

PAC Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 6:30 pm – 8:12 pm

Zoom Meeting <https://tinyurl.com/52vfv6kb>

PAC Executive

Taryn Hayes (TH), Co-Chair; Sara Hyde (SH), Co-Chair; Sara Osenton (SO), Vice-Chair; Julie Cole (JC), Treasurer; Megan Atkinson (MA), Co-Secretary; Tiffany Muller Myrdahl (TM), DPAC representative

School Representatives

Ankie Carswell (AC), Principal, Aaron Singh (AS), Vice Principal

Guest Speakers

Rachelle Siemens (RS) - Anti Oppression Working Group at Nelson Elementary

Absent

Caitlin Adam (CA), Co-Secretary

ITEM	LEAD	TIME
1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Introductions	SH	6:31 - 6:33
2. Additions and Approval of Agenda Sara H (motion) Megan A (second)	TH	6:33 - 6:34
3. Overview of PAC and what we do <i>Parents who do stuff :-)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helps build the school community• Enriches and enhances school life & educational experience• Support teachers and the school administration• Provides a meaningful way for parents to participate in school life	SH	6:34 - 6:35
5. Treasurer Report Money IN <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gaming money still to come in ~ \$9000• Fundraising expectation ~ \$14,150	JC	6:36 - 6:42

Money OUT

- Teacher stipend increased from \$100 to \$125 (\$12 per student)
- Typical expenditures - as below

Account Balances as of August 31, 2022

	June 15, 2022	August 31, 2022
General account	8,015.74	17,761.00
Gaming account	10.84	10.84
GIC's	65,197.44	65,197.44
VSB Trust	0.00	0.00
Total	73,224.02	82,969.28
Outstanding Deposits & Cheques		
Outstanding Deposits	11,011.65	-
Outstanding Cheques	- 429.74	- 230.72
Available Funds	83,805.93	82,738.56

2022/ 2023 Proposed Budget

Revenue	
PAC Fundraisers	14,150.00
Gaming Grant	9,000.00
Total Revenue	23,150.00
Expenditures	
Teachers' Stipends	6,325.00
Parent Events (1 st day of school Welcome Event, Meet the Teacher)	1,000.00
Student Events (sports day, grade 7 leaving, pancake breakfast, etc)	4,350.00
Student and Parent Education (Saleema Noon, Anti-Racism speaker, etc)	4,000.00
Anti-Oppression Committee	1,000.00
Staff Appreciation	1,500.00
PAC Admin (subscriptions, BCCPAC annual fee)	1,000.00
Templeton Bursary	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,975.00
Total Expenses	23,150.00

Sara H moves to approve budget
Taryn seconds

6. Fundraiser

- Apples
 - need volunteers to help with distribution
 - delivery date to be confirmed, sometime in October
- Donald's
 - October
- Purdy's
 - November
 - March
- West Coast Seeds - February and funds raised go to the Garden Club
- Kid ArtWork greeting cards - not currently planned but may do in the spring

TH

6:42 - 6:52

<p>7. Speakers & Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Movie Night - Nov 4, likely an earlier start (545pm to get settled in before movie start at 630pm), watch for posters ● Saleema Noon - May 15 for parents, May 17 & 18 for the students ● Restorative Justice - date in November to be confirmed ● Financial Literacy for children - VanCity in-person talk in January 17 from 7 to 8pm (topics - allowances and raising financially literate children) ● Nahanee Creative on-demand mini courses - PAC is looking into mini-courses offered by Nahanee ● Parent Social - target for an event in the spring, need volunteers to help organize this, please contact the PAC ● Spring Fair - target to have a smaller event in the spring, Taryn will meet with Jen Hickey and others to discuss ideas for this year. Please contact the PAC to volunteer with organizing 	TH	6:52 -7:02
<p>7. PAC meetings going forward - online vs in-person</p> <p>Discussion - would we like to meet in-person? There is broad support for at least a hybrid or mix of in-person and online. There are a lot of people who would like the opportunity to get to know other parents, but generally we aren't ready to fully give up all the advantages of online and the reduced impact on the evening routine.</p> <p>Idea 1 - have in-person meetings but provide a zoom link for folks at home to listen in only</p>	TH/AC	7:02 - 7:10

<p>Idea 2 - have a mix of both, some in-person and some online</p> <p>We will not be recording PAC meetings due to privacy concerns.</p>		
<p>8. Class Reps / Class Parents</p> <p>The role is to keep the parents of the class in contact with each other and the PAC, provide updates from the PAC and communicate any issues back.</p> <p>Helpful even if there are only 25% of parents in touch.</p> <p>Still looking for a number of classes to be covered.</p> <p>Divisions still needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 6-7 ● Grade 1 ● Specifically: <p>Div2. Grade 6/7 Max Boyle</p> <p>Div3. Grade 6/7 Bowie Fong</p> <p>Div4. Grade 6 Becky Cook</p> <p>Div6. Grade 5 Brenda Koch</p> <p>Div15. Grade 1/2 Kara Lam</p> <p>Div16. Grade 1 Georgia Katsamakis</p> <p>Div17. Grade 1 Wendy Wong/Krista Rosati</p>		7:10 - 7:15
<p>9. AOWG - looking for new members</p> <p>The Anti-oppression working group exists to counter systems of oppression that intersect with our lives...such as racism, sexism, homophobia, ableism, transphobia, homophobia and classism to name a few.</p> <p>We aim to collectively help identify resources and information to support a path towards restorative justice in our school. To see more of our vision and purpose statement which we put a lot of time and energy into, check out the link on the PAC website.</p> <p>We welcome diverse voices to our group to represent our school community as parts of a whole.</p>	RS	7:15 - 7:23

<p>A few ways to get involved: We could use help with volunteers for specific dates of action. Ones you are passionate about honouring, remembering, grieving and celebrating. Wherever you can lend of your talents and skills or presence is appreciated.</p> <p>We are also building a resource guide and would welcome your input.</p> <p>You can reach us at tigersaowg@gmail.com and we look forward to connecting with you.</p>		
<p>10. DPAC update - DPAC - District Parent Advisory Council of about 125 elementary and highschoools in VSB on 25 (or so) present</p> <p>Issues Discussed: Late classroom assignments Staffing issues School closures DPAC letter advocating for Air filters - school upgrade for air quality What to do with one time 4.7 mil allocation to help families—how to do this fairly and reach families in need School board election - DPAC cannot support/endorse any candidates but can help parents become aware of options. Bringing music back into the schools through choral program, being run at select schools this year.</p>	SO	7:23 - 7:28
<p>8. Admin Report</p> <p>Ankie - Principal Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enrollment - no spots available in any class, 476 students attending <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ any student absent for over 20 days is subject to lose their spot (un-enrolled by VSB). The spot would then be offered to the first in-catchment student on the 	AC/DA	7:28 - 8:00

waitlist. If your student will be missing 20 consecutive days, discuss with Ankie in advance

- Staffing - Division 5 teacher will be filled by next week, one clerical position still open, one support position still open
- VSB Education Plan
 - Ankie reviewed key points from the Education Plan booklet
 - The booklet can be found on the [VSB website](#)
 - VSB teachers, support staff, students and DPAC contributed to producing the goals
- School Growth Plan
 - Plan is worked on all year
 - this year the focus is on directly teaching a variety of coping skills to self-manage and maintain positive mental health
 - contributing to students' overall sense of well-being, self determination and self-regulation
- Assessment, evaluation and reporting
 - Ankie reviews a few main points about why assessment and evaluation is done
 - where am I now, where a I going, how will I get there
 - relative to curriculum outcomes
 - informs students, teacher, parents
 - Ankie reviews the different levels of assessments (class-room, school, district and ministry)
 - Grade 4 and 7 - provincial foundation skill assessment - taking place in VSB between Oct 4 and Nov 10. Emails notifying parents was sent today.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reporting will be changing next school year and more information will be provided in the spring, closer to the end of this year ● Truth & Reconciliation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth Calls to Action integrated into afternoon announcements twice per week ○ Truth and Reconciliation Assembly on Sept 30 (hosted by Div 4 and 10) ○ Question from the parents about re-naming the school - Ankie indicates there is a process for the re-naming of the school that can be driven by the parents, community or school administration. Please contact the PAC if you are interested in this. ○ Div 6 participated in making a Promise Blanket <p>Aaron - VP Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grass field is open and it has been really wonderful ● 40 new dodgeballs were purchased and the students are enjoying them ● Sports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 3 to 7 - cross-country happening now (practice M/W, meets on Thurs), large meet Oct 20 (one of the largest in Canada!) ○ Grade 6-7 - intramural soccer at lunch run by Mr Singh ○ Grade 6-7 - volleyball starting soon ● Clubs - watch this space for clubs! Clubs will get going shortly. Clubs require a teacher to lead. If there are students who have ideas for clubs, they can approach their teacher to see if there might be interest. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ there will likely be a student council type spirit club later this year ○ last year some clubs were safe space club, theatersports, 		
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<p>mindfulness club - some of these will happen again this year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Field trips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Div 6 went to Britannia for Indigenous Enrichment (carving, weaving) 		
<p>10. Communications / Other Items</p> <p>Can clubs and sports be posted to a website?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes Ankie can post to the school website <p>Hot Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New provider is FoodieKids through the MunchaLunch platform ● First order closes tonight at midnight (for Oct 4) ● Volunteers will be there to assist with handing out hot lunches ● Changes and cancellations are allowed with this provider ● PAC is purchasing 3 additional meals each Hot Lunch day, in the event a student needs a lunch that day ● Any leftover lunches are donated to the Kettle Society ● Prices have gone up from last year. The PAC recognizes that food security is an issue for some in our community and arrangements can be made to support families. Contact lordnelsonpac@gmail.com or acarswell@vsb.bc.ca <p>Garden Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The garden club is made up of about 5 parents and one teacher ● There is always room for more gardeners, no experience necessary! Please reach out to Rachelle Siemens, Susan Russell or Ankie to get in touch with the club ● The focus for this season is on filling the six beautiful planters that were made by the students last year ● Soil will be arriving this week 	<p>TH / ALL</p>	<p>8:00 - 8:12</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● There will be a fall planting, likely cover crops, spring bulbs and some winter greens● The garden club is making up a seasonal planting plan, to plan out each season's crop● The club is also working out the best way to work with teachers and students and getting everyone excited about the school garden		
End of Meeting - 8:12pm		