



**Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2018**

Welcome and Acknowledgement

Judy acknowledged 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.

Intention

Judy began by setting an intention: this 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.

March 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve March 2018 minutes: Maggie. Seconded: Jessica Z. Voting deferred until after the Treasurer's Report.

Chair Report - Judy

Submissions. Tonight is the night for all submissions, presentations, and new business ideas for the school year of 2018/2019. We will be voting on these in the May PAC meeting and setting them forward for the next school year. We will begin this process after our Treasurer's report.

Hot Chocolate Day. This was a great success! Many kids brought their own mugs, which worked well. It was suggested that next year set an age limit for the mugs so we don't need to buy so many paper cups.

Track and Field started on Monday for grades 3-7. The practices are at 7:55-8:45am Monday and Thursday at the school, meeting in the gym. Ms. Scott and Ms. Gaster are looking for a few parent volunteers for the practices and the meets. Please contact them personally if you can lend a hand.

Body Science. OPT (Options for Sexual Health) has been visiting, April 12, 13, and 19, to speak on body science and awareness. Safe Teen was at the school for the grade 7's on April 18th; this program teaches kids how to keep themselves safe. There was a question about how many sessions each class will be getting; the flyer indicated there would be three sessions for K through grade 3 children.

Judy mentioned that the girls' and the staff washrooms have now been equipped with garbage cans and sanitary items.

Family in Need. A warm and very grateful thank you to the parents of Livingstone was given by the family who received our gift of \$500.

Earthquake Drill will occur May 3rd. The school will be using a new protocol for picking children up after the drill. Judy will request an email from Vital with details.

Car Free Day. Dave and Jo Anne have stepped up to organize. This is a community event with many student volunteers; students love showing pride in their school. Additional parents are needed to help on the day (Fathers' Day) for one or two hour blocks during the day.

- Beanbag toss toys, sales of popcorn or basil
- Organize and set-up/take down tents/tables/activity (8am - 5-6 pm)
- Jo Anne and Dave will bring details and organize sign up forms

Walk-a-thon (May 25th). Some parents have expressed interest in running stations, but still need more parents to help with set-up and day-of activities (food station, lap counting). A Google sign up will be sent out to all parents by the first week of May.

Treasurer's Report

Helena reviewed the Treasurer's report dated April 2018. The balance in the general account was \$29,232.03. There are still school receipts outstanding.

The Gaming Grant balance was \$3,080.32.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Vanessa. Seconded: Jo Anne. Motion approved.

Motion to approve March 2018 minutes: Approved.

Principal's Report – Mr. Peeters

Mr. Peeters was ill. No report.

Submissions for 2018/2019

Judy clarified that tonight is for presentations and questions. Voting will be at the May meeting. If we like all the ideas, then we can figure out how to fundraise to cover the expenses. Jo Anne will review budget and cash flow.

School Tents. In October, we approved \$1000 for two branded tents to use at sports and other events. Now the cost is \$1665. In February, we approved \$1500 to buy a new sports clock, but the cost was about half that amount. Judy proposed we re-allocate the surplus from the sports clock to the tents.

*Motion to approve \$750 for the additional cost of the two pop up tents: Maggie.
Seconded: Vanessa. Approved.*

Project Chef www.Projectchef.ca (presented by Jo Anne)

Background:

- Curriculum-based VSB school program aimed at children in kindergarten to grade seven that teaches students about healthy food: where it comes from, what it tastes like, how to prepare it and how to enjoy sharing it around a table.
- 2 classes of Grade 4 and/or 5 to participate in a one-week (4 or 5 day) program (max 60 kids). Other grades may access the program if we apply again in future years.

Requirements:

- Parent participation is required (3 or 4 parents per class per day)
- A room to host the program for one week with: A sink with hot water, Easily accessible fridge with space for food storage, Six work stations for children (flat top desk groupings or tables), Power source for **seven circuits of electricity** (VSB electricians can wire this in but VSB charges for this service).
- Once the program equipment is set up on the first day of the program, it must remain in place for the duration of the program.
- We won't be able to apply until September - and it is unsure if we will be accepted.

Cost: \$1,500 fee - includes 5-day program for two classes, all equipment, materials and food, pro-rated for 4-day school week. Funding can come from PAC, grants and/or a fee per child.

Parents asked whether we can incorporate the school garden into this program in future years.

Backpack Buddies www.backpackbuddies.ca (presented by Jo Anne)

Background:

- Giving a backpack of food for the weekend to (Lower Mainland) kids in need who participate in school breakfast/lunch programs.

How it Works:

- Every Friday, Backpack Buddies will drop off food. Each division will get approx. 3 turns throughout the year to fill the bags. Backpack buddies then picks up the food and delivers it to kids in need.
- Cost is approx. \$10/backpack. We can also supplement with a food drive (holiday?)
- Ms. Geri will let us use the library space; the Leadership Team will help with coordination; requires 1 parent support person
- Each division can sign-up for a time that suits them best
- Backpack Buddies will come to the school and do an assembly to introduce the program in September - discussing why we need the program and why healthy food is important (this will be reinforced during packing days)
- The leadership team will have an opportunity to deliver backpacks (if we choose)

Timeframe: Every Friday - Sept 2018 - June 2019

Who it will benefit:

All divisions will participate. Leadership team will help implement – this supports our school goals for the students and the parent interest in giving back

Cost: \$6000 (we can pay in installments - suggesting \$2K Sept, Jan, April to mirror our Fun Lunch revenue periods)

Ms. Geri is a champion. Jo Anne will be a parent volunteer and another champion parent is desirable. Backpack Buddies is happy to pair donor and recipient schools, which maybe be a way to establish a sister school relationship using an external party to establish the need.

Please send Jo Anne your feedback – positive, negative, and questions – before the next meeting so we can be prepared to vote.

Growing Chefs www.growingchefs.ca (presented by Jo Anne on behalf of Ms. Liang)

Background:

- Growing Chefs! is a program that promotes growing, cooking and eating good, healthy food. Over three and a half months after spring break, the chefs will visit the classroom every two weeks, helping the students plant and tend to indoor vegetable gardens. At the end of this program, the students harvest their vegetables, and the chefs teach them to cook delicious, healthy meals with what they have grown.
- Ms. Liang is requesting funding for Division 11 to participate in this program in 2019

Cost: \$400

We discussed the overlap of this program with the Victory Garden program that PAC funded last year. That was intended to teach the teachers how to use the outdoor garden; there was concern that that effort and funding not go to waste. Ms. Liang was not at Livingstone last year, and indoor gardens are quite different than outdoor gardens. Several parents felt that we want to encourage teachers to come to PAC with funding ideas, and it would show good faith to approve this small project. Mr. Peeters has not been consulted about this project.

Motion to approve \$400 for Growing Chefs contingent on discussion with Vital within a week: Vanessa. Seconded: Stephanie. One abstain (Judy). Approved.

Arts Productions

Background:

In the 2017-18 school year the PAC funded \$3,500 towards 4 arts production (one to take place in Fall of 2018). Booked so far:

- D.O Gibson: Anti-Bullying (Feb 28)
- Uzume Taiko: West Coast Drumming (May 31)
- Kung Jaadee: Haida Storyteller (June Date TBD)

We have an opportunity to propose ideas to the teachers for 2018-19. Teachers will have to approve the dates and whether performances fit with the curriculum.

- Raven (Indigenous Storytellers): light-hearted improv on how the raven stole the sun, suitable for K and up. Cost: \$600
- Cadence - A Capella Time Machine: Suitable K-12. Cost: \$950

Jo Anne will create a list to which parents can add further ideas. We could also have a list for dance/teaching proposals (e.g. hip hop).

Grow Your Roots www.Growyourroots.ca (presented by Maggie)

Background:

Grow Your Roots is an initiative of movement and mindfulness that will work with each division. The antidote to body image problems (insecurity all the way to eating disorders) is the practice of embodiment – how you feel from the inside out. This organization runs an eight week school program, including a website and workbooks that parents can access. The program includes deep breathing, functional movement, and mindfulness, and is available in two-month blocks (e.g. Sept and Oct) including one hour per week for 8 weeks. Good for all grades and would help with the self-regulation goal in the School Plan.

Cost: \$100 per week per division (up to 24 kids; larger classes are more). Can be paid by school, PAC, and/or parent fees.

Judy will talk to Vital and Maggie will get a firm price.

Soiree (presented by Judy on Julia's behalf)

Julia would like to run the soiree again next year with Brock Elementary.

Mind Yeti www.mindyeti.com/schools (presented by Alisa and Hailey)

Background:

Mind Yeti is online mindfulness training. Hailey is a Livingstone parent who does mindfulness training. The proposal is to buy the Mind Yeti license for the whole school, and have Hailey lead 6 to 8 weekly sessions, of 30-minutes each, in all primary (K through 3) classrooms. All teachers would have access to the software for the remainder of the year.

Cost: About \$2,000, including software and 6 or 8 sessions per class with Hailey.

Proposed Sister School (presented by Alisa)

Background:

Alisa proposes identifying a sister school and giving their teachers discretionary and literacy funds like we give Livingstone teachers. This would support children and teachers at the school.

We could allocate part of the Walk-A-Thon funding; our students would know they are supporting another school, which would reinforce the goals of our School Plan.

Cost: \$500 per division at a sister school

Jo Anne explained that Livingstone has only had one Walk-A-Thon; we do not know how much money this year's will generate. It may be less risky to allocate a percentage of Walk-A-Thon proceeds rather than a set dollar amount.

Parents discussed the strong desire, often raised at PAC meetings, that Livingstone establish a sister school. A "sister school committee" may be useful next year.

Street of Dreams (presented by Judy at March meeting)

Judy is still waiting to hear back.

Aqua Van <https://www.vanaqua.org/learn/outreach/aquavan> (presented by Judy)

Background:

Livingstone could bring in the Oceanwise Mobile Aquarium for a day. The new curriculum emphasizes the environment.

Cost: Still awaiting cost info

Buddy Bench (presented by Judy)

Background:

Buddy benches are made of recycled plastic lids, which are collected by students. The bench is installed on school property and kids can sit on it if they are lonely.

Parents noted that in previous years, PAC paid for a forged metal sign that affixes to the existing playground benches. One of the supervision aides used to bring it out, but she no longer works at Livingstone. Judy will look into finding that sign.

Painting Concrete Area (presented by Judy)

Judy proposed painting fish along the concrete that surrounds the lower sand playground. This could be done as part of Stream of Dreams or on its own. More details to come.

All Bodies Dance www.facebook.com/allbodiesdancepage/ (presented by Stephanie)

This is another potential performance group. Jo Anne will start a list of performance and activities groups that PAC can give to the teachers for their review.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

The next PAC meeting will be May 16, 2018 at 7pm in the library.