

PAC Meeting Minutes DRAFT 1

April 7, 2021

We would like to acknowledge that we live, work, and play on the traditional and unceded territories of the x^wməθk^wəy^əm (Musqueam), Sk^wx^wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətaʔt / səliłwítulh (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm by Shahira Sakiyama

Minute Taker: Cameron Imayoshi

1. Welcome

2. Vote on February 23, 2021 PAC Minutes, Sandra, Communications Coordinator

2.1. M/S/C

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

- 3.1. Covid safety: reiterated the gov'ts recent mask mandate for schools. Ask everyone to continue with their daily health checks.
- 3.2. Health & Safety: completed the annual inspection and are trying to do a bit of a clean up. The computer room is being cleaned out. Looking to reorganize some areas of the building.
- 3.3. Met with a community resident – Randy Tate, an Indigenous elder who is a master carver. He is Nisga'a. We hope to go forward with a project with Mr. Tate.
- 3.4. For the Innovation Lab, we are getting a door to make the space more secure and quieter.
- 3.5. Lots of work on grounds. Rubber carpets are coming for the entrances to help with controlling the amount of mud and sand that gets into the school. The area on the south side of the school where the mud had been covering a part of the sidewalk has been fixed. We have new trees. We cannot cover the outdoor classroom area at the East end of the school, unfortunately.
- 3.6. We are going to take maskless school pictures this year (following health and safety guidelines) – to take place in early May. No class pictures, but there will be a composite photo.
- 3.7. Collaboration with Van Tech on anti-racism was very successful. All divisions will receive a book from this project.

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

- 4.1. Can we get some kind of interactive mural for the covered area? A: There is a process for this – it has to be approved by the city.
- 4.2. What was the last word on the NW corner of the school grounds? A: If an item can be moved, it presents a hazard (referring to the logs that were recently added to this area).
- 4.3. Re: school pictures: are we going to create a composite picture of all of the individual photos? A: yes.

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- 4.4. Can we have fun hair days, pajama days, etc? A: there are a few of those days planned, but we can promote these things a bit better. We have a pajama day, litterless lunch week, and a house team day coming up.

5. Treasurer's Update - Kalen Chang, Treasurer

- 5.1. We have not had any money come in in the past month. We spent about \$150 for house team competition prizes in the past month.
- 5.2. YTD spending is \$9000.
- 5.3. We still have about \$65000 in the bank.
- 5.4. Poll: PAC Spending Priority?
- 5.4.1. Outdoor education opportunities – 58%
- 5.4.2. Technology – 42%
- 5.4.3. More familial support (workshops, events, etc.) - 0
- 5.4.4. Playground enhancement – 0
- 5.4.5. Current fundraisers: Mabel's Labels, Return-it Express, TruEarth, and FlipGive

6. Earth Day – Mme. Durant

- 6.1. Got some 3x3 raised planter beds along with some cedar planter boxes.
- 6.2. Would like to put a tree in the centre of a planter. Would like to do a planting ceremony on Earth Day for the primaries. Hoping to work with the art teachers for some air-drying clay projects for the intermediates.
- 6.3. We need a heavy-duty hose reel.

7. Food Committee Update:

- 7.1. Planning to do a presentation with Farm to Cafeteria Canada (who run the Salad Bar grant program) on May 12th (7 to 8:30pm) to answer questions from parents as to what a school program could look like. The general principle is to increase the number of local foods that are on the "plates" and minds of students at the school.
- 7.2. Hoping to develop a team to apply for grants in the fall. Hoping to get support from the class reps to get the word out to the parent community.

8. ARC Reflections/DPAC Updates – Naomi Adachin

- 8.1. The survey has been extended to April 9th. We have about 50 responses so far.
- 8.2. Here is a statement on the rise of anti-Asian hate from ARC:
I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and recognize the recent dramatic increase in racism and violent behaviour targeting Asian people. This has been observed and addressed at multiple levels of government and the Anti-Racism Committee is working on a statement and resources to help individuals and families understand what is happening, resources to help children, and information that centers the voices of Asian people in much the same way we focused on Black and Indigenous voices in past years. We value your feedback and questions, and if you haven't had an opportunity to complete our survey, please do as soon as possible!
- 8.3. RE: SLO. There was a meeting at the beginning of March with lots of speakers from

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various backgrounds (parents, students, police officers). It was extended to two days due to the number of speakers.

- 8.4.** There will be a DPAC town hall on the VSB Draft Budget 2021-2022 on Tuesday, April 13th from 7-8:30pm.

9. Online Dance Party Proposal

- 9.1. \$500 to hire Rachel Beau from Rock/N/Beau to host/DJ the event.
9.2. About 30 minutes per grade group K-1, 2-4, 5-7.
9.3. This isn't in the approved budget.

9.3.1. Polls

9.3.2. Would you attend a virtual dance party?

9.3.2.1. Yes – 70%

9.3.2.2. No – 30%

9.3.3. If yes, would you prefer it on a weekday or a weekend?

9.3.3.1. Weekday – 78%

9.3.3.2. Weekend – 22%

9.3.4. Knowing your attendance is not dependent of a donation, would you give one?

9.3.4.1. Yes, I'd donate - 78%

9.3.4.2. No, I could not donate, but would love a dance party! - 22%

9.3.5. Motion: if we move forward with this virtual dance, that we approve spending \$500 of PAC funds with donations being accepted. **S/C**

Meeting adjourned at: 8:40pm

Next PAC Meeting: May 11th at 7:00pm