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Minutest for February 27, 2024

1900 - 2030

Meeting Location: Zoom and in the Templeton School Library

(meeting called to order 1902)

PAC Executive: Michelle Thompson (MT) Chair, Sandra Bell (SB) Vice Chair, Cedric Chauve (CC) Treasurer, Vacant Secretary, Fenton Fong (FF) DPAC Representative, Jennifer Westoby (JW) Member at Large, Lindsay Lapos (LL) Member At Large, Andrew Smith (AS) Member At Large (Acting Secretary)

School Representatives

Raza Mirani (RM), Principal, Adam Russell (AR) Student Representative

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS (MT)

- Introductions
- Adoption of agenda
 - Amendments proposed by MT: add a report by JW and Sherry Breshears at the end of the meeting. SB to update DPAC.
 - Motion by JW to adopt agenda. 2nd CC. All in favour, passed.
- Approval of the January 30, 2024 minutes
 - Motion to adopt 30 Jan minutes by AS. 2nd SB. No questions/comments. None opposed. Carried.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- Student Council Report (AR)
 - Spicy noodle challenge and Crush gram for Valentine's Day events. Some people crushed it, some people had a hard time with the spiciness. Sold 120 crush grams, student council delivered to the kids.
 - Student Council looking to do something before spring break, spirit week, something maybe like the spicy noodle challenge, but possibly not food-related. Student council discussing options. Planning happening for a spirit week in April.
 - March 5 Friday, VDSC (Vancouver District Student Council), district-wide spirit week. Pajama day. Also a sister school switch in April or May.

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Partner with someone else at a different school, and take turns visiting each other's schools.

- Templeton Student Council actively planning more school-wide events.
- Principal's Report (RM).

[PAC Principals Report - Feb 27, 2024.pdf](#)

- MT question: update of the chair lift staircase. The chairlift will go in during spring break. Wheelchair students will be able to access the 2nd and 3rd floor. The east wing of the 3rd floor is still not accessible. This lift will allow 75-80% accessibility to the school. Students on crutches etc will need to be in a chair to be able to access the lift. It will not be a quick-moving device. Can lock and unlock it to prevent possible vandalism.
- Parent question: will the lift access the mini school wing? RM answer: yes it will, the west wing but not the east wing.

PAC EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- Chair Report (MT)
 - **Presentation:** *Samantha Anderson, John Oliver PAC co-chair, DPAC Facilities Working Group coordinator. (presentation via PowerPoint)*
 - [DPAC Resolutions Facilities Jan 17 2024.docx](#)
 - *Link to PowerPoint presentation:* [DPACFacilities Rsolutions Feb 2024.pptx](#)
 - *Some additional notes/questions:*
 - *VSB projections for student numbers do not match the actual numbers. Up until about 2016, the projections and the actual numbers were close to each other. VSB currently uses the Barager model to project student numbers.*
 - *VSB is land-rich and cash-poor.*
 - *Samantha gave some examples specific to the current state of VSB closures, i.e. Byng mini school being absorbed into the general stream, several school annexes being closed, etc.*
 - *With densification in certain areas, possible concern of moving from a housing crisis to a schooling crisis. It is uncertain if the VSB is considering housing density with their projected student numbers model.*

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- *Discussion about the disconnect between VSB enrolment projections and actual numbers we are seeing. For Example, Templeton specifics, VSB projecting Templeton student body to be reduced by 200 by 2030. RM stated that student numbers are growing each year and not decreasing. Specific example: incoming grade 8s next year will outnumber outgoing grade 12s by close to 40.*
- *Discussion about movement at the city level to close school green spaces/fence off & restrict access to fields. Thoughts are that VSB may be considering selling those pieces of land.*
- *Next steps:*
 - *Upcoming DPAC meeting this Thursday, vote to see if the resolutions will be approved and adopted, and if so then they will become the platform for DPAC to lobby the VSB in the future.*
- *Remainder of Chair report:*
 - *No teacher rep this year at PAC meetings. If any parent has questions for the teacher representative, they should be directed to PAC Chair MT and she will pass along to them. Answers to questions will be shared at the next scheduled PAC meeting.*
- Vice Chair (SB). No report
- Treasurer Report (CC).
 - Treasurer report. Not much activity over the past month. Spent \$75 to be a member of BCCPAC. Waiting for the cheque from Purdys from the Xmas fundraiser. CC Will follow up with them. Specifics on finances are included on the treasurer's report (**include? / link?**)
- DPAC report (FF).
 - SB to report in place of FF.
 - vote on the resolutions that Samantha presented tonight from DPAC.

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- MT motions that we approve the resolutions that Samantha presented tonight
 - 2nd by CC Unanimously approved. Templeton PAC in support of these resolutions.
- Other reports: Member At Large or Special Committees
 - JW had an informal meeting *with Suzie Mah, a school trustee*. They discussed difficulties in making headway to advocate for certain things at the VSB level. 3 things that you can do:
 - Voting and be aware of who you're voting for school board.
 - Continue to raise the issues. Email all the trustees and not just your specific trustee. You can reach out to anyone, not just the one for your school.
 - Partner with others to keep raising the issues.
 - Update on the status of SSA staffing levels (Sherry Breshears):
 - Lack of SSA and EA support across the VSB
 - What came of the letter expressing our concern:
 - TPAC composed a letter outlining our concerns, as well as a letter template for other PACs to use to communicate this issue with the VSB
 - DPAC's Health and Safety (HSWG) sent a letter to Premier Eby and government higher-ups about the issue.
 - Waiting to hear back from DPAC, in a holding pattern to see what the next steps will be. FF plans to ask at the upcoming DPAC meeting on behalf of TPAC
 - DPAC agrees that the issue is district-wide.
 - Begbie PAC is also in crisis mode with a lack of SSAs and has sent out letters trying to get a response.

CC Motions to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by FF

Carried

Meeting adjourned 2029h.