



**David Livingstone PAC
General Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2021**

Welcome: Welcome and quick discussion on how the Zoom meeting will proceed - muting lines, how to ask questions, chat function, motions and approvals etc.

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: Approved

Meeting Minutes: Approval on September Meeting Minutes (please review in advance so that we can pass these items and move along)

Motion: Jodie Sui

Second: Namita Kearns

Principal's Report: Welcome to our new principal, Sharon Vieira. Sharon to share the principal's report. Q&A to follow - questions in advance or via chat function (15 minutes)

- Orange Shirt day was a great day - children were very cognizant and wanted to do something different than the Canadian anthem. They watched Indigenous drumming instead and they are going to learn how to do similar drumming
- There was a slide show that highlighted that schools should be a place of joy - with photos of the students
- Leadership opportunities for students.
 - Lunch buddies - grade 6-7s go and supervise eating and read stories
 - Crossing Guards
 - Will be introducing playground leaders
- Choir has started - practices are on Mondays and Wednesdays
- Mr. Murez will start a chess club one day a week
- Virtual conferences happening - almost finished
- Reviewing good choices and problem-solving
- Leading up to Remembrance Day
 - We will recognize and honour our veterans and the current work of the military around the world
 - Emphasis on peace
- Thank you for messages and feedback about bussing

- Was at the board today with other new principles.
- So grateful to be part of an amazing community. Thank you for welcoming me.
- Questions
 - With the new swing site is there a plan for inside days when there is extreme weather?
 - Sharon: not enough supervision to keep them all inside. So sometimes we delay going outside. Every day is an outside day.
 - Remind students to dress appropriately
 - The nice thing about turf field is that it doesn't get muddy and disgusting
- Fun lunch? There are some vendors that can provide directly to the classroom.
 - Can we start once a month?
 - Fun Lunch team will speak directly with Sharon and try to get a plan in place. There are examples of other schools that are doing it.
 - Sharon: let's talk about it separately as a team about capacities etc. I will also bring it to the staff to ensure they are in support.

Chair Report: Jo & Julia (10 minutes)

- Orange Shirt Day - we did try as a PAC to order Orange Shirts for the kids, but there was a supply chain issue. We do have this on our PAC radar to look at in the springtime.
- World Teacher Day (Oct 5) Leanne organized Starbucks cards for the teachers.
- We do try as a PAC to take opportunities to thank the staff
- Fall Fund Drive - cards went home earlier this week. School Cash Online is where you can make a contribution
 - Funds going to programs to support in-class activities and any asks that happen to come up as we navigate our "new normal" - things like virtual speakers etc. and field trips when we are able
- We are in the process of dealing with Heritage Hall for planning the East Van Soiree. Looks like Jan 29 will be the event date. Notices will go out once a date has been finalized. If anyone has volunteered they will be contacted.
- We have found the banner for the school

Treasurer Report: Krista & Leigh Anne (5 minutes) - Please review documents **in advance** of the meeting so that we are able to approve and move forward.

September Treasurer's Report

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- Just a few cheques came out
- \$500 scholarship for graduating Tupper student. Letter from him saying thank you is on the FB page
- Teachers are slowly spending their allocations
- We did get our BC Gaming Grant of \$6600
- Sharon: I'm going to go back to staff with potential virtual performances. Do we use gaming money for this?
- Krista: yes we usually like to use gaming funds for a one-line substantial items so this sounds like it fits perfectly.

- Jo: in the past how we've done it is that we've worked out a budget for the year. Around \$3500 for performances. We've scaled back since COVID. We would need to add it back in as a line item and approve it at a meeting. Then Krista can work through payment
- Sharon: looking at an Indigenous play, dance workshops, and possibly a tennis program
- Jo: great, will bring it forward at the November meeting. We'll also have fall fund drive coming and hope we can use funds from there also.
- Sharon: do we do a Purdy's fundraiser here? Purdy's chocolate online fundraiser. We basically get a code for people to order online and we get a cut. It's done around the winter and Easter season.
- Jo: No we don't do that here.
- Sharon: it's a great fundraiser and it's really easy
- Krista: amazing idea
- Reiko has volunteered to do this. Jo and Julia will follow up with Reiko

Motion to approve treasurer's report: David Goodison

Second: Julia Balsille

Passed

New Business:

- 2021-22 PAC Executive Recruitment
 - Still need to recruit for next year - spread the word!
- Mathletics
 - One of our teachers has used it and another has used at a different school. Online program for numeracy and can be tailored for individual student needs. Intermediates would like to try it this year. Approx \$15/child which comes to about \$2313 before taxes.
 - We can pay by:
 - School account: \$600
 - PAC could cover balance
 - Jo: we used this when we were homeschooling during COVID...it was really good because it doesn't let you move on until you are proficient at a concept.
 - Julia: both an at home and in-school component
- Motion to approve funding \$1800 towards Mathletics program: David Goodison
- Second: Michell Panchuck
- Passed

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 17th at 7p.m. Agenda will be posted one week prior to this meeting. If you have anything you'd like added to the agenda, please email livingstonepac@gmail.com.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.