic study in the region - the request is for the city to include/consider school traffic needs within this broader study
- Parent highlighted request for ramp/drop (let down) on Maple sidewalk near main school entrance area - PAC and admin will look into it to better understand options

Fundraising Update

- Capital fundraising goal for 25/26 year - smaller playground for primary age students, near corner of York & Maple (100K goal)
 - Current available funds for project: Approximately 35K
 - Remaining fundraising gap is 65K
- Question - any equipment from past playground left to use?
 - Answer - any remaining equipment that was deemed safe to use has been integrated into the new playground
- Question - will VSB match any funding for this playground?
 - Answer - no VSB funding available this time
- Direct donation campaign
 - Campaign will be launched soon

- \$200 will be the ask - though any donation amounts are welcome
- Fundraising page will be created on PAC website
 - Page will include link to form for online payment
- End of year BBQ
 - Similar format to Winter Fair
 - Looking at June timing - tbc
 - Several vendors will be on sight
 - Decision to be made: Focus on fun community event or cornerstone for fundraising?
 - May determine approach based on result of direct donation campaign

Immersion Program Sunset Update

Options provided for students entering grade 7 next year

- English at Henry Hudson
- English in student catchment (if not HH)
- Immersion at Lord Tennyson

Specific rationale still unclear

- Ombudsman case opened
- Case opened with privacy commissioner
 - Request for information made only at prohibitive amount
- School trustee board - Delegation meeting on Jan 26th, 4pm (VSB - Broadway and Fir)
 - Request to commit funding
 - Support from several board members
 - Community support would be helpful (presence at meeting)
 - Letters to Trustees would also be welcome (template and contact info TBC)
 - Media outreach options are being looked at by the grade 6 parents

Bike to school week

- Organized through Hub cycling
- Looking at options for activities
- Previous years - PAC tent in the morning to count trips
- Bike bus option being looked at - routes, logistics, volunteers
- Drive to 5 option - Diana has emailed city for use of beach parking lot

Events

- Adult trivia night planned - details tbc
- Goal is 30 attendees (max of 40)
- Parents drop-in sports night

- One night per week in gym - sign up/drop in
- Admin looking at logistic - more details to come

After school programs

Info available on the PAC board at entry lobby

- VEMS band - a bit short but still looking for interested students
- Mondays - UBC active kids program
- After school science program
- Lights up theatre
- Free Kick soccer
- Little Rembrandts
- Girl Guides

- Question - When will Henry Hudson host the Summer Learning Program? It seems to shift every year for west end
 - Answer - Not about turn so much as facility availability. Not clear where program will be this summer. HH admin to follow up