

## **PAC Meeting Notes - Jan 14, 2026**

### **Speakers**

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

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## **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
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- 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