

PAC Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

6:30 pm – 8.00 pm

Zoom Meeting

<https://tinyurl.com/r7fdcbn>

Meeting ID: 897 8332 3904

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PAC Executive

Taryn Hayes (TH), Co-Chair; Sara Hyde (SH), Co-Chair; Julie Cole, Vice-Chair (JC); Bonnie Leong (BL), Treasurer; Caitlin Adam (CA), Co-Secretary; Megan Atkinson (MA), Co-Secretary

School Representatives

Ankie Carswell (AC), Principal, Dana Aweida (DA), Vice Principal

Additional Speakers

ITEM	LEAD	TIME
1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Introductions (3 mins)	SH	6:35 - 6:38
2. Additions and Approval of Agenda (1 min) Addition 1 - Donald's fundraiser Addition 2 - WestCoast Seeds fundraiser Approve the agenda – Bonnie Second – Sarah	TH	6:33-6:34
3. Speaker Proposals: 1. Askable Adult February 2nd from 7-9pm: Jessy Wollen - Certified Sexual Health Facilitator) from Shift Education Cost is \$450	TH	6:34-6:44

<p>https://shift-education.com/services/the-askable-adult/</p> <p>2. Anti-Racism Workshop (2-part series) Chanelle Tye - Equity and inclusion facilitator, educator, and coach who specializes in the areas of anti-racism and LGBTQ2SIA+ inclusion) Jointly provided with Hastings PAC</p> <p>Comment - prioritize the online safety, as it is different from Selema Noon</p> <p>Potential dates are: February 22 and March 1 (2-part series) Total Cost is \$2,250 + GST for up to 100 people or \$2,000 + GST for up to 80 people (shared with Hastings PAC) - Our cost would be about \$1000-\$1125 + GST https://www.chanelletye.com/about</p> <p>(10 mins)</p>		
<p>4. Hot Lunch Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - postponed until the covid situation is less onerous 	TH	6:42 - 6:44
<p>5. Traffic Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - concern from parent community - drop-off vehicles parking in the No Parking area on the south side of the school - parents have noticed aggressive and dangerous driving, darting in or out, parking in the crosswalk - PAC cannot set up a program to monitor (liability & parent safety) - as per VSB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ankie - spoke to facility department at VSB, advised not to allow to have PAC monitor traffic - could put out sandwich boards reminding drivers to behave more safely - Ankie says 	SH	6:44 - 6:

<p>school could do it, or PAC can do this (might be faster)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - raising awareness at this PAC meeting (and december PAC too) - Pilot with CoV - School Safe Streets Program, traffic program, waiting to see if we are selected - Q - can we get a crossing guard at Nanaimo & Charles? A - City doesn't allow crossing guards at locations where there are engineered controls in place - Ankie - can contact a Traffic Officer at VDP, to get further monitoring and ask for a pedestrian safety talk with the kids - Q - can we ask CoV to sand & icy around the school - TH suggests we start a committee regarding traffic safety around the school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteers for this committee please contact the PAC - Q - one parent offers some homemade signs, would the school want them? A - Ankie will have to ask the VSB. Might want to put them on CoV property (on the boulevard) - Comment: Ask the CoV for traffic calming/speed bumps now that construction is mostly over 		
<p>6. Treasurer Report (8 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NEED A NEW TREASURER FOR YEAR! Please email the PAC for more info or to volunteer. 	BL	6:55 - 7:03

Highlights

Fundraisers			
Purdy's		1,375.00	
Card Project		3,100.00	
	Total Income		4,475.00
Expenditures			
Wishlist Items		-1,770.00	
Teacher's Stipend		-1,480.00	
Playground Plaque		-630.00	
Teachers Appreciation Items		-185.00	
	Total Expenses		4,065.00
	Net		\$ 410.00

- Fundraising YTD - \$4,475 raised so far

7. Playground Updates:

- Spider Web Climber - quotes for repair and replacement
 - VSB plan is to remove it once Primary Playground is installed
 - Nine years old
 - PAC has looked into repair and replacement
 - \$24K to repair
 - \$55K to \$96K to replace depending on climber
 - Q - can the repair be covered by VSB? Ankie to check
 - Q - can we look into a climbing structure that does not use rope, and will not require re-stringing every 10 years
 - Q - Do we have to stick with Habitat as an installer? No, there is a (short) list of VSB approved businesses
- Installation of primary playground and activity nodes
 - No updates at this time
 - Last information indicated installations are scheduled to take place in mid-January.
 - Rubber surfacing is still scheduled to be installed in February

TH

7:03 – 7:09

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Orange Slides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No updates at this time ○ Last update - solution options have been presented to the VSB and to Ankie, need to compare costing and make decision ● Grand Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PAC is looking for volunteers to assist with organizing the opening event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Volunteers for this planning this event please contact the PAC ○ The grand opening event is to satisfy conditions of the grant that paid for the track surfacing ○ Need to invite local politicians and promote on social media, etc. 		
<p>8. Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Playground updates - no updates (see above) ● Assemblies and performances have moved online completely ● Field trips - some are still going ahead, depending on the venue and the covid protocols involved. Bus only, no parent drivers at this time ● Sports - basketball season has started this week (end basketball season in May) , badminton planned ● School received a sustainability grant (from ?) for the garden beds. Will be used for teaching and another area for kids to garden ● 465 students in the school, considered to be full capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ will not be able to accept cross boundary ○ kindergarten reg is open, likely have to do a lottery ● Covid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There were many updates and questions, please reach out to Ankie if additional information is 	AC & DA	7:09 -7:40

<p>needed or review previous communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ankie reviewed protocols as explained in other school communications ○ Currently not asking teachers to duplicate work online at this time, ○ There is no expectation that school work will be made up after being away for sickness. Teachers will just make a note on report cards if there isn't enough material to assess. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Preparation for functional closure- see Wednesday Weekly for Jan 12 ● Protocol for kids with symptoms at school - Ankie does the covid assessment and follows the guideline, student is kept in the office or another location, but does not return to the classroom ● Moving to an endemic (like flu season), as opposed to a pandemic. VCH reports that contact tracing not as useful now because of Omicron's shorter incubation period, and because "close contact" definition has changed to no longer include classmates/peers ● Guidelines are available through VCH and BCCDC for info on how long to monitor/isolate after an exposure 		
<p>9. Communications / Other Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Questions from last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wobbly stools - there are many at the school already and teachers bring them into the class when they are needed ○ The reason the gravel field isn't open: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The atmospheric river weather patterns and then the subsequent snow impacted the Grounds Dept's ability to build the walkway over to the gravel field over the winter break. A walkway is set to be 	TH	7:40 - 7:49

<p>installed through the gravel field and this work has been delayed by the weather. Ankie has followed up with VSB Grounds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ People had moved the fencing and had walked on the gravel path, potentially damaging it○ No idea why the grass field isn't open, Ankie will follow up○ Interest in changing the time of the PAC meeting to 7-8:30 - took a poll, most were fine either way <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Donald's Market fundraiser - gift cards with 10% going to the PAC will happen this year again. Date TBD depending on other school events. Last time this fundraiser made \$1,500.● Walk-a-thon is tentatively planned for mid-February, stay tuned.● West Coast Seeds fundraiser will be done again this year, February 1st-19th. The order window is early to allow for shipping etc (received seeds in march or april last year). This raised about \$1,200 last year.		
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