

Draft Agenda for Hudson PAC Meeting March 03, 2015 6:30 – 7:45 PM – in the Library

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting February 11, 2015
Moved by Wendy, Seconded by Alan. Motion Carried.

2. PAC Chair report

Marina gave an update on Steering Committee meetings with Chris Atkinson regarding school expansion, renovations and seismic upgrading. The Steering Committee put forth a number of requests and questions for VSB to respond to. We will await their feedback. We also did a school grounds and school walk through to discuss acute concerns with regards to safety, use of space, and critical needs for repairs, etc.

Marina discussed the proposed parent Greening Committee that Bruce had suggested launching. This would be a ground beautification group of parents, students, and staff that would work together on grounds improvement projects around the school such as perhaps an outdoor classroom, a pathway along the field to Maple/Cornwall corner, small gardens around the school yard. Etc. Stella Vetterlein has volunteered to lead the PAC side of this committee.

Marina gave a brief overview regarding parent concerns re amount of staff turnover at the school and discussed that the PAC would like to have a statement regarding our support for staff continuity as it pertains to the benefit of children's education and a stable school environment.

Alan gave an update on VSB budget for 2015/2016.

Alan discussed that he is to be interviewed for a Tyee article on PAC fundraising in Vancouver. Marina had provided some most updated facts/stats and points of reference from our school and Alan was providing various examples and anecdotes for the interview.

2. Principal's report

Bruce provided an update on various assemblies and activities taking place at the school led by teachers and staff.

4. Teachers' Committee report (there was no teacher present to provide a report)

5. SPC report

Victoria provided a brief update.

6. PAC Secretary report

This was included in the Chair report.

7. PAC Treasurer report

This was included in the Chair report.

8. Committee updates

- Hot Lunch Program

(Wendy) More volunteers needed as it is a busy term and we've lost some of our regulars from last term. Lots of new items on the menu including some old favourites and new items. Budget is looking good. We'll be involved in the dances, sports day, year end bbq as well as regular Tues/Thursdays all term.

- Spirit Committee

(Carly) Earth Rangers are coming in April and we'll want that to be a Spirit Day. Looking at monthly Spirit Days for April, May and June. A few more items to be branded: we're getting costs on a banner and a tent for events/sports. The larger jerseys are in and are in use. T-shirts are still available in the office. (Marina) we are looking at getting the back of stage re-painted with the new Hudson Hawks logo and tagline, hopefully by end of year.

- Safety and Social Responsibility working group

(Rob) We are looking at bringing back/re-developing a Peer Mentor Program with the grade 7s. Because there are not a lot of them, the volunteer pool is not very large. We will discuss options further with Principal and teachers.

- Technology Committee

(John) Looking at options for technology club at lunch or after school. This will likely begin next year.

- Communications Committee

(Marina) We are going to start a Monthly Calendar at a Glance and circulate to all parents. It will include all the activities and events from the school and PAC. Until we get a new website team together, this will really help keep parents informed of all initiatives including assemblies, early dismissals, etc in one document. Plus the weekly updates will include all the material as well. We will continue to hunt for website design/front end volunteers to work with our back end guru, Rob!

9. Activities and events for the third term

- School-wide world fusion dance program in April
- School dances - juniors May 01, seniors May 08
- Afterschool sports activities
- Sports Day May 14 (PAC organizes food station)
- New professional day May 15
- Hudson Choir
- Guest Speakers - Andrea Reimer March 26
 - Earth Rangers April 8
- Rainy Day items
- Kindergarten welcome June 5
- Grade 6/7 camp on Galiano Island June 10 to 13
- Grade 7 graduation
- Year-end barbeque June 18

10. Next meeting date is Wednesday April 15, 2015

11. Adjourn

Moved by John, Seconded by Ray. Motion Carried. 7:32PM