



David Livingstone PAC February 2024 Meeting Minutes

Topic: David Livingstone PAC Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday Feb 21, 2024

7:00 p.m. in the library and online via Zoom

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86881300430...>

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Acknowledgement: 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.

1.0 Approval of the agenda

Moved that the agenda for the meeting on Feb 21, 2024 be approved.

Moved by: Lesley Stokes

Seconded by: Julia Balsillie

Discussion: No additional actions added to this agenda, but for a future agenda item a request was made to have a discussion on Education Assistants discussion.

Call for the vote: motion carried.

2.0 Approval of the Meeting Minutes (Sept): [Jan Meeting Minutes](#)

Moved that the draft meeting minutes from January be approved

Moved by: Lesley Stokes

Seconded by: Julia Balsillie

Discussion: No amendments

Call for the vote: motion carried

3.0 Principal's Report (Sharon Vieira)

Sharon to share the principal's report.

Questions are invited.

- February is a happening month! There have been several Lunar New Year celebrations and we will be hosting African dance workshops.
 - Thank you to Mikaela (parent) who connected the school with Marilyn and Albert (Mikaela's father) who will be running these dance workshops for the school.
 - Each class will be able to participate in the workshops and there will be a school wide presentation on Monday February 26th.
- On Wednesday Feb 28th the school will be hosting Pink Shirt Day and holding an assembly for inclusion and diversity.
- Plans to rejuvenate the school garden are underway. Classes will be working to refurbish the pathway and remove weeds. The wood for the garden boxes is deteriorating and may need to be

replaced. It would also be useful to dig up the path, but down weed barrier (material to be confirmed) and woodchip the pathway.

- A community working day may be needed, but Sharon will reach out when ready.
- Teachers are preparing for report cards. Student-led conferences created great buzz around the school!
- Teachers have been working on literacy with the students. After working with students on literacy exercises, teachers have been able to get some Collaborative Release time to review the writing, discuss where the school is at across K-7 years, and identify trends/issues and opportunities for furthering literacy skills across the school.
- Our basketball teams are moving into the playoffs! The Sr. Girls + team has their first game tomorrow and the Sr. Boys + team had their first game today – a win! They move to their next game on Friday at Livingstone. Games are open for everyone to watch, but space is limited.
 - Q: Are other schools also following our approach with having teams open for participation based on how students identify?
 - A: Yes, there are some teams that are coed and teams that are open. In elementary school we have an opportunity to enable participation based on how students identify.
- We are also welcoming in Laurie Schneider who will work with students to learn indigenous plants. It's an opportunity for students to learn about what plants grew on this land and what the land looked like before it was developed with houses, pavement, and other buildings.

4.0 Co-Chair Report: (Lindsay Clayton)

- Walking School Bus
 - Walking school route planning is underway! The initial route has been drafted and our Walking Bus School leader has been reaching out to parent/caregiver walk volunteers to coordinate walking shifts.
 - We may be looking for more volunteers to support the walking school bus. More information to come soon!
- Munch-a-lunch update
 - During the fall period (Sept-Dec) we had \$25,130 in sales resulting in \$7,500 in profit. During the winter period (Jan-Mar) we had \$20,742 in sales and \$6,300 profit.
 - Q: When you donate through the Fun Lunch website where does donation go?
 - A: Funding is used to support families who would like to participate in the fun lunch program but are unable to (self-identified). So far this year, no families have requested support, so donations have been used to restock the food pantry within the school. This pantry is used to support students who need lunch (don't have lunch, forgot their lunch, are extra hungry!)
 - Feedback is welcome on the Fun Lunch program. The PAC recognizes that packaging has been noted as a concern, but options are limited due to logistics of the number of students, classrooms and delivery.
 - Q: Pizza Day is popular, is there an opportunity to add more pizza days?
 - A: Pizza days were increased this year and we'll keep it going! Anytime we have a ProD or stat holiday, we add in another Pizza Day on the Friday before.
 - We do need more volunteers for fun lunch delivery to classrooms in the school. If you're available – sign up on the [spreadsheet!](#)
 - Our wrap vendor, Purple Grain, was dropped from the fun lunch program as the cost associated with this lunch option increased significantly.

- **Call out for Executive Members for next year! The PAC needs you!**

- There will be at least 4 open Executive positions next year including Chair and Vice Chair (these volunteers can't run again as their term has run out), Secretary and Comms.
- Thank you to Jitender and Gwen who are staying on as co-Treasurers!
- A vote for the open roles will be held in May.
- Sharon noted that she and the school are very grateful and spoilt by the work of the PAC. In prior years, committees have worked well to share the work and responsibilities of the PAC. Next year, if the PAC would like to set up sub-committees, she is willing to meet with sub-committees individually to provide support.
 - This idea is supported by the PAC! Next meeting ideas are welcome on what committees could be established! Reach out if you have any ideas or if you'd like to join a committee!
- **Discussion around getting more people involved:**
 - Promotion of these roles and opportunities is needed! Video interviews with existing PAC members?
 - Consideration can also be given to adjusting the time of PAC meetings if the current time doesn't suit families.
 - Roles could be shared so that there is less pressure to be available every meeting.
 - Interested people can reach out to any PAC member to find out more!

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5.0 Chair Report: (Nav Nathoo)

Dancing through the Decades recap

- Feb 3rd event was a great success! The event was buzzing, and people were all dressed up, photo booth was fun, drinks, food, dancing, lovely decorations.

Call for Diversity Celebrations

- The school is looking forward to the African dance workshops!

6.0 Treasurer Report: Jitender and Gwen

(10 minutes)

Moved that the February treasurer's report be approved.

November Moved by: Lesley Stokes

November Seconded by: Julia Balsillie

Discussion: No amendments.

Call for the vote: Motion carried.

[February 2024 Treasurer Report](#)

Discussion revolved around a review of financial activities in particular the fun lunch funds.

- Q: Do we have to use gaming funds this year?
 - A: No, we can roll it over to next year.
- Q: Can we use it for performances? Can we use it for the garden?
 - A: Jitender will review the criteria to confirm what exactly the funds can/cannot be used for.

7.0 Other questions or discussion

- Q: What is happening with the playground improvements at Prince Edward Park?
 - A: A group of parents/caregivers have recently met with the City of Vancouver Park Staff to confirm the next steps and timing. Park improvements are scheduled to start in June, but the changes that will be made are in discussion. Further clarification is required about whether or not additional fundraising can be completed to enable more improvements to be made.

Next Meeting: March No Meeting
April 17, 2024

Meeting Adjourned: 8.04pm.