

**David Livingstone PAC  
General Meeting Agenda  
December 11th, 2019**

**Welcome:** Meet other parents, have a refreshment, review agenda and November meeting minutes.

**Acknowledgement:** *Co-Chair Julia:* 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:** Any new items to add? No new items were added.

**Approve Minutes from November:** Meeting attendees were asked to review the previous meeting minutes in advance or during the welcome time. Meeting minutes were approved (Aaron (first), Melissa (second) and Jillian abstained).

**Guest Speakers:** No guest speakers this month to make time for the parent social.

**Principal's Report:** Carrie Froese (please see written report by Principal Carrie Froese below).

During the meeting, Principal Froese indicated that 2 new SSAs had been hired. While DL is meant to have 5 SSAs, we now have 4. The remaining position is a leave position and is difficult to fill. In January, we have a speaker coming in to address issues around student support. One of the full time supervision aides, Rosa Santos has been accepted into the VSB's accelerated SSA program and will be leaving her position at DL to complete the program. Principal Froese hopes Rosa Santos will return to DL as a SSA.

Enrolment at DL is almost at capacity (323 students) and both incoming Kindergarten classes are almost full (maximum capacity is 40 incoming Kindergarten students).

On Human Rights Day, using the UN declaration of human rights, DL students participated in examining the rights of the child (right to healthcare, safe water, nutrition, etc).

Little Mountain Fundraiser in December is an opportunity for DL students to 'give back'. Children can bring in donations for items. Cookie drive will also be happening to contribute to the food hamper. DL students will take cookies over to Tupper from 11 am to 12 pm on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Reporting student program: inquiry online portfolio will be updated on the DL website. Please see <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/david-livingstone/Teaching-and->

[Learning/Assessment-and-Reporting/Pages/default.aspx](#). First written reports regarding student progress will be provided at the end of January. Teachers and students are following an inquiry-based approach. One of the school goals is self-regulation. Often situated as a social and emotional concept but self-regulation is also about academic learning.

Indigenous medicine walks were done by Lori Snyder and were inspiring.

There are new after school programs happening at DL including yoga and a Jewish cultural program. Chess is continuing as well as the Tuesday programming.

Team Sports: Inquiries from parents were presented to Principal Froese regarding opportunities for DL students to participate in the range of school based sports teams as many of these opportunities are not being afforded this year. Principal Froese highlighted that VSB team sports require a VSB teacher sponsor who will attend each practice and each game. Parents may coach the activity but there is an expectation that a staff member be present during all practices and games. Inquires about basketball were made. Principal Froese indicated that no teachers have volunteered to coach basketball. Question was raised if 2 teachers could co-lead it, and Principal Froese confirmed this could happen. Another question: if student teachers could facilitate this but unfortunately, they are not VSB teachers and do not qualify to hold this responsibility. Question: Are teachers provided enough opportunity to know about these volunteer opportunities and to sign up? Principal Froese indicated that all of the teachers received the sign up sheet at the beginning of the school year, and no one has stepped forward to lead basketball. Question: how do we tell our kids that they don't get to play on the DL teams? Principal Froese shared that teachers are in a difficult position with no contract and these activities are unpaid – therefore teachers cannot be compelled to volunteer their time particularly when they have existing priorities (e.g. raising children, taking care of family members, etc). Hopefully, there will be more teacher volunteers available next year.

Volunteers needed on on Pajama day to do reading: Parents requested to participate. Julia will post on the facebook page.

**Chair Report:** Co-Chair Julia completed the Chair report for this month.

Winter Concert Staff Dinner: During the winter concert, the PAC funded dinner at Portland craft to thank teachers for taking care of DL students while parents/families enjoyed the winter concert.

Cookie Drive: For the cookie drive (cookie walk over to Tupper), there is a request to identify all ingredients in the cookies.

Pancake Breakfast: There will be pancake breakfast on December 20<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 8:55 am. The PAC has approved 2 new griddles and coffee urns to make pancakes and serve hot chocolate and coffee. Volunteers for the pancake breakfast are still needed.

DL Spirit Wear: the current logo has been updated. T-shirts, hoodies, water bottles, jackets, caps will be available in children's and adult's sizes soon. While the spirit wear does not make a great deal of money, 2 dollars per item will go to the PAC to offset the cost of the design.

Parent Education Session: The PAC is organizing a few speakers to support parent education this year. The first one will be on Wednesday, January 22nd. The topic is 'Supporting Your Child's Learning' - by Trish Mugford, English teacher at Magee Secondary. The presentation is provided via the BCTF's education series. This session looks at child development stages, learning styles and tips/recommendations based on learning styles. Brock and General Wolfe parents/guardians will be invited to join this event. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/livingstone-speaker-series-supporting-your-childs-learning-tickets-84219373413>

National Hot Chocolate Day is on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The PAC will be hosting hot chocolate for all of the DL students and staff. Volunteers are requested. Please see the master google document to volunteer (located on the Livingstone PAC website and on the facebook page).

East Van Soiree: 60 tickets have been sold for this fundraising event. There are a number of sponsors already including the wine raffle, photo booth, ceramics, etc. If anyone would like to attend and the cost of the ticket is a barrier to attending, Principal Carrie Froese will be able to receive that information and indicate how many tickets are needed. Having Principal Froese facilitate this will allow individuals to remain anonymous as they make this request. This information has been included in the East Van soiree details.

**Treasurer Report:** November Treasurer's report will be postponed for the January 2020 PAC meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

Movie Fundraiser for Yukon Field trip: Div 1/2 Parents (Stephanie & Sue) are planning a few movie night fundraisers for the Div 1 & 2 Yukon Trip. They'd like to ask PAC to support the cost of the movie license (approx. \$375 + tax). PAC paid for this in 2018-19. A motion to approve the movie license (a cost of approximately 400 dollars) was passed (Jillan (first), Rachel (second), all in favour, passed).

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

**Meeting adjourned 7:42 pm**

Principal's Report to PAC – December 11, 2019

We are pleased to welcome Jenna Beaudry and Jo Sian to our staff. We are delighted to now have a team of four permanent SSA's on staff to support our students.

One of our Supervision aides, Rosa Santos, has been accepted into the VSB Program to become an SSA.

Enrollment 323 students; almost all classes are full to date  
Kindergarten registration - almost 40 students registered to date;

December 10<sup>th</sup> – Celebration of Human Rights Day – UN Declaration of Rights and Freedoms signed in 1948

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child – signed in 1989

*Article 24 – You have the right to health care, safe water, nutritious food, and a clean environment.*

UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – 2007 / Canada signed on in May 2016

1. CST Cookie Drive on Tues. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 11am – 12 pm / For food hampers to support families in the community
2. Fundraiser to support our community partner, [Little Mountain Neighbourhood House](#) this season. To make the season of giving more interesting, we will be matching dollar amounts to possible food items. The idea is to provide a feast for those people participating in the Community Kitchen Events, such as the one for Syrian Refugees and the one for newcomers.

Several of our teachers are currently working on an inquiry question: **How can we engage students, parents and teachers in a dynamic process of analyzing and celebrating student growth?** Their recent Lunch N'Learn session focused on communicating student learning via online portfolios. Portfolios, either online or hardcopy going home in oversized envelopes, are one of the ways that teachers are working with students to communicate how the process of learning is going for each child and involving parents in the response to the learning. This process of teacher inquiry closely mirrors the inquiry taking place in many of our classrooms. It is all about defining questions that matter and going about creating personal meaning.

We have two school goals at Livingstone that are also framed as inquiry questions:  
What strategies and activities can be implemented at school and reinforced at home to develop student self-regulation while valuing diversity and building relationships in our school community?

I have written a blog post on my professional blog called Inquire2Empower. Please read [Part One to learn more about the social emotional aspects of Self-Regulation](#). The next post will be on self-regulation and academic learning.

What strategies and activities can be implemented at school and reinforced at home to develop student awareness and understanding of Indigenous ways of knowing  
Lori Snyder helped us in working towards learning about the significance of place and indigenous plants.

[After-School-Programs](#) in the coming term

Extra-curricular sports: Voluntary activity by staff; VSB staff supervision of students is required for practices, games and participation in the VSB .

**Dates to Remember:**

Fri. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 / 7 Entrepreneur Fair in the Gym – Open until 4 pm - Families Welcome

Tues. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 11- 12 pm – Cookie Walk to Tupper with baked donations (packaged with an ingredient tag, please)

Dec. 18 – Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal at 1:15 pm at Tupper Secondary School  
Winter Concert Performance at 7:00 pm at Tupper Secondary School

December 20<sup>th</sup> from 8-9 am – PAC Pancake Breakfast in the gym / Pajama Day / Project Read in the library from 11-12pm – Parents are welcome to join us for partner reading. Yes, you can wear your jammies too!

December 20<sup>th</sup> – the last of school before winter holidays

Mon. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Back to School

Thurs., Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Written report cards are issued

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All the best of the season!

Respectfully,

