



**David Livingstone PAC  
January 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**Topic:** David Livingstone PAC Meeting

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, Jan 24, 2024

(rescheduled from Jan 17, 2024)

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

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3081298330?pwd=WS9BN2J1S3NXRThjakl3MWE1SFgzZz09>

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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 Jan 24, 2024 be approved.***

Moved by: Callie Service

Seconded by: Jules Balsillie

Discussion: No items to add

Call for the vote: motion carried

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

***Moved that the draft meeting minutes from November be approved***

Moved by: Callie Service

Seconded by: Jules Balsillie

Discussion: No amendments

Call for the vote: motion carried

**3.0 Principal's Report (Sharon Vieira)**

(15 minutes)

Sharon to share the principal's report.

Questions are invited.

- First home game for a basketball game since before pandemic happened today!
- Senior girls play tomorrow
- Talking as a team about literacy; using PAC funds to buy shared reading materials for primary and intermediate grades, inc. decodable readers
- 30 new, up-to-date ipads PAC helped purchase are now in use in grades 1-3; enough for half the class to use them, but can share between classes
- Soon embarking on Black History Month

- Laurie Schneider indigenous botanist teaching kids about native plants willing to teach each class to DL
- Yvonne's library update:
  - 7475 books now in the library - 909 currently checked out! \$500 in fines for lost books at this moment; please check for books at your home before fines are levied
  - Huge shout out to the student helpers
  - Library is open recess and lunch on days Yvonne is working
  - Kiwanis grant to partner and purchase indigenous resources of \$1000 (Massey and Iron Dog Books)
  - Tzu Chi Foundation multicultural books and greater religion books; three students toured the Foundation; we asked for \$3000 but they offered \$1500 each year for ten years

#### **4.0 Chair Report: (Nav Nathoo) (5 minutes)**

- 100 tickets sold to Parents Night Out / 100 still available
- Can invite friends and family to the event, just purchase the tickets via MunchaLunch
- Newell Cotton, Karly Rice, BroadStreet HEOR, and Moody Ales are sponsoring — thank you so much!
- 2024 initiatives none lined up, but feel free to suggest them to Nav ([livingstonepac@gmail.com](mailto:livingstonepac@gmail.com)) or Ms Vieira ([scvieira@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:scvieira@vsb.bc.ca))
- Mikaela might do a Black History celebration, including dances; will share with Ms V for potentially scheduling things in
- Can share your stories and celebrations even just with your own children's class if you feel more comfortable

#### **5.0 Treasurer Report: Jitender and Gwen (10 minutes)**

##### **Moved that the November and January treasurer's report be approved**

November Moved by: Jules Balsillie

November Seconded by: Callie Service

Discussion: Review of items paid reviewed. See links to treasurer reports at bottom of this section to view details

*Welcome and thank you Gwen for stepping up to help!*

- We had no cosigner late last year so payments were not being made; thanks to Gwen for stepping up so we could start writing and signing cheques again!

Call for the vote: motion carried

Discussion: Review of items paid reviewed. See links to treasurer reports at bottom of this section to view details

January Moved by: Callie Service

January Seconded by: Sam Omichinski

Call for the vote: motion carried

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

[November 2023 Treasurer Report](#)

[January 2024 Treasurer Report](#)

## **6.0 Bonus Speaker: Jules Balsillie**

Discussing the Walking School Bus.

- 44 parent responses to the survey sent out so far!
- Would take place mornings and afternoons.
- There will be further steps to take the results of that and turn it into a route and “bus stops” and confirm parent volunteers for walking.
- Likens it to a parent-student parade through the neighbourhood, allowing parents to get to work earlier if they can work it out
- Parent volunteers will be needed for morning and evening routes and “shifts”.

(Jules contact info)

## **7.0 Bonus Speaker: Callie Service**

- Gave an update on the park in front of David Livingstone, and how the park isn't accessible. Created a parent volunteer committee, and have managed to convince Vancouver Parks Board to do an update to the park!
  - Park Board suggested:
    - Rubberizing some of the park
    - Adding some saucer swings
    - House structure that a child in a chair could wheel into
    - Possibly a raised sand table
    - Other small items
  - Callie and Jules asked for more, including resolution of standing water and dropoffs at the water park
  - City finally met with them today (Joanne Stayner, Tara Fredricks, and Callie) and got the go-ahead for a list of items they are prepared to cover, and the rest we will commit to fundraise for
  - Funding needs to be in place by end of April and fundraising will begin soon: could need to raise funds of up to \$250,000
  - Construction would begin in June of this year

**Next Meeting:** February 21 at 7:00pm

**Meeting Adjourned: 8PM**