

## PAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

IN PERSON – in the multi-purpose room

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

### PAC Executive

Caitlin Adam (CA), Co-Chair

Emily Lefebvre (EL), Co-Chair

Julie Cole (JC), Treasurer

Sara Hyde (SH), DPAC Rep

Taryn Hayes (TH), Past CoChair

Sara Osenton (SO), Co-Vice Chair

Tiffany Muller Myrdahl (TM), Co-Vice Chair

Megan Atkinson (MA), Secretary

Marlene Cummings (MC), AOWG Rep

### School Representatives

Jason Eng (JE), Principal

### Guest Speakers

Dillon Adams, Spring Fair Coordinator (could not attend in person, gave an update)

Terence Chan, Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House

Rachelle Siemens, Garden Club

ITEM	LEAD	TIME
1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Introductions	CA	6:31 - 6:33
2. Additions and Approval of Agenda Sara motion Megan second	EL	6:33 - 6:34
3. Admin Report - from Jason  · Events for Nationals Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21)  ○ Thank you to the PAC for sponsoring the Indigenous storytelling – Grade 7 Ms Shaylah led this initiative (singing, drumming, story telling) kindergarten, grades 1, 2 and 3  ○ AWOOG set up a new display for Pride	JE	6:34 - 6:50

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Div 10 is doing basket weaving</li> <li>· Pride Assembly – student-led assembly held during school hours, students sang and performed</li> <li>· Pride Club and Ms. Brenda’s class are attending the Strathcona Pride Parade next week</li> <li>· Spring Fair is in 2 weeks, Tim is supporting the parent volunteer committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Admin has dealt with and is prepared to provide more information for the parents around why cake walk and dunk tank are not being held anymore. There will be more info sent out proactively. Jason has communicated this to the school district</li> </ul> </li> <li>· Enrollment – school is full, there will be 3 kindergarten classes, 20 divisions, there will be a number of split classes, 470-480 students, waitlist for all the grades (kindergarten is longest – around +20), there were several declines for kindergarten offers which is unusual (families moving out of the neighborhood) so more families on the waitlist got offers</li> <li>· Teachers – some temporary contracts may be renewed, no new postings for this school are up at the moment, as far as Jason knows there will be no movements.</li> <li>· Admin - the plan is for no changes to the administrative staff for next year</li> </ul>		
<p>4. Upcoming Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Spring Fair team needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tents</li> <li>○ People to make signage (concession, games, etc)</li> <li>○ Volunteer slots for 5 to 7pm shift are still open – whatever your availability is, Dillon will work with it!</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>EL/DA/ TC</p>	<p>6:50 -7:00</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Volunteering sign-up will close on Friday, still need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Field games</li> <li>● Small games (cornhole, lollipop pull)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Comments regarding the closure of the grass field – members of the community voicing opinions that this is a public space and should be accessible to the public</li> <li>○ Volunteer Thank You Tea – June 18</li> <li>○ Teacher Thank You Tea – June 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need some volunteers, lunch time, minimal (11am to 1pm or some part of that)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ National Indigenous People Day (Terence Chan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clinton Park event - June 20 Thursday</li> <li>○ Inviting all the classes – Jason will be working with the teachers, and parents will also be invited to attend (11am to 2pm), individual teachers will decide if they are going</li> <li>○ Hastings school has also expressed interest</li> <li>○ Details will be in the Wednesday Weekly</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<p>4. Treasurer Report</p> <p>Please see attached financial report</p> <p>The PAC has ended up with a surplus again this year due to some planned spending not happening (speaker cancellation).</p> <p>We are asking for ideas from the parent community on items to be funded next year. Please email the PAC with your ideas.</p> <p>We briefly discussed the following options but nothing has been decided:</p>	<p>JC</p>	<p>7:00 - 7:04</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bursaries</li> <li>○ Increased stipend for teachers - though it was noted that many teachers don't use the stipend as it is. We discussed some processes that would allow those teachers who do use the funds to access more if they have something bigger they want to fund.</li> </ul>		
<p>5. DPAC Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ During the May General meeting, Vancouver DPAC had Mischa Oak present about SOGI (Sexual Orientation &amp; Gender Identity) in schools, the importance of inclusion in our education systems, and how to be an ally and promote acceptance. It was a wonderful talk and Mischa allowed lots of time for questions. See the full talk <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>● DPAC wants you! DPAC needs to fill a number of Executive positions. You do not need to be a DAPC rep to run for these positions. They need a Chair, Vice chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Indigenous parent representative, and Members-at-large.</li> <li>● They are in a critical position this year where we do not have any officers continuing on to the next year. However, the current executive and officers from this year are committed to assisting volunteers to learn about DPAC and assist in their transition into the roles.</li> <li>● You do not need to be a DPAC rep to run.</li> <li>● *** Nomination forms need to be received by June 19! *** To submit your nomination for DPAC, fill out the nomination form and email it to <a href="mailto:chair@vancouverdpac.org">chair@vancouverdpac.org</a>. - nomination form <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>	EL/CA	7:04 - 7:02
<p>6. AOWG Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pride Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● School had the assembly</li> <li>● Tattoo contest – winner was announced at the assembly</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	MC	7:02-7:05

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Book table in the front lobby was set up</li> <li>● PAC supported the Pride Club by providing prizes and equipment (button maker)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ National Indigenous Peoples Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Glass Display – UNYA has put up an art display</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Next up - committee is putting together resource for World Refugee Day to share with the kids</li> <li>○ Neurodivergent Group – a few parents are starting to get together to discuss relevant issues, if interested please reach out to the AOWG for more information</li> </ul>		
<p>7. Garden Club Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We conducted two more garden club classes since the last PAC meeting (grade 2 and 6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Current initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Indigenous Garden</li> <li>● Outdoor exploratory sensory area for kindergartens</li> <li>● Quiet area near the garden beds</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Arugula is ready for harvesting</li> <li>○ Four teachers have elected to take on a part of the new garden beds</li> <li>○ We need volunteers for summer watering – please email <a href="mailto:meganatkinson33@yahoo.com">meganatkinson33@yahoo.com</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	RS	7:05 - 7:07
<p>8. Executive Elections</p>	EL	7:07 - 7:20

All Executive terms are for 1 year, and no position can be held by the same person for more than 3 consecutive terms. Currently:

- Emily is halfway through her 1st term;
- Caitlin is completing her term as CoChair;
- Sara O is completing her 2nd term as (co)Vice Chair;
- Tiffany is completing her 1st term as Co-Vice Chair
- Julie is completing her 2nd term as Treasurer;
- Megan is completing her 3rd term as Secretary;

Additional Executive Positions of DPAC Rep, Hot Lunch Coordinator and AOWG Rep are not included in our [Bylaws](#) and so do not need to be officially elected. These are appointed by the Exec.

Call for nominations.

- A. CoChair
- B. CoVice Chairs
- C. Treasurer
- D. Secretary

- Co-chair – Emily Lefebvre & Tegan Williams
- Vice – Tiffany (no other takers so far, will look for candidates in the Fall)
- Secretary – Sara O
- Treasurer – Julie (this will be Julie’s last year)
- Member at Large – Megan (back up to secretary)

All elected unanimously.

Other committee members:

DPAC (Member at Large) – Sara H will continue

AWOG (Member At Large) – Marlene will continue

Hot Lunch Coordinator (Member at Large) – Mike Joe

<p>10. Communications / Other Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PAC Newsletter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AWOG is interested in having a newsletter that informs parents of all the work the PAC does.</li> <li>○ We would need a volunteer for this.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● Access to grass field after school hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Comments regarding the closure of the grass field – members of the community voicing opinions that this is a public space and should be accessible to the public</li> <li>○ PAC does not have any say over how the grounds are managed. The VSB Grounds department make these decisions and enforce them, in this case by locking the field everyday</li> <li>○ We usually end up discussing the access to the grass field every meeting. There are always opinions on both sides, those who feel the field should be open to the public and those who feel the closure keeps the park better maintained for the kids' use during the day, free from holes and dog poo.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	EL	7:20 -