

PAC Meeting Minutes DRAFT 1

June 16, 2021

We would like to acknowledge that we live, work, and play on the traditional and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətaʔt / səliłwutlh (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by Shahira Sakiyama

Minute Taker: Cameron Imayoshi

1. Welcome/Land Acknowledgment

1.1. Michelle Nahanne from [Nahanee Creative](#)

Insights

- It doesn't have to be perfect, try your best (better to say it and mean it than get it perfect)
- Look up pronunciations, ask for help, try your best
- Intention matters - honour and thank ancestors who cared for this land
- Make it personal - include your connection to the land, include a commitment if you can, keep changing it
- Decolonize the words - unceded = stolen; "acknowledge" may have a subtext that it isn't true

1.2. [Monique Gray Smith](#) video

2. Review Agenda

3. Vote on May 11, 2021 PAC Minutes, Sandra, Communications Coordinator

3.1. M/S/C

4. Principal's Update – Laurent Brisbois, Principal, & Jesse Brown, Vice Principal

- 4.1. Warm thanks to PAC Exec, students, staff & admin, parents for being such a strong community in a difficult year.
- 4.2. Indigenous artist in residence, Randy Tait. Beautiful storytelling, art, and wisdom. The paddle is now a part of our school.
- 4.3. Pride Month – numerous activities. Lots of colours every where as reminders that LS is a welcome place to everyone.
- 4.4. Engaging in Indigenous National Month/Day – June 21st & 22nd.
- 4.5. Year-end activities:
 - 4.5.1. Talent show (see below for more info).
 - 4.5.2. Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony on Teams.
 - 4.5.3. Stronger Together Survey – insights from this survey will help direct us and provide feedback to the district.
 - 4.5.4. Photos are almost ready (individual, composite, grad photos).
 - 4.5.5. Grade 7 students – many students and parents spent a Saturday at school to create under the sea banners.

5. Admin Q&A, Laurent Brisbois, Principal, and Jesse Brown, Vice Principal

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- 5.1. When composites (class photos) come out, will we have to pay to have them shipped to us? A) you will get a link. DL is free, but there is a cost to get them printed.
- 5.2. South side entrance cones have been helpful in the no parking area, but haven't been there in the past few weeks. Is there a reason? A) We will follow up on that. They should be there.
- 5.3. Comment: the admin have done a great job of keeping the students safe. Thank you.
- 5.4. Comment: We enjoy the weekly updates.
- 5.5. Comment: Thank you Laurent and Jesse. Your presence is profound.
- 5.6. What will the school look like with respect to parent participation? A) still up in the air. We will update in August.
- 5.7. Comment: Thank you for providing such inclusion for our children and it's meant a lot in this tough year. A) We'll share these positive comments with the team. Thank you.

6. Special Thanks

- 6.1. To the Laura Secord admin and faculty, thank you! We couldn't have done it without you!

7. Treasurer's Update - Kalen Chang, Treasurer

- 7.1. An update was provided.
- 7.2. We have 77K in the bank.
- 7.3. 13 projectors cost \$5800 (far under the 10,000 budget).

8. ARC (Anti-Racism Committee) Reflection – Update on Survey – Monique, ARC Rep

- 8.1. We are proud of our community and what we've started with the ARC.
- 8.2. The QVA Anti-Racism committee had the idea to invite parents and the teachers at QVA, Hastings Elementary and Laura Secord to encourage their students to write letters to Justin Trudeau. The goal is to collect 215 letters to demand that our government step up and put into action the Calls to Action from the TRC.
- 8.3. VSB is coming out with a survey. Please take time to fill that out.

9. Farm to Table Food Committee Update – Vicky, Food Committee Rep

- 9.1. Vicky not available for this meeting.

10. Other Business? – Shahira, PAC Co-Chair

10.1. Laura Secord's Got Talent

10.1.1. June 29th – 1:30-3pm

10.1.2. Send a short video clip of about 60-90 seconds

10.1.2.1. Upload to Teams or send to jessebrown@vsb.bc.ca

10.1.2.2. Include your name, teacher, grade/division/ and what you love about your school – but you don't need to do this in the video. Jesse can do this when he introduces the video.

10.2. Looking to join the 2021/2022 PAC Exec?

10.2.1. Secretary

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- 10.2.2. English Intermediate Rep
 - 10.2.3. French Rep
 - 10.2.4. ARC Rep
 - 10.2.5. Fundraising Rep
 - 10.2.6. Co-Chairs
 - 10.2.7. Help with committee work
 - 10.2.8. Attend 3 Executive meetings
 - 10.2.9. Support the PAC working with the Faculty and administration
 - 10.2.10. Support and help create the learning environment all kids deserve
11. Upcoming events:
- 11.1. June 21st, National Indigenous Peoples Day
 - 11.2. June 24th, House Team Colour Day
 - 11.3. June 28th, 7th Grade Ceremony
 - 11.4. June 29th, Secord's Got Talent & Last Day of School!!!
 - 11.5. September 7th, District Wide Anti-Racism Training
 - 11.6. September 8th, First day back (one hour!)
12. Quebec Exchange iPads and other items – shared with rest of school?
- 12.1. The exchange funds are usually used for the trip and extra funds are banked by the school. Because the trip was cancelled last year, it was understood that the items purchased with the unused funds were to be used exclusively for grade 7 students. The question is: Why is this the case? A) Laurent: This money was going to the French Immersion teachers since they were the ones who raised the money for the trip. The iPads are shared on the entire 2nd floor among French and English divisions – thus reducing overall demand for iPads. Feel free to ask for more information.
- 12.1.1. The questioner wants it to be known that: the school currently only has 27 iPads to be shared among the school of 655 students and it is only now that 15 additional iPads are to be shared on the second floor for both English and French. She wants the PAC Execs to follow up on the transparency and accountability of this Quebec Legacy Account and for the account to be moved from the school's control to the PAC's control.

Meeting adjourned at: 830pm