



**David Livingstone PAC
November 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Topic: David Livingstone PAC Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday, Nov 22, 2023

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

Link to zoom meeting:

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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 November 22 2023 be approved.

Moved by: Callie Service

Seconded by: Mikaela Smith

Discussion: Additions to the agenda include Ms. Yvonne's Library Report; Purdy's fundraiser.

Motion carried.

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

Moved that the draft meeting minutes from September be approved

Moved by: Callie Service

Seconded by: Jules Balsillie

Discussion: No amendments noted.

Motion carried.

2.5 Librarian's Report

- Yvonne works 3 days per week
- She sees all thirteen classes with forty minute time slots, coverage for six teachers.
- 2472 items have been deleted and removed from the library, and 1362 new items are new in the collection since August
- A large reason new books can be added is due to money raised by PAC, so thank you parents for your support!
- Children can take out 5 books maximum; Yvonne has amazing grade 3-7 librarian monitors to help!

- Library is open every lunch and recess for any student who wants to go into the space.
- So far 4148 books have been signed out this year to date!
- There are 53 overdue books, which is great. Just over \$200 in overdue fines, but not charging yet—she’s waiting to see if they turn up.
- Has an ask in to Kiwanis for \$1000 to buy more indigenous books; another request has been submitted for a book for every holiday. Collection growing for stories by women, the sciences, LGBT, and more to serve all of our students.
- Yvonne’s motto is: “Read the books you love, until you learn to love to read.” Therefore the library has a great selection of different types of books, and different formats

Jules asked: the books that were removed—where did they go?

Yvonne: VSB has a contract with Scott Paper in New Westminster who then recycles it into toilet paper or napkins! Many books were published in the 1980s; Yvonne is still continuing to weed books due to colonialism, misappropriation, and outdated information.

Arminster asks: do you take donations of books and DVDs for the library?

Yvonne: Yes to books—please email Yvonne so she can decide if they are needed. DVDs not at this time. Any books she can’t use, she can donate to the Salvation Army.

Yvonne will share a document to ask for specific books to the school!

3.0 Principal’s Report (Sharon Vieira) (15 minutes)

- Thank you to Nav and all the great volunteers for the diwali celebration; thank you cards from the students presented
- If you’d like to share a tradition, festivals, or celebration, don’t feel like you need to “go as big”--please bring your ideas to us, and let us help you facilitate sharing these things with our school, or specific classes. Email livingstonepac@gmail.com
- We want to be culturally inclusive and love showcasing our differences as a school community
- Report cards are different this year (see minutes from October for more details); they are different than previous years. Used to report Jan 31; you’ll see an initial statement of what’s being learned within class, and the proficiency scale will now be: emerging (was: beginning), developing, proficient (was: applying), and extending
- Our school goal revolved around social-emotional behaviour. Our first challenge to be calm and respectful was completed: 303 reward tickets have been collected and celebrated for thirty minutes outside last Thursday!
- Next challenge: be kind, be safe, be responsible. “Acts of kindness” for children being kind in classrooms, hallways, etc. Celebration will be a school-wide pajama day!
- Grade sevens looking at ways to give back to community: we will be collecting socks for donation this season; they will collect new socks to give to those in need
- Thank you to Callie for coming on with volleyball! A staff member needs to sponsor a group like this; Ms Vieira and Ms Moore are going to be stepping up to sponsor, and Callie is taking the lead as a champion!
- School liaison is returning to the school; not everyone walks the same path—Sharon will not be inviting the officer to speak to our school. There are communities being treated poorly by authority, and although the organizations are working to do better, she is taking

things slower and ensuring that all students and community members continue to feel safe and welcome at the school. School liaison can help students that may need the support of outside groups; parents should feel free to please reach out to Sharon to speak via phone, in person, or otherwise, knowing that the message about liaisons returning may not feel like a safe thing for some people or groups, and for others they are welcome to the idea. Please share any feedback either way with Sharon

4.0 Co-Chair Report: (Lindsay Clayton) (10 minutes)

- **Purdy's order is due Friday, Nov 24. [ORDER NOW!](#)**
- Family Dance sold out in 36 hours <insert Taylor Swift joke here>
 - We are sorry not everyone who wanted tickets could get them, but we will start working on the next event soon! In the future, we can split the dance into two sessions, or borrow Tupper's gym, etc, to ensure everyone who wants to attend, can. This is our first in a long time so please consider this our test run getting back into the swing of things!
 - Grade 7s will be selling pizza to raise money for their field trip to Camp Jubilee (Howe Sound)
- New initiative: Walking School Bus program being worked on by Lindsay Clayton and Jules Balsillie. There is a route, and it's been approved by Translink. A survey will come out from Sharon and then we can publish a route. Can be used for before and after school. A nice way to help parents who need to get to work, too! Likely to start in the new year.

5.0 Chair Report: (Nav Nathoo) (10 minutes)

- Diwali Celebration recap: samosa demonstrations by Agra, mehndi line-up was ongoing, a great time was had by all
- Fall Drive Campaign: \$17836 raised. Thank you parents for participating and helping us raise our most ever for the fund drive. This will get us the technology needed for success!
- Teacher appreciation lunch will be Dec 19; volunteer to help out if you can
- **Parents' soiree Feb 3rd - save the date!**
- We're looking for a DPAC (district PAC) volunteer if you would like to join; contact Nav at livingstonepac@gmail.com to find out more
- Communications role could also use a backup—can you cover Namita in her role on PAC?

5.5 Free-form ideas

- Mikaela Smith's father, Albert Smith, was a professor and big proponent of Black History Month in Vancouver; was part of the Hogan's Alley Society; could likely be convinced to come do a presentation for our school! Will connect with PAC to create a Black History Month event for the school
- Fundraising ideas around movies nights and games nights
- Note that movies cost money (\$500+ annually), so we can consider adding this expense to PAC for next year; games night sounds great and could include donations to participate (cash or cans, to help support the community)

6.0 Treasurer Report: Jitender and Mary (10 minutes)

The [October treasurer's](#) report and [November 2023 Treasurer Report](#) have been tabled, and will be presented with December in January PAC meeting.

No treasurer's report presented this month due to absence of treasurers, but please feel free to reach out to livingstonepac@gmail.com with any questions about the report above. Three reports will be presented in January.

Please review documents **in advance** of the meeting as we do not have time to present this in detail:

Next Meeting: No meeting in December. Next meeting Wednesday January 17, 2024 @7pm in the library and online.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20PM