

David Livingstone Elementary Pac meeting minutes December 17th, 2018

Welcome and Acknowledgement

Judy began by acknowledging that the land in which we gather is the unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples, including the territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil Waututh First Nations.

Discussion about the wording of the acknowledgment and whether to include unceded. Agreed to leave the acknowledgment as is, but always be open to discussion points.

Intention

Judy explained that the PAC meeting is being held with respect, inclusiveness, and the understanding of others. We are gathered to create and share ideas that will enrich the education of our children through community based learning.

Motion to approve minutes from the October 2018 PAC meeting

Moved: Rebecca Seconded: Gillian Carried unanimously.

Chair Report – Judy

Pancake Breakfast this Friday! Please have a look at the google doc created and placed on the PAC website for volunteering. Reminder to bring dishes and cutlery.

Div. 1&2 raffle tickets were a huge success and some happy community members won the awesome prizes, including Maggie's family winning the bike!

Div 1&2 will be holding a movie fundraiser on January 11th in the DL gym. Stay tuned for more info coming soon.

LMNH cookie drive (ended today Monday Dec 17th) and hamper donations. 88 students brought a cookie/baking contribution! Still accepting cash donations for the hampers.

East Van Soiree - February 1st! Less than 10 tickets available. Get them while you can! Bar purchasing has been sponsored by Carly and John Rice, so organizing team will be able to run the cash bar at a profit.

Staff appreciation lunch will happen in the new year. Judy will send out info with class reps. PAC members also want to consider providing a meal for staff before the winter concert next year to thank them for the generosity of their time and commitment. Joanne has suggested that we add it to the budget for 2019/20.

Any items you would like added to the agenda, please email Judy in advance of the meeting and she will put it on the agenda.

Keeping our children safe at school.

Question and topic for an inclusive discussion with Vital and parents about supervision aids, education for parents students and staff, possible letter written on behalf of DL PAC regarding this topic to the VSB.

Information about school safety has been distributed by the VSB. Staff, students and family are reminded to follow visitor and supervision protocol.

All visitors (parents and community members) must sign in at the office. Volunteers in the school must complete Volunteer Agreement and have it signed by Vital.

Reminder that public schools are a worksite. Playground supervision is the role and responsibility of staff and supervision aides.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to have safety discussions with their children.

Jessica would like to see something more done at the district level; suggests having more supervision aides, support staff and more adults out before and afterschool and recess and lunch.

Tony encourages families to be grateful for the safety measures that are in place, then look for more support.

Vital explained that we have a total of two supervision aides two days a week (M-T), every second Wednesday a third supervision aide is added and Th-Fr we have three supervision aides. Up to 5 support staff are also outside as trusted adults.

Decisions about supervision staffing are made at the district level each year.

Judy would like to write a letter on behalf of the PAC asking for more supervision staff.

Rebecca suggested the PAC executive review and draft procedures for communicating on behalf of the PAC.

Vital suggested the school liaison, Carmen Cho, is a good person to connect with on this topic.

Please submit anything you would like included in the letter to the VSB to Judy and she will have a draft a letter for review in January.

Discussion about the investigation at Sexsmith and working to keep all VSB schools safe.

Treasurer Report - Rebecca

Teaching staff is using the staff reimbursement procedure and things are going very well.

There is a cheque deposit for \$402.61 that Rebecca still needs to sort out.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report. Moved: Julia Seconded: Gillian Carried unanimously.

Principals Report - Vital Peeters

Staff

Vital wanted to take time to recognize the dedication and professionalism of Monica Presley. She is an outstanding member of our school community as witnessed at the Winter Concert last week.

Student Safety

Reminder for families to have safety discussions with their children at home in wake of the incident at Sexsmith Elementary.

School Athletics

Senior girls volleyball represented the central zone and went to the zone finals at Van Tech. Thank you to Susan Adams (teacher sponsor) and Jer Adrian (coach).

Livingstone will have three basketball teams starting in January 2019. There will be a junior boys team, a senior boys team and a combined junior/senior girls team. Staff sponsors for basketball are Ms. Kwon. Vital and Ms. Chapman, along with parent coaches Warren and Jer.

Mindful lunch was discussed with students today. Food waste is the key topic to focus on during the transition into eating in classrooms. Students were encouraged to think about their food consumption and waste. Vital will send home more information soon.

Seismic

We are on the list for a seismic project development and proposal with the Vancouver Project Office (VPO). Accessibility is one of the key issues in the design process; there have been engineers on site to consider how to make the school more accessible. Any upgrades will be seismic, not cosmetic. The process seems to be going at a much faster rate than expected, but still looks like a few years out before any work is done.

Sexual Health

Sexual health educator and SFU Masters Student, Sara Watt, has reached out to Vital and offered to provide sexual health courses for all students and parents on a voluntary basis. She is Opt Ed trained and has completed the SHEC training. Vital will contact her references and make a decision soon.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:06pm