



**Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2017**

**Welcome and Acknowledgement**

An acknowledgement that we meet on the traditional Aboriginal territories of the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

**June 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve June 2017 minutes: Nicole. Seconded: Fiona. Approved.

**Chair Report – Judy**

We gave a round of introductions, followed by Judy's updates.

Class Reps. We reviewed the process for class reps. There will be sign up sheets or some way to get parent and guardian emails. Andrew will be coordinating a procedure and will contact class rep volunteers by email. Mr. Peeters will be contacting Division 10.

2016/2017. Judy reviewed PAC activities from last year, including the hallway mural; pancake breakfast; new iPads; school garden program; library book upgrades; new team jerseys; Saleema Noon for body science presentations to parents and students; Sports Day.

Plans for 2017/2018. PAC will be supporting many ongoing and new programs this year, including Munch a Lunch; popcorn days; fall fund drive; Gala fundraising event; Walk-a-Thon; Multicultural Day; Car Free day; Canadians game; parent socials; school garden; and possible Backpack Buddies fundraising. PAC is always open to new ideas; if you have an idea and want to run with it, contact PAC. The priority for this year will be getting a wish list from the teachers and then fundraising to fulfill it.

**Treasurer's Report - Lennie**

Lennie reviewed the Treasurer's report dated September 2017. The balance in the general account was \$19,775.50. The Gaming Grant balance was \$277.82.

Motion to approve treasurer's report: Cara. Seconded: Julia. Approved.

Judy distributed a few copies of the 2017/2018 budget (available online). Parents/guardians can look at it and ask questions. There were two motions to make additions to the 2017/2018 budget:

1. Motion to approve up to \$1500 to renew licencing for smart boards: Fiona. Seconded: Nicole. Approved.
2. Motion to approve up to \$1500 for 5 new laptops for the library: Vanessa. Seconded: Karin.

Mr. Peeters wants to do an inventory of the school technology. PAC has provided quite a lot of technology in past years, and parents expressed a desire for a clear pedagogical strategy for new technology. The library laptops will be used to access the library book search and check-out system.

Amended motion to approve up to \$1500 for 5 new laptops for the library, subject to review and approval by the Principal and confirmation with PAC executive: Jon. Seconded: Fiona. Approved.

Judy clarified the teacher allocation; PAC provides \$500 per division of "no-strings-attached" funding, plus \$500 per division for books/literacy. Teachers and PAC both want to improve communication this year.

### **Committee Reports**

BBQ. Looks like there will be a good turnout for the Welcome Back BBQ. There will be a PAC volunteer table where parents and guardians can sign up to help with activities this year.

Fun Lunch ordering is underway. Families who want to participate but cannot afford it can approach the Principal for PAC support. The October PAC meeting will include a fuller discussion of ways for PAC to give back and support the community.

Recycling program is ongoing. Grade 7s students are taking over the program this year; the proceeds will be shared between PAC and the grade 7 trip.

Popcorn program is underway.

Multicultural Night committee will meet soon; no date set yet. The committee will make a report at the October meeting.

Direct Fund drive starts in October. Supporters can make a donation and will get a tax receipt.

### **Principal's Report – Mr. Peeters**

Teacher Hiring Process. Mr. Peeters described the hiring process for the teacher vacancies at Livingstone and other Vancouver schools, which operates within VSB (Vancouver School Board) procedures and union seniority rules. The process has been opened to external applicants; they are now being vetted by the VSB before they can apply to job postings.

In the interim, Ms. Andris is willing to stay in the grade 6 class to the end of month but does not want a contract position. In the Grade 2 class, Ms. Hanson will do Monday to Wednesday and Mr. Hume will do Thursday/Friday for the next couple of weeks. To provide some additional consistency, Mr. Peeters will attempt to meet with the TOCs each morning and to pop in to these classes every day.

The situation will not be allowed to continue for an extended period. If the positions are not filled, VSB may eventually direct Livingstone to reassign the librarian (Ms. Geri) and/or the resource teachers (Mr. McIsaac and Ms. Paris) to classroom teaching.

Parents and guardians were encouraged to vote in the October 14 election for VSB trustees.

Terry Fox Run is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 6. It may be held at Livingstone rather than at the Tupper track.

Fundraising. Mr. Peeters is investigating an electronic process for fundraising, to eliminate paper cheques and depositing.

Walk and Wheel to School Week will be Oct. 2 to 6. PAC will encourage kids to bike and walk to school.

Picture Day on September 29.

Orange Shirt Day is also on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> (more info at <http://www.orangeshirtday.org/>).

Allergies. The student agendas contain a description of the allergy awareness policy. Although allergy awareness is not intended to ban foods throughout the school, individual classroom teachers can advise families to avoid particular foods. The policy also describes best practices around hand-washing and food sharing.

Lunchtime. All classes are eating lunch in the gym this year. Due to space and furniture constraints, some children are eating lunch on the floor. Mr. Peeters is looking at

contracts for spaces in the building. Other suggestions included revisiting the Play First research or allowing students to eat in classrooms.

Motion to adjourn: Aaron. Seconded: Cara. Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

The next PAC meeting will be October 18, 2017 at 7pm in the staff room.