



**Meeting Minutes
March 14, 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.

February 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve February 2018 minutes: Dave. Seconded: Jessica. Approved.

Chair Report - Judy

Hot Chocolate Day. On Friday, March 16 at recess, PAC will provide free hot chocolate for all students. Lots of volunteers have come forward. Jo Anne and Vanessa have ensured that it's nut-free (although it does have dairy). Children can bring their own mug; otherwise we will use paper cups.

Parent Advocacy Network. PAN is having an open meeting to welcome new members to their education advocacy group. April 10th 6:30-9:30. Judy has a flyer.

Stream of Dreams. An application and grant request for this program have been sent. <https://www.streamofdreams.org/> We are still waiting for a reply.

Fun Days. Teachers have requested PAC funding for a June 12th primary (K through 3) picnic trip to Queens Park in New Westminster. PAC has funded these year-end trips in the past. Request is for \$1,239.25 (\$1,181.25 for bus, plus \$58.00 for large picnic shelter) and treat (e.g. popsicles \$150).

Intermediate students will have their fun day at school with Red Fox. This is a community building organization that provides group leadership training for vulnerable children. They will set up play stations (slack line, basketball, yoyo, pow wow drumming, etc.). The activities

encourage movement, fun, and challenge. Grades 4 to 7 will be mixed together. Request is for \$910 for Red Fox + \$150 for treat.

Motion to approve funding for the year-end fun day of \$1,389.25 for the primary picnic and \$1,060 for the intermediate fun day: Tony. Seconded: Jillian. 1 Abstain. Approved.

Family in Need. Our approved budget already includes a \$300 allocation for “family in need.” This year PAC will be providing this funding to a Livingstone family in which the mother is dying of cancer, to lessen their burden and as a gesture of support. We discussed whether we can increase the funding for this category for next year, and for this year.

Motion to increase the funding for family in need to \$500: Jessica. Seconded: Arminder. 1 Abstain. Approved.

Funding will be provided ASAP.

Sports Programs. Ms. Korchinski is doing badminton (for intermediate students) right now. She just needs drivers, which ideally are parents of students on the team. Mr. Peeters has a database of volunteers who have signed volunteer conduct agreements, driver permission forms, and/or criminal record checks. He will contact these parents if more drivers are needed.

Track and field will start after spring break. Competitions will be at the end of April and through May. Track and field can be open to primary students, depending on number of staff volunteers and locations.

Some schools also do ultimate, but it depends on having a staff member who plays/volunteers. Mr. Peeters has not yet heard any interest from staff or students.

Sexual Health Speakers. Safe Teen is booked for the grade 7s as per past years. Teachers have decided they do want Options for Sexual Health (OPT) for all other grades. OPT does cost more, but they offer two sessions and keep children in their regular division groups with their teachers. OPT is tentatively booked in April for grades K through 6. The Grade 6s in the 6/7 split will go to a Tradex competition on the Safe Teen day.

Parents expressed interest in booking a parent education session by OPT. Their “Askable Adult” session for parents is \$500. Judy will see if we can book one and will bring a funding request at the April meeting.

PAC allocated \$1,500 for Saleema Noon. This funding will be given to the school to pay a portion of the OPT cost, and the school will pay for the balance. OPT provided a quote of \$3,300. However, that cost included grade 7s, who will be getting Safe Teen instead.

If PAC and the teachers like OPT, then PAC will consider paying for the whole program in future years.

PAC Meeting Times. A small Facebook poll was conducted to ask about the timing of PAC meetings. There was only a small response, but not many new families were available for the morning and afternoon meetings. Daytime sessions might get more teachers. We decided to try

having one or two meetings during the day next year (perhaps every third meeting). The dates for the 2018/2019 PAC meetings will be established at the June 2018 meeting.

April Meeting. All submissions, presentations, and new business ideas for the school year of 2018/2019 need to be brought to PAC chair/executives before the April PAC meeting. The April PAC meeting will be dedicated to the process of discussing and voting on plans for the next school year. Example: backpack buddies, programs, theatre, dance, mobile Vancouver Aquarium, etc. This will enable teachers to plan and book ideas ahead of time. Please send your ideas to livingstonepac@gmail.com.

Calling all VOLUNTEERS!

Car Free Day

- need 1 to 4 volunteers to own the event
- Register Livingstone
- Organize and set-up/take down tents/tables/activity (8am - 5-6 pm)
- Organize volunteer sign-up
- Jo Anne will pass over details/templates of what we've done in the past

Walk-a-thon

- 4 Parents to organize/run a station on the course
- 4 Parents to help with set-up
- A Google sign-up sheet for event helpers (food station, lap counting) will be sent out to all parents end of April

Proposals. Tony discussed bringing a proposal for table tennis and/or a skip-a-thon at the school.

Treasurer's Report

Helena reviewed the Treasurer's report dated March 2018. The balance in the general account was \$23,779.44. The Gaming Grant balance was \$3,080.19.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Dave. Seconded: Arminster. Motion approved.

Principal's Report – Mr. Peeters

CSL Pilot Parent Feedback Sessions. Six divisions are taking part in the pilot on communicating student learning. This is working on new ways of reporting student progress. Rather than 3 report cards plus the conferences, they are doing 2 formal reports and at least 3 other communications. Fresh Grade is one means that teachers can use (this is an app that teachers can use to upload students' work; the app is good at communicating but not at producing more formal reports).

Mr. Peeters attended VSB parent feedback sessions with 4 parents from Livingstone. Parents shared concerns, especially if they felt they weren't getting enough information between report cards.

The pilot might be extended to next year as well, for another year of trying things out. The District wants to be as thoughtful as possible.

A parent asked whether the feedback differed based on how well students were doing. Apparently the new process can be helpful for families of children who struggled, by giving more frequent updates, and by allowing student to be part of the process and understand their evaluation. Students generally have the language to describe their learning.

We discussed teacher experiences; in Delta, teachers are in their second year and finding it easier now.

Mr. Peeters confirmed that mini schools should be evaluating students on references and interviews, not just report cards. Mini schools have been directed to not refuse students who don't have grades.

Kindergarten. Livingstone has accepted 40 applicants for next year. The Welcome to Kindergarten event will be on May 23. Invitations will be going out soon. A Ready Set Learn event at Livingstone will be on May 8.

Emergency Reunification. A new process for reunification after emergencies will be standardized across the District. This process will be tested after the earthquake drill on May 3. Emergency contacts should be people who live close to the school.

Spud. The Spud fundraiser has been expanded; 10% of gift card purchases will come to Livingstone as well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

The next PAC meeting will be April 18, 2018 at 7pm in the library.