

Wednesday - Sept 23 PAC meeting Minutes

Speakers

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

Attendance: 28 Members

Greetings and land acknowledgment

Tamara and Keo welcomed the PAC community to the new school year 2026/27

Ryan PAC chair - 4 years

Welcoming the PAC community, goal this year is to continue building and enjoying the community.

PAC AGM:

PAC Structure

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Additional positions for events and fundraising

Please [volunteer](#) if you can, to help and support planning and day-of activities.

Elections:

Ryan to re-nominate for Chair: vote in favor, all

Ron to re-nominate for Treasurer: vote in favor, all

Janessa nominated for vice chair: vote in favor, all

DPAC representative: monthly meeting at the district level, Nominated Jean and Olivia to split the role, vote in favor, all

Secretary: unfilled

Fundraising support: unfilled

Financials:

Reviewed the 2025/2026 Community Impact

Financial update of last year's numbers; both what was fundraised and the expenses incurred.

📄 PAC Treasurer report Sept 2026

Principal's Update:

Gratitude: Tamara and Keo are happy to be back in the Hudson Community.

Truth and Reconciliation Week: resources from National Centre for Trust and Reconciliation online, resources from the Indigenous education department, student Assembly Sept 29th, which will also be orange shirt day.

Fund being requested based on the roughly 323 students (15 divisions)

300 per division (19 divisions, including music, PE, Library and Resource)

Field trips: \$10 per student

Earthbites: \$12.95/per student per session (3 sessions) approx, \$3400 not covered by the existing \$10,000 President's Choice grant.

Extra-curricular sports: \$2000

Extra-curricular clubs: \$500

Literacy Supplements: \$1000 for subscriptions etc.

Grounds:

- Reviewed all the great items that were added last year, additional seating, painted games and lines, mud kitchens.
- Fence and backdrop will go behind each soccer goal soon
- Benches along the playground will go in soon
- Mural by Leslie: end of September and early October
- Fundraising for playground in north east side
- Possibility of installing a curb ramp at the entrance from street on maple - admin will look into it.
- Additional bike storage needed, particularly near the parking lot. Two-wheel trips are increasing. Some schools have many more bike parking spots than us.

Class Composition:

Kindergarten: max 20 student, no split classes per the VSB contract.

Grade 1-2: max 22

Grade 4-12: max 30

Split classes reduce the max size by 2.

Ministry of Education designations of a learning disorder, can further reduce max class size

The principal walked us through a class staffing scenario and different options for split classes.

Conferences:

Purpose: Child will come to the conference with the parent, in person, Oct 28/29. Early dismissal on those days at 14:00.

Staffing:

- 15 divisions
- 19.8997 teachers
- 120 minutes a week a teacher is required for prep time, covered by a mix of library, resource staff and Vice Principal.
- There are 9 Support Staff
- Lunchtime arrangements this year:

- Kindergarten: CUPE staff plus selected Hudson student lunch helpers
- Grades 1-3: eat together in the multipurpose room
- Grades 4-7: eat in class, supervision is based on zones

Volunteers:parent volunteers in school functions (e.g. class field trips) need to review and sign the volunteer code of conduct agreement. This should be done once per year. Contact the school office ahead of your volunteer activity.