



**David Livingstone PAC
Meeting Minutes
Oct 19, 2022**

Called to Order at 702pm (20 in attendance)

Territorial Acknowledgement: Vice-Chair Lindsay Clayton: We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land in which we gather is the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples, including the territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil Waututh First Nations. If you are interested in finding out whose territories you work, live and play on, visit www.whose.land . Confirmed that we recently observed Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Approval of Agenda at 703pm: Vice-Chair Lindsay Clayton:

- Motion to Approve by Raman Johal
- Seconded by Namita Kearns
- No one seeks to add anything to the Agenda
- Motion Carried at 704pm

Approval of September 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes at 704pm: Vice-Chair Lindsay Clayton:

- **September Meeting Minutes**
- Motion to Approve September Meeting Minutes by Karley Rice
- Seconded by Callie Service
- Motion Carried at 705pm

Principal's Report at 705pm: Sharon Viera:

- Thank you to PAC for all its support
- The Food Program (Wednesday lunch) going well. Nicely labeled and supervision aids amazing. Printed lists are fabulous. Would like to offer opportunity to certain families to participate in Food Program - We can discuss the logistics of that.
- Students learning about importance of Orange Shirt Day. Sharing anchor story books, video, recognizing restitution and painful Indian Act repercussions
- Continue to work on self-regulation and Code of Conduct and zones of regulation (included in newsletter). Learning about feelings - their own and to express and recognize what zone they are in (colour) and how it feels in their bodies, and others - to have empathy for others' feelings. Teach coping strategies later on. Teachers are involved in modeling. Focusing on kindness messages now on playground, bus, at home.
- District Cross Country at Trout Lake tomorrow if air quality is clear. Thank you to all parents helping to drive, monitor. Special thanks to Ms. Lirenman who has organized and Ms. Kim and Mr. Young for their support.

- Air quality was poor today so kids stayed inside and pleased with how well it went. Older students went into buddy classes to supervise and play safely.
- Parent Conferences coming up. Wednesday and Thursday. Teachers should have sent links to parents to book and offer in-person opportunities as well.
- Nav Nathoo asked if there was a construction update and Sharon said it is a bit soon for another one.
- Colleen Mooney asked whether there was feedback from people about Orange Shirt Day. Sharon did not solicit feedback and asked Colleen if she had any insight on that. Some concerns with kindergarteners about being sent away and when that was going to happen. Sharon stated that she had heard from Indigenous Elders to highlight that this would not happen with the kids and not go too deep into the trauma. Colleen asked if parent resources could be shared. Sharon will include anchor books in the September newsletter next year.
- Lindsay Clayton mentioned that parents were not advised prior to “drills” and this provoked a lot of anxiety. Sharon said she did not run a second lock-down drill last year because it was too close to real life events at the time. It is part of Sharon’s mandate to do drills and tell kids it is a drill and that no one is in the building and it may be for something else (ie raccoon). Sharon will not share with the community in advance because it provokes more anxiety. But if parents have concerns with their child, they should reach out to her.
- Completed at 722pm

Chair Report at 722pm: Navneet Nathoo

- Fall Fun Drive is underway and hoping that parents can contribute directly to supporting the school and community.
- [Link to Fun Drive](#)
- Over 200 orders for Fun Lunch. Great way to fundraise while bringing joy to kids.
- Completed at 723pm

Co-Chair Report at 723pm: Lindsay Clayton

- Sent survey and received a decent amount of surveys.
- First couple of questions for fun: Most families have 1-2 kids; 70% would agree with an in-person winter show; 60% left waterpark unintentionally wet; 65% visited house with chickens - that family has moved so no more chickens
- 4 holidays not currently celebrated in school, and are in people’s homes. Nav will speak to that below
- 20% not wanting want to hear weekly from PAC so will change newsletter to bi-weekly
- 75% on Facebook page but not the only way to communicate
- Krista said etransfer is best
- Open ended questions - what you love about the community - family, staff and community, pancake breakfast, gym movies, grade 7 trip
- Do things better - lost sense of community because of COVID and swing site; longer parents feeling the loss as opposed to newer parents/families. PAC will try their best for fundraiser and community events that are safe and following public health orders
- Thanks to all who took time to complete
- Completed 727pm

- [Link to Survey](#)

Treasurer Report at 728pm: Krista Hass

- [September Treasurer's Report](#)
- Haven't had any receipts come through yet. All numbers the same as September.
- Only thing is that Krista does not have access for PAC donation fun drive
- Nothing has changed so nothing to vote on
- Next month will have more activities because of Fun Lunch
- Sharon will connect Krista with Julie with Nav and Lindsay to provide updates on the PAC donation fund
- Completed 730pm

New Business at 731pm: Navneet Nathoo

- Diversity Cultural Events Committee Proposal
- Rough idea to acknowledge cultural holidays that are celebrated at home in addition to what is celebrated in school. Gauging interest of the PAC and who may want to be involved in organizing.
- Hoping to create a short-framework to represent all holidays equally. A short 3-5 question information sheet to provide to teachers to introduce to students; primary and older activities - individual or school. Then make a showcase in the hallway.
- To expose kids to more things than they already are. We have a diverse community at Livingstone and can share more cultural events and awareness
- Jitender Banga and Arminder Randhawa and Preet Bal shared in comments that this was a great idea.
- Sharon happy that this was brought forward. Talking about doing a school wide identity project (Ms. Lirenman) to have everyone share something about themselves to learn about others. So springboard on that with Heritage Fairs. Lovely idea. Having family shares with others' in the school - speak to class or bring something. Let her know how to help.
- Nav says first step - to draft something for teachers to get them on board. Sharon said our calendar follows Christian calendar year but that is not all we follow at the school and teachers teaching more diversity and they will likely be interested. Sharon will bring to teachers on Monday.
- Easier to be executed more broadly if funded by PAC.
- Completed 738pm

Addition to the Agenda at 739pm: Reiko Anderson - Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser

- Still working on details, but fundraiser has been opened because delivery dates are earlier than last year. Last year was December 14th and this year the 6th. Given 5 weeks last year. Will get out email shortly after Halloween.
- Reiko to provide the link to Sharon who will include it in the November newsletter.
- Goal last year was \$12k and received \$6k because many didn't hear about it. Need to get information out better this year. So goal of \$10k.
- Looking for volunteers on Tuesday, December 6 to start right after drop off. Only took 1.5 hours last year

- In Chat, Namita asked Reiko to send her details to send in PAC Newsletter.
- Karley Rice offered to volunteer.
- Concluded 742pm

Other Business at 742pm

- Karley Rice asking whether we can choose where to allocate money given to Fun Drive. Krista had already left the call and no one else sure.
- Lindsay confirmed that Spirit Wear will return after the Fall Fun Drive is complete or perhaps in tandem with the chocolate fundraiser leading to December holiday.
- Jitender Banga asked in Chat how supervision works at lunch because her daughter has mentioned instances of aggression on the playground. Sharon said primary kids stay at South Hill site with two supervision aids, one on grass field and another on the blacktop. Grades 4 to 7 can go to Memorial Field and there are two supervision aides and an SSA (student support staff). Looking at a lot of children and if something going on, messaging to children is that they (1) say stop and (2) if doesn't stop and there is aggression or someone is hurt, they tell supervision aid (orange vest). Also suggest they talk to their classroom teacher. Can send an email to their classroom teacher and cc. Sharon with a message so they can follow up that day.
- Concluded at 746pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 16th, 7p.m

Meeting Adjourned: 7:46p.m. - Motion by Reiko Anderson