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THUNDERBIRD PAC MINUTES

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 6:05-7:14 pm in the school library and on Zoom

Attendees:

S. Beamont, M. Chau, J. Iverson (Chair, minutes), Parisa J., T. Namba, 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 6:05 pm on February 1, 2023 by Jessica Iverson, Chair.

Agenda

The February 1, 2023 agenda was adopted by general consent.

Meeting Minutes

The January 11, 2022 meeting minutes were approved by general consent.

Business Arising from the Minutes

J. Iverson reported bottle drive final numbers: 2,562 containers, \$236.05.
Winning classes: Div 4, Div 3, Div 8.

Members discussed the hot chocolate fundraiser held on January 27. Key points were as follows:

- Student Council was eager to participate.
- Need for next time: signage + paper flyer; person to manage donations container; pre-packaged fruit; two money boxes; more hot chocolate mix; only chocolate chip cookies + vegan options.
- By-donation was confusing; make all items \$1.
- Total funds raised: \$190.10.
- Special thanks to Mr. Lai, Ms. Debbie, Ms. Sharon and the Student Council for the help!

Principal's Report and Important Dates

B. Toews provided the following report:

School Organization

- 215 students (full school)
- 9 divisions

Recent and Upcoming Events/Activities at Thunderbird

Black History Month

Thunderbird we will be recognising and celebrating Black History Month. Each year, Black History Month has a specific theme. This gives us a clear focus to reflect on and learn about as we think about and celebrate the



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contributions of Black people to society. The theme for Black History Month 2023 is Black Resistance. The context of Black Resistance is understood in the ways in which Black people have resisted oppression, discrimination, and prejudice over history. During this month, families will have many opportunities and ways to learn about and to celebrate the important contributions of Black Canadians to our society.

Alex Wells – Indigenous Hoop Dancing

Will perform and lead workshops for the students on February 6.

Alex Wells is from the Lil'wat Nation, Mount Currie, B.C. Canada. First Nations Dance and Cultural traditions has been his family's way of life and he was brought up through the cultural ceremonies.

Traveling across North America since childhood competing in First Nation's dance competitions that has brought Alex into making it a professional business and a way of life.

Giving him the natural ability to teach the cultural dances step by step to all ages. Being part of major roles and world indigenous cultural events.

Tae Kwon Do

In the process of confirming dates. Students will walk to the studio on Renfrew Street for workshop/presentation.

Saleema Noon – BOOKED

Thunderbird, with PAC support, is welcoming renown 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 26th. The **Parent Information Workshop** will be on Zoom **Monday, April 26th**. More info to come.

Saleema and her team will help parents come to terms with sexual health and understand how it fits into their children's world at this stage of their lives. Parents will discover how to easily overcome embarrassment when talking about sexual health, learn words and concepts that are easy to use, and leave well equipped to clearly answer the myriad of questions all children are sure to ask. The workshop is lighthearted but delivers straight and current facts on how parents and



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children can work together to promote good decisions for a lifetime. For more information, please see the website at www.saleemanoon.com.

Bike Racks

Two new bike racks will be installed at the school. One will be on the south side near the kindergarten entrance and the other will be in the undercover area by the gym.

Student Learning Survey

The Student Learning Survey is an annual province-wide census of Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 students, their parents, and staff in public schools. The questions were developed with input from partner groups, teachers and experts in educational measurement and special education.

This survey is meant to help inform Ministry of Education policy. Open now, until April 29.

Superstars

On March 6 we will be acknowledging our Superstar students of the month for February at our monthly Superstars Assembly. It's wonderful to see how hard our students work to reach their potential, and their kind and thoughtful acts toward others and our school community.

Important Dates to Remember

Friday, February 17, 2023

- Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Monday, February 20, 2023

- Family Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

- Pink Shirt Day

Friday, February 27, 2023

- PAC Morning Coffee @ 8:45 am. Primary playground area if sunny (south side), lunchroom if rainy (enter through south side undercover area).
- PAC Hot Chocolate Stand @ 3 pm. Primary undercover area. Suggested donation: \$1.

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

- Parent Teacher Conferences – early dismissal @ 2 pm



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- PAC meeting @ 6 pm. All parents are welcome, please enter the school between 5:45-6 pm. The door will be locked at 6 pm for security. Babysitting for school aged children is provided.

Thursday, March 2, 2023

- Parent Teacher Conferences – early dismissal @ 2 pm

Monday, March 6, 2023

- Superstar Assembly – staff and students

March 13-24, 2023

- Spring Break – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Friday, March 31, 2023

- PAC Morning Coffee @ 8:45 am. Primary playground area if sunny (south side), lunchroom if rainy (enter through south side undercover area).
- PAC Hot Chocolate Stand @ 3 pm. Primary undercover area. Suggested donation: \$1.

Chair's Report

J. Iverson provided the following report:

- a. Vacancies exist on the PAC Executive for co-chair and secretary. The meeting materials included a PAC Duties document that outlines the roles and responsibilities. Members-at-large or event volunteers also welcome.
- b. Parent Engagement Initiatives
 - i. Next coffee stand is Friday, February 24 at 8:45 am. Stand will be set up on primary side. Volunteers welcome!
 - ii. J. Iverson shared details of email from Thunderbird Community Centre re: possibility of hosting a Family Day event, plus space rental in general. Ideas for other events included a virtual BINGO night over Spring Break. A. Yeung then suggested a gingerbread house building event on February 16 (day before Family Day long weekend) after school. Safeway can donate gingerbread kits, PAC can provide snacks. Members supported the idea and volunteered for different responsibilities. **Action items: J. Iverson to email meeting attendees to confirm event details and responsibilities. J. Iverson to connect with B. Toews re: announcement.**



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- c. Upcoming PAC Initiatives & Deadlines
 - i. Thunderbird School Family Literacy Night is scheduled for March 8. PAC is providing refreshments. B. Toews said event planning is underway. The school has door prizes.
 - ii. Next hot chocolate fundraiser is Friday, February 24 after school. Volunteers needed 2:30-3:30 pm.

Fundraising Initiatives

A. Yeung provided an update on Spirit Wear. She has been in contact with another vendor and is now in the process of putting together the form. Aiming to send forms home week, with two weeks to order (end of February deadline); send gear home for Spring Break. A. Yeung will confirm timelines with vendors.

Treasurer’s Report

D. Than provided the following report:
 As of January 30, 2023, balances of PAC accounts are as follows (see full details below):

- a. Gaming: \$4,387.14
- b. General: \$9,414.08
- c. VSB Cash Online: \$200
- d. Return-It: \$1,147.75

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 6-7 pm in the school library and on Zoom.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

GAMING: January 9-30, 2023			
	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	4,872.00		
Expenses	N/A		
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	235.19	January 13, 2023	Chq 24 (Costway beverage dispenser)
	71.89	January 16, 2023	Chq 23 (PAC fundraising supplies + Zoom costs)



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	177.78	January 20, 2023	Chq 22 (PAC meeting dinners - Nov 2 + Dec 7)
Closing Balance	4,387.14		

**GENERAL: January 9-30,
2023**

	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	9,414.08		
Expenses	N/A		
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	N/A		
Closing Balance	9,414.08		