



**Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2019**

Welcome and Acknowledgement

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples, including the territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tseil Waututh First Nations.

Intention

Our 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.

Introductions and Hellos

Judy mentioned that there is no clipboard for ideas at the meeting, as people tend to write down ideas and no one takes charge. If parents/guardians have an idea they'd like to put forward, just talk to Judy to get yourself on the agenda.

December 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve December 2018 minutes: Rebecca. Seconded: Alisa. Motion carried (one abstain).

Chair Report - Judy

Co-Chair. Hayley has resigned as co-chair. Judy is open to someone else sharing the role as co- or vice-chair.

Pancake Breakfast. Another pancake breakfast success! Thank you Andrew and everyone who volunteered!

Cookies and Donations. We received warm thank yous from the Little Mountain Neighbourhood House for the lovely cookies and cash donations for the holiday hampers.

Div 1&2 Trip Fund-Raising. Fundraising continues. Movie night was a huge success and raised about \$1,200. Division 1 and 2 thanks PAC for the movie licence. People stayed to clean up. Another movie night will be held with date TBD.

Staff Thank You Lunch. Judy hopes to plan a spring thank you lunch for the staff in February or March. Parents can participate by bringing a potluck dish. We confirmed that a Wednesday would include the most staff members. If you want to help Judy, please let her know. A google doc was used last year to coordinate what people bring; Jessica C will ask Jessica Z about setting one up.

Basketball. Basketball is in full swing. Vital, Jer Adrian, and Warren Tam are the coaches, with Julia and Katie as teacher sponsors. Next is Badminton.

Soiree. The East Van Soiree is fast approaching on February 1st! Livingstone tickets are sold out.

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED! Volunteer for the lunch program, Stream of Dreams, Back Pack Buddies, and other opportunities. Contact PAC to sign up.

General School Safety. At the December meeting, parents raised concerns about safety following an alleged incident at Sexsmith Elementary. Mr. Peeters indicated that the police found no evidence that that incident occurred.

A parent asked to create a letter of concern to VSB and the trustees, requesting additional supervision aides at Vancouver schools. Parents are not permitted to supervise because this is doing the job of someone employed by the school. Judy presented a letter that Jessica C. drafted, asking for increasing number of supervision aides at elementary schools. The letter would be sent to VSB, CUPE 15, and DPAC.

Motion to approve sending this letter to VSB: Rebecca. Second: Alisa.

Attendees discussed competing priorities for funding; characteristics of the Livingstone site; and the responsibility of families, students, and the community.

Motion carried (four approved; three abstain).

Stream of Dreams. This program will be at our school February 5, 6, & 7 all day with an installation date of February 12th. We will need 8-10 adult volunteers for the installation during school hours or we will have to pay the large install fee! The program teaches about biodiversity, underground waterways, and restoration of salmon. All children will get to paint their own wooden fish, and 350+ fish will be tacked on the fence around the perimeter. Stream of Dreams staff bring the tools, but parents should bring gloves and pliers. Talk to Judy if you would like to help.

Lower Playground Mural. Andrew and Judy are getting another artist to work on the cement area that goes down to the lower sand playground. They're going to paint it as water and put fish stencils on it. They are working with the City to get permits, and with the Vancouver Mural project. This project might happen in the fall.

Yard Sale. There will be a yard sale at David Livingstone gym on April 6th to fundraise for the Division 1&2 Jasper trip. Please speak to Helena or Laurie should you have any wonderful donations. There is a list of acceptable items on Facebook; items can be stored on the school stage after March. Parents of Division 1 and 2 can volunteer. Parents asked how the fundraising is going; only \$12,000 is left to raise (from \$40,000 initially). Any surplus might go back to families as fee reductions. Parents also asked for support for the next raffle sale.

Parent Advocacy Network. PAN is holding an open meeting on January 30th regarding seismic upgrades and the standards for building new schools. It would be great to have a rep from DL there. If you are concerned, this might be a good opportunity to learn more.

District PAC. Aaron was elected as our DPAC representative last year, but he can't make the regular meeting. Alisa would like to be DPAC co-representative.

Seismic Sub-Committee. Alisa would like to form a parent sub-committee to look at seismic issues and report back at PAC meetings. The group would need to get in direct contact with Mr. Peeters. The District is doing a feasibility study for Livingstone now and will present a study in March. The Ministry will decide whether to fund the project, and then will have public input later. Alisa will post sub-committee information on Facebook and ask Andrew to add to PAC news.

Sexual Health Speaker. Livingstone will be welcoming Sarah Watt, who is trained by OPT and doing her Master's at SFU. She is providing the training to the school for free, and just asks us to do an evaluation. She will do 2 sessions with each division (except Division 1), and a parent information night for Livingstone parents, similar to OPT's Askable Adult. PAC has already allocated money for "sexual health" in PAC budget, so we may be able to offer her an honorarium.

Livingstone teachers are getting better and more experienced at teaching sexual health, and don't need as much support. PAC may not need to fund this item in future years; we will talk about it more at budget time.

Garden Committee. The committee has plans to spend their \$500. They will bring forward specific requests in February.

Treasurer's Report – Lennie

Lennie reviewed the Treasurer's report dated January 2019. The balance in the general account was \$38,560.24.

A large amount of funds from last year's soiree is in the PAC Paypal Account and is not yet in the general account. The PayPal account is not checked very often. Rebecca and Lennie will coordinate with Julia to generate a detailed report of what happened, and to ensure that all funds are accounted for in a public and transparent way.

The Gaming Grant balance was \$8,480.55. This fund will be used to pay for the movie license, Stream of Dreams, and Circus West.

Parents asked if the PAC bank accounts are usually at this level, and we confirmed that the general account was roughly \$30,000 to \$40,000 in both January 2018 and January 2017. All treasurer's reports are on the PAC website. A parent noted that PACs can give surplus funds to schools in need through the DPAC.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Karin. Seconded: Aaron. Motion carried.

Principal's Report – Mr. Peeters

Basketball. Basketball is taking place until spring break. Livingstone has three teams.

Mindful Lunch. The mindful lunch trial is going very well and the general consensus from the students is very positive. Supervision aides circulate, and student monitors model good manners. Teachers are hoping to keep on rolling. Parents asked if there are any concerns with allergies. Mr. Peeters indicated that the supervision aides are most careful with those classrooms, and the support workers are also in those classrooms. Students know that they're not supposed to share foods. Ms. Korchinski's class eats in the music room because they are there just before lunch. Ms. Presley is OK with that arrangement. Parents asked if the custodians noticed less waste. Students ideally bring it all home, and some classes are doing their own composting.

Communicating Student Learning. CSL conferences are this week. Divisions 1 and 2 are doing them later. Report cards for pilot divisions are going home in the next few days.

KEV: KEV is the new online system for managing school money. Ultimately the school will no longer accept cash. All families will get email information about setting up an account. Circus West program (April 1 to 12) may have a small fee (\$2 or \$5) to test the system. KEV will be used for all school fees and field trips. The PAC direct drive was done using VSB account, so families who donated may just need to link to Livingstone's account now.

Project Chef. Divisions 4 and 6 applied and got Project Chef this year. Scheduled for Feb. 26 to March 1.

Sarah Watt. Sarah will be doing sexual health presentations on March 4, 5, 11, and 12.

Circus West program will be coming April 1 to 12.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.