

**David Livingstone PAC**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 11th, 2020**

**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.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Discussion of budget reallocation has been added to the agenda

No other new items added

**Approval of [February minutes](#):**

Move to approve February minutes - Aaron

2nd Vanessa

Approved

**Principal's Report:** Carrie Froese

Choral festival was a success

Is there a good way to share video with school? A parent took footage.

Jo will send video to Carrie to share with kids

Livingstone had the biggest choir of 95 children

Kudos to Monica Presley

Wild about Vancouver - outdoor festival that a number of kids are participating in at 2nd beach

School fees Carrie proposes to remain same as last year:

\$35 supplies

\$5 Planners

\$10 performance fees

Planners are at teacher's discretion

Performances - 3 so far

Coming up:

One Woman Circus

Pow Wow dancer

Yoga was well received by kids

Brazilian performance was amazing

Tech plan

10 new iPads

Keyboards, iPad pencils cords

Trying to be equitable across classrooms and meet Marvin's needs for library partnerships with Tupper and SetBC (tech for kids with learning designations)

Hoping to have an iPad cart so entire classes can participate

District initiative to give SSAs iPads

Computers for resource teachers and classroom teachers

VSB is going to review all tech and figure out who needs what but don't want to wait for that process to get our iPad cart sorted out

Corona Virus

Questions? Call 8-1-1

All info/protocols coming from Vancouver Coastal Health

We are being more rigorous with washing hands and cleaning washrooms

Questions about school policies for disinfection and hand washing

Call 8-1-1 if you are uncertain about you or your child's symptoms

The school is making hand washing and cleanliness a high priority.

If parents have questions about what is happening (re hygiene) in the classroom they should ask teachers directly.

VSB Website being updated

Check gov't of Canada website for travel advisories

Wash hands, cough into elbow away from people.

Toilet clogged and kids need to sign out in their classroom to go to the washroom

Boys washroom has been the culprit

John question about coding class - Marvin wants to be involved and wants to do it with the whole school.

Kindergarten

49 kids registered so far

2 classrooms

If we can open up another classroom, we will take all 49

If there is not another classroom, it will be a draw

Budget hasn't been passed yet

**Chair Report:** Julia & Jo (5 minutes)

Spirit wear - delivered this week

East Van Soiree - Feb 29 - \$20K raised (10K per school)

There is still \$\$ coming in and out. Will report back to Krista and Vanessa

Seismic Upgrade meeting after PAC tonight

If people are talking about it - encourage them to participate and join committee, get involved, and join the in-life conversation. After the VSB press conference, only 48 surveys were completed. 29 expressed concerns about accessibility and now the VSB is looking for money to install elevator

How can people get involved? Is there a way to tell people how they can get involved?

There has been a lot of correspondence. Andrew is leading a committee, people can still reach out to help even if they can't commit to the committee

National Librarian Day

National Admin Professionals day

Will do something with leadership team at the school to do something nice for Marvin and Susan

Walk-a-thon trying to find a date that works - once date set volunteer note will go out

Vanessa - we are always looking for volunteers for Fun Lunch

**Treasurer Report: Krista & Vanessa (5 minutes)** February Treasurer's Report.

Nothing new to report

Great volunteers for Munch-a-Lunch

There are a lot of little cheques made out to parents to do Costco runs and get reimbursed

Teachers often keep receipts until the end of the year

Most teachers are spending all of the money PAC allocates to them

Do not give extra ketchup at Fun Lunch - the kids were using it to "paint" the washroom!

Motion to pass treasurer report

Aaron

Jessica 2nd

All in favour - passed

**Unfinished Business:**

- SSA Letter (5 mins)
- The group of parents have started a change.org page - will share with this group and plan to share it widely (other school PACs, DPACs etc.)
- Keep eyes peeled for post on Facebook and please share widely
- Please talk to other parents about it - it is a district wide issue

Budget for 2020/21 school year

Some leftover monies that we are proposing to put towards things the school needs iPads, keyboards, iPad pens and sports equipment

Amount is approximately \$6970 from PAC and the school will pay the balance.

Chris - how many iPads do we currently have?

Carrie is currently doing inventory - there are a lot of old generation inventory and the distribution is not equitable across the school. Most classes have 6-8. There are 123 in the school total. Many are old.

We did a survey to ask teachers where \$\$ should be allocated to and the majority said that they wanted iPads in classrooms

John - Mitzel bought a lot of iPads, Peeters did inventory, now we're buying more...feels like we're going back and forth in terms of priorities

Carrie - the need is based on the current curriculum, which has technology threaded through it. Apps are so much better and powerful. Kids are much more technology literate. iPads do what Smartboards can do plus more.

Jo - it's definitely a philosophy thing. Each principal has their own approach.

Carrie - there is a staff request list and it is reviewed by a finance committee. It was decided to allocate the most to the library.

John - what proportion of our annual budget are we reallocating to this?

Jo - it's \$6970 for reallocation

John - what's the relationship between the iPads and the classes? Can the classes that have 1:1 ratio be reallocated?

Jo - the technology plan has nothing to do with the \$\$ that would be going towards purchasing iPads for the library. If there are questions around reallocating the money we can discuss

Carrie - reallocation of actual technology would be a staff conversation. Creating equity with new purchases is going to be better received than reallocation which could be perceived as taking away

VSB gives a small budget that has to be allocated across the school for different needs. The amount left over for tech is limited (about \$1000)

Jo - we don't typically have a tech or athletics line item

Motion to reallocate the \$6790 - Aaron  
Tamlin - Second

1 opposed  
2 abstain

Motion carried

**New Business:** (30 mins)

- Recruitment for new PAC members from primary grades
  - Very important considering all the changes coming with seismic upgrades etc.
- Car Free Day - Recruitment of co-organizer
  - Happening on Father's day
  - If we don't get a volunteer, we likely won't do it again
  - If you know anyone interested, please have them reach out
  - Volunteer shifts are an hour - two hours
  - It's strictly a community event - it's kid-driven and not a money making venture
- Seismic Upgrade - brief update on where we are at as of today; parent committee meeting post PAC meeting for anyone that would like to be involved.
  - Even if we have one person show up at meetings it's good because it shows our community cares
  - Chris - nothing new to report - it was a summary of what was presented at the school
  - They were impressed at the participation from the community
  - Accessibility was the main call out
  - Safety issues are being put forward
  - Lots of questions from trustees around past success
  - Now it's wait and see
  - We need to have a presence there
  - We are lucky - considering there are school closures happening
  - Questions about water bottle stations (plan is to add two)
  - Trustee liaison is Carmen Cho
  - More information to come and we'll work hard to keep our faces present

Big thanks to Chris for attending!

Jo - we will send out seismic committee info after spring break

Jill - please advocate for the SSA situation

Division 3 wins the pizza party!!!

Motion to adjourn

Aaron

Jessica 2nd

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m. in the library

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.**