

## **Minutes Hudson PAC Meeting**

October 21, 2015

Held in Hudson Lunchroom

18 parents in attendance

Marina P called the meeting to attendance at 6:35pm

1. Motion moved by Robert to approve minutes of September 23 meeting. Seconded by Wayne. Passed unanimously.
2. PAC Chair report. Marina introduced discussion regarding that Hudson is a Full School with just under 400 students, and the way the school has accommodated fitting in so many students is by filling every 'seat' in each of the 16 Divisions, which is why there are so many split classes this year. Marina pointed to various resources suggesting that split classes are actually really great for students (olders mentor and teach what they've learned; youngers strive). Discussion took place about Project Based Learning and Peer Mentors. Wayne asked a few questions about how students are designated to certain classes and the process for placing students. Ian addressed and said he would provide more detailed information to all parents in early spring in his Newsletter.
3. PAC Secretary report. Nothing to report this meeting.
4. PAC Treasurer report. The direct donation campaign has so far had 78 donations with over \$4000 raised. About 22% participation.
5. Principal's report  
VSB has created an English K lottery in this year for wait listed spaces at the school. The school is unable to provide seats for all the K students living in the catchment. Previously, students were enrolled based on their spot on the wait list. This year, waitlisted students will be placed by random draws at the VSB. French K takes place as a lottery for enrolled spots and then waitlist. Due to Ian's new 'sign in when you are late' system, there has been a decrease in lateness and absences. Head lice are back. Watch for sharing hats. In searching the school for space, old trophies were found in storage. Looking for a display case to showcase the finds.
6. Teachers' Committee Report - no report; no teachers present
7. SPC report - meeting has been rescheduled to next week
8. DPAC update -- Alan attended most recent DPAC meetings. He introduced resources for advocacy documents for supporting your own children. Marina P moved that Alan become Hudson's DPAC Representative. Dana seconded. Motion Carried.
9. Committee updates  
- Hot lunch committee reports all kids are now lunching at the same time. More volunteers have been recruited. New program includes 8 divisions eating in classrooms and 8 divisions

eating in lunchroom. New, very creative and effective systems are in place to provide service to all the students at the same time. We aren't serving bottled water any more: we serve a rotation of milk, organic juice, and chocolate milk as an occasional treat.

- Spirit Committee reports spirit wear orders are all in. \$300 profit from slight markups on each item. 1st Friday every month students will be invited to wear red. The fantastic new feather flag was a beacon of school pride while over 40 students donned their jerseys at the Trout lake cross country meet on Oct 22.

- Safety and Social Responsibility working group -- it was decided the grade 6/7 monitor safety vests were fading. Madame Boyd asked PAC to buy 8 more.

- Technology committee -- a Tech Club is being set up by volunteers and teachers for next term.

- Grounds committee -- a meeting with the VSB regarding outdoor classroom area went really well. Waiting for cost estimates and then we'll submit our plan to VSB.

- In School Activities Committee -- Ideas being looked at include Parkour, ibike, Bard on the Beach, Arts Umbrella, and more

#### 10 Activities/events

- Festival du livre currently in flight

- Haunted House being done by grades 6/7. 30 pumpkins obtained by the PAC for Oct 28 Pumpkin Carving

- Winter Fair is scheduled for Dec 4: Winter Around The World Fair.

- New Programs including Mad Science, Yoga, Arts&Crafts this term. Yoga, Dance, Computer Club, Lego next term!

- Choir reports 50 kids for junior and 17 for senior choir.

- Guest speakers: upcoming Ben West, Dr. Cohen, Honorable Madam Justice Maisonville.

- Rainy Day Club: lots of fun activities for students at lunch now.

- Family Photos are Nov 7-8 outdoor and Nov 28 indoor

#### 11 PAC executive elections

The PAC executive was selected by acclimation as follows:

Marina P - Chair

Nina - Vice Chair

Alan - Vice Chair

Shellee - Secretary

Dana - Co treasurer

Robert - Co treasurer

There is a need for a co-secretary. Anyone interested in helping out, please contact the PAC Chair.

12 Next Meeting Wednesday Nov 18.

13. Motion to Adjourn: Stella. Seconded Jerry. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned 8:02pm