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THUNDERBIRD PAC MINUTES

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 6:09-7:12 pm in the school library and on Zoom

Attendees:

S. Beamont, C. Iverson, J. Iverson (Chair, minutes), P. Jamshidian (Co-Chair), D. Than (Treasurer), B. Toews (School Principal), A. Yeung (Co-Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator)

Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

The meeting of the Thunderbird PAC (the "PAC") was called to order at 6:09 pm on April 5, 2023 by Jessica Iverson, Chair.

Agenda

The April 5, 2023 agenda was amended by P. Jamshidian and subsequently adopted by general consent.

Meeting Minutes

The March 1, 2023 meeting minutes were approved by general consent.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Members discussed the Thunderbird School Family Literacy Night held on March 8. Key points were as follows:

- People like the activities and Ray McKeown, Lakota Metis Elder, enjoyed himself.
- Good length of time.
- Food portion could be better organized so there is less of a rush and food is more equitably distributed. Suggestion for future events: set up tables differently and have people serve food.
- Separate student and parent giveaways and host giveaways at different times.
- Thanks to Thunderbird staff for hosting!

Principal's Report and Important Dates

B. Toews provided the following report:

School Organization

- 215 students
- 9 divisions

Recent and Upcoming Events/Activities at Thunderbird

Soccer

Starting next Thursday, April 6 until April 27, we are happy to offer lunchtime soccer for grade 3 students and up on our gravel field. Interested students will work with Carrie Serwetnyk, a former forward



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with Canada's women national soccer team from 1986 to 1991, to learn skills and have fun.

Lunch Hour Programming

Intermediate lunch hour programming (games/activities) for two days a week will begin at the end of April. Programming will be led by the Thunderbird Community Centre. More details to come.

GymSense

GymSense gymnastics program is coming to Thunderbird from April 11 to April 21. This program will be delivered during regular PE classes and will not include Mondays.

Saleema Noon – Reminder this month

Thunderbird is welcoming renowned sexual health educators, Saleema Noon and/or her team, to offer age-appropriate sexual health presentations to our student. There will be a **parent presentation** followed by in-class “Body Science” presentations for students on Wednesday, April 26. The **Parent Information Workshop** will be on Zoom **Monday, April 24**.

Ramadan

This month Ramadan is observed by many families in our community and throughout the world. Ramadan began on Wednesday, March 22, and will end at sundown on Friday, April 21. Ramadan is the holy month which begins with the first sighting of the crescent Moon. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It is considered a holy month that honors the time when Allah, through the angel Gabriel, revealed the first verses of the Qur’an, the holy book of Islam, to a caravan trader named Muhammad. The final evening of Ramadan culminates with a celebration called **Eid al-Fitr**, on April 21, when the month-long fast is ended with a feast.

Spring Gardening

- Students will be working with [SPEC](#) (Society Providing Conservation Education) in the garden.
- The school garden program strives to connect children to their local food systems, the natural world, and their community.



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Important Dates to Remember

Friday, April 7, 2023

- Good Friday Statutory Holiday – School Closed
- World Health Day

Monday, April 10, 2023

- Easter Monday Statutory Holiday – School Closed

Friday, April 21, 2023

- Eid al-Fitr

Saturday, April 22, 2023 – Observed April 21 @ T-Bird

- Earth Day

Monday, April 24, 2023

- Professional Development Day – School Closed for Students

P. Jamshidian's Items

P. Jamshidian asked what sort of resources PAC can provide if/when parents encounter school-related issues. J. Iverson said the current PAC Executive is thinly resourced and does not currently have capacity. B. Toews said PACs tend to advocate for the school community, not individual members. J. Iverson said the DPAC (District Parents' Advisory Councils) might have suggestions for advocacy resources. B. Toews said the schoolboard has resources.

P. Jamshidian asked about supervision on the soccer field during the lunchbreak. She said she is aware of numerous fights. B. Toews said he will speak to the school's supervision aids. There are three adults on the playground at any given time. He could not confirm the number of fights but acknowledged fights do happen and they are dealt with on a case-by-case basis. P. Jamshidian suggested 1. setting up a program for parent volunteers to monitor the soccer field; and 2. asking for more staff supervision.

Chair's Report

J. Iverson provided the following report:

- a. J. Iverson announced Parisa Jamshidian has volunteered to take on the role of PAC Co-Chair. Thank you, Parisa, the PAC really appreciates your support!

A vacancy exists on the PAC Executive for Secretary. The meeting materials included a PAC Duties document that outlines the role and



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responsibilities. Members-at-large or event volunteers also welcome.

b. Parent Engagement Initiatives

i. Next coffee stand is Friday, April 28 at 8:45 am. Stand will be set up on primary side. Volunteers welcome!

ii. The PAC is interested in hosting a year-end family fun night. A. Yeung said it is a good opportunity to get people interested in joining the PAC and filling roles for the following year. Ideas include: food, BINGO, giant Jenga, cornhole, silent auction (D. Than can look into licencing requirements for auctions/raffles), face painter, balloon artist. B. Toews said he has a contact who can donate \$1,000 worth of pizza. P. Jamshidian suggested asking students what they would like. **Action item: B. Toews to talk to teachers about dates and activities.**

c. Upcoming PAC Initiatives & Deadlines

i. Next fundraiser is Friday, April 28 after school. Now serving lemonade and cookies. Volunteers needed 2:30-3:30 pm. Circulate paper flyers the week-of. **Action item: J. Iverson to connect with R. Wong for flyer.**

ii. Community Gaming Grant applications due April 1-June 30.

iii. Earth Week bottle drive is April 17-21. J. Iverson is waiting for a response from Encorp re: donating a Return-It Gang plushie (for class trophy) and picking up bottles from the school. **Action item: J. Iverson to send B. Toews a flyer and announcement for the weekly newsletter.**

iv. Thunderbird School Bike Fest is scheduled for May 31. R. Wong sent an email seeking volunteers for various activities. J. Iverson asked members to contact R. Wong directly if interested in volunteering.

v. PAC is interested in sponsoring this year's grade 7 grad activities. J. Iverson asked if the PAC wants to do something more/different than last year (caricatures, picnic lunch, graduation ceremony refreshments). **Action item: B. Toews will talk to Mr. Lai.**

Fundraising Initiatives

Spirit Wear is now on sale through School Cash Online only. A. Yeung will talk to P. Suttle about creating a paper form and extending the order deadline.



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A. Yeung said she has a pie fundraiser connection. She asked if the PAC wants to host another sale-type fundraiser this year? She will collect information for this year or next. B. Toews said the Thunderbird’s Indigenous Enhancement Worker, Jennaya, has a bannock connection if the PAC is interested.

Treasurer’s Report

D. Than provided the following report:

- a. As of April 3, 2023, balances of PAC accounts are as follows (see full details below):
 - Gaming: \$3,685.67
 - General: \$10,039.60
 - VSB Cash Online: \$200
 - Return-It: \$1,176.35

Kangen Water Machine

P. Jamishidian asked if the school can get a grant for a water machine. B. Toews said the school has two filtered water stations, both of which were recently installed. P. Jamishidian suggested a Kangen water machine (approx. \$5000-6000) to be kept in the office or nurse’s station. She asked if the school’s pipes are tested for lead. B. Toews said yes, the water is tested regularly by Vancouver Coast Health.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 2023 6-7 pm in the school library and on MS Teams.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

GAMING: February 28- April 3, 2023

	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	4,207.04		
Expenses	5.00	March 1, 2023	Monthly fee
	5.00	March 1, 2023	Regular transaction fee x2
Deposits	N/A		



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Withdrawals	23.11	March 2, 2023	Chq 29 (Zoom monthly subscription - Feb '23)
	113.83	March 2, 2023	Chq 28 (Dinner - Jan 11/23 + Feb 1/23 PAC meetings)
	322.47	March 9, 2023	Chq 30 (Feb 24/23 fundraiser + Mar 8/23 Family Literacy Night refreshments)
	51.96	March 10, 2023	Chq 31 (Mar 1/23 PAC meeting dinner)
Closing Balance	3,685.67		

GENERAL: February 28- April 3, 2023

	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	10,043.35		
Expenses	3.75	March 1, 2023	Monthly fee
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	N/A		
Closing Balance	10,039.60		