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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THUNDERBIRD PAC MINUTES

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 6:10-7:08 pm in the school library

Attendees:

S. Beltran, B. Frederick, E. Griffiths, C. Iverson, J. Iverson (Chair, minutes), T. Namba, D. Than (Treasurer), B. Toews (School Principal), R. Wong, A. Yeung (Fundraising Coordinator)

Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement The meeting of the Thunderbird PAC (the “PAC”) was called to order at 6:10 pm on December 6, 2023 by J. Iverson, Chair.

Agenda The December 6, 2023 agenda was adopted by general consent.

Meeting Minutes The November 1, 2023 meeting minutes were approved by general consent.

Business Arising from the Minutes The PAC meeting agenda now includes a monthly event calendar (current month to June 2024). Details have also been provided to B. Frederick. B. Toews will add missing events to the school calendar and include reminders in newsletters.

Principal’s Report and Important Dates B. Toews provided the following report:

School Organization

- 203 students
- 9 divisions

What’s New

Ocean Wise

- Thunderbird welcomed Ocean Wise on November 27 for a free workshop for the entire school.
- An organization which teaches youth ocean literacy.
- Fosters a sense of stewardship of our waters.
- Ocean Wise set up the Ocean Wise Sea Dome, an immersive ocean adventure that brought marine magic to the school using an inflatable six-metre dome to project 4K footage showing connections between ocean health, climate change, and our daily lives.
- Our students learned about the Arctic and changes in the sea ice, as well as tropical reefs and the impacts of ocean acidification.
- How salmon habitats can be preserved right in BC.



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Family Literacy Night

- Thursday, March 7, 2024 @ 4-6 pm
- Received a \$3000 grant to pay for:
 - \$800 – food
 - \$1000 – books
 - \$800 – games
 - \$400 – Indigenous storyteller

Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

- Christmas store

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

- TBCC Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 22, 2023

- PJ Day
- Pancake breakfast

Saturday, December 23, 2023 – Sunday, January 7, 2024

- Winter break

Monday, January 8, 2024

- School reopens after winter break

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

- PAC meeting @ 6 pm in the library

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

- Professional Development Day

Friday, January 26, 2024

- PAC morning coffee @ 8:45 am

February 2024

- Black History Month

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

- Parent Teacher Conferences – 2 pm early dismissal
- PAC meeting @ 6 pm in the library

Thursday, February 8, 2024

- Parent Teacher Conferences – 2 pm early dismissal

Saturday, February 10, 2024



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- Lunar New Year

Chair's Report

J. Iverson provided the following report:

- a. Community engagement initiatives
 - i. The next coffee stand is Friday, December 22. The stand will be outside the gym where pancake breakfast is held. Parents/guardians are welcome to stay for music by Van Tech students.
 - b. Upcoming PAC initiatives and deadlines
 - i. The next afterschool treat stand is Friday, December 22. **Action item: A. Yeung to purchase supplies.**
 - ii. The PAC will hold a bottle drive January 22-26, 2024. All proceeds will benefit grade 7 graduation activities. **Action item: B. Toews to speak to Mr. Lai about possible student involvement.**

Fundraising Initiatives

- a. A. Yeung provided an update on Spirit Wear. Action Athletic Wear could not fulfill all orders. A. Yeung has emailed impacted families and B. Toews said the school can help connect with those who have not responded. Fulfillment is TBD, as are profits, which are subject to refunds for unavailable colours.
- b. A. Yeung said the Purdys order should be delivered to the school soon. Volunteers are needed to help sort. Total product sold: \$2,668.50; profits: \$700.48.

Treasurer's Report

D. Than provided the following report:

- a. D. Than counted \$564.50 in cash.
- b. As of November 30, 2023, balances of PAC accounts are as follows (see full details below):
 - Gaming: \$4,585.13
 - General: \$7,743.38
 - VSB Cash Online: \$200
 - Return-It: \$1,257.75

(Re-)Establishing Thunderbird PAC's Constitution and Bylaws

Members discussed options for community engagement during the consultation process. R. Wong suggested targeted outreach in different languages. J. Iverson said at minimum all PAC members will have an opportunity to comment on a draft document.

Other Business

R. Wong brought forward Code Ninjas, a school-hosted coding program for students. **Action item: R. Wong to forward information to B. Toews**



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A. Yeung solicited interest in another gingerbread house community event based on availability after the holidays. **Action item: add to January 2024 meeting agenda.**

Next Meeting Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 6-7 pm in the school library.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

GAMING: November 1-30			
	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	6,341.13		
Expenses	6.00	November 1, 2023	Monthly fee
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	1,750.00	November 2, 2023	Chq 39 - Earthquake kit & classroom funds
Closing Balance	4,585.13		

GENERAL: November 1-30			
	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	9,359.07		
Expenses	3.75	November 1, 2023	Monthly fee
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	1,250.00	November 2, 2023	Chq 65- Thunderbird Elementary School
	361.94	November 6, 2023	Chq 66- Anna Yeung
Closing Balance	7,743.38		



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Thunderbird PAC Monthly Events Calendar			
To volunteer for any event, please contact pac_tbrd@vsb.bc.ca.			
Dates and events are subject to change.			
Date	Event	Time	Location
December 2023			
Wednesday, December 6	PAC meeting	6-7 pm	School library
Friday, December 22	Morning coffee	8:45-9:30 am	Activity room
Friday, December 22	Afterschool treat stand	2:30-3:30 pm	Undercover area
January 2024			
Wednesday, January 10	PAC meeting	6-7 pm	School library
January 22-26	Bottle drive	All week	School
Friday, January 26	Morning coffee	8:45-9:30 am	Activity room
Friday, January 26	Afterschool treat stand	2:30-3:30 pm	Undercover area
February 2024			
Wednesday, February 7	PAC meeting	6-7 pm	School library
Friday, February 23	Morning coffee	8:45-9:30 am	Activity room
Friday, February 23	Afterschool treat stand	2:30-3:30 pm	Undercover area
March 2024			
Wednesday, March 6	PAC meeting	6-7 pm	School library
Thursday, March 7	Family Literacy Night	4-6 pm	School
Friday, March 15	Morning coffee	8:45-9:30 am	Undercover area
Friday, March 15	Afterschool treat stand	2:30-3:30 pm	Undercover area
April 2024			
Wednesday, April 3	PAC meeting	6-7 pm	School library
April 22-26	Bottle drive	All week	School
Friday, April 26	Morning coffee	8:45-9:30 am	Undercover area
Friday, April 26	Afterschool treat stand	2:30-3:30 pm	Undercover area



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April 27-28	Family photography session	TBD	TBD
May 2024			
Wednesday, May 1	PAC meeting	6-7 pm	School library
Friday, May 24	Sports Day	9-11:30 am	School
Friday, May 31	Morning coffee	8:45-9:30 am	Undercover area
Friday, May 31	Afterschool treat stand	2:30-3:30 pm	Undercover area
June 2024			
Wednesday, June 5	Bike Fest	2:30-4:30 pm	School
Wednesday, June 5	PAC meeting	6-7 pm	School library
Thursday, June 13	Spring Carnival	4:30-7 pm	School
Thursday, June 20	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony	TBD	School
Friday, June 21	Morning coffee	8:45-9:30 am	Undercover area
Friday, June 21	Afterschool treat stand	2:30-3:30 pm	Undercover area