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THUNDERBIRD PAC MINUTES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 6:01-6:56 pm in the school library and on Zoom

Attendees:

S. Beamont, M. Chau, G. Habonimana, J. Iverson (Chair, minutes), Parisa J., T. Namba, N. Sattam, D. Than (Treasurer), B. Toews (School Principal), A. Wheeldon, 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 6:01 pm on January 11, 2023 by Jessica Iverson, Chair.

Agenda

The January 11, 2023 agenda was adopted by general consent.

Meeting Minutes

The December 7, 2022 meeting minutes were adopted by general consent.

Business Arising from the Minutes

J. Iverson purchased an insulated beverage dispenser for hot chocolate stands and other events (ex. water for grade 7 picnic).

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

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on Friday, January 27. The school will be changing back to 3 reports/year. Teachers are the first point of contact for questions about student report cards.

Superstars

On January 30 we will be acknowledging our Superstar students of the month 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.

AIRS Program (Artist in Residence)

Thunderbird will begin the Artist in Residence program, with artist Tami Murray Cline. Tami Murray Cline holds a BFA from Emily Carr with a



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major in Photography with additional focus on printmaking, drawing and painting during her education and into her artistic practice. She has taught art to children of all ages for 8 years emphasizing immersion into the creative process as part of her art making ideology. Her love of making art with children comes from their unbridled enthusiasm for experiencing the world around them, the surprising ways that they express their views of the world and the unlimited creative potential an art lesson provides. She is fond of telling people that she learns just as much as she instructs in the classroom studio. This year she will work the students to create art with the theme of community, differences that help bring people together, storytelling and empathy in mind. This program will last the rest of the year, culminating into a year-end exhibition at the end of May. We look forward to seeing the amazing works of art from our students.

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.

Lunar New Year

Sunday, January 22, 2023 is Lunar New Year. It marks the first new moon of the [lunisolar calendars](#) traditional to many east Asian countries including China, South Korea, Vietnam and more, which are regulated by the cycles of the moon and sun. Thunderbird Student council has a few activities planned, such as a dragon dance, and art.

Black History Month

February is Black History Month. Mr. Lai and the Student Council lead a lot of teaching and learning, and teachers also provide their own lessons.

Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

- 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. Babysitters for school-aged children are provided.



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Monday, January 16, 2023

- Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Sunday, January 22, 2023

- Lunar New Year

Friday, January 27, 2023

- Student (CSL) Communicating Student Learning / Report Cards to go home
- PAC Morning Coffee @ 8:45 am. Primary playground area if sunny (south side), lunchroom if rainy (enter through south side undercover area).

Monday, January 30, 2023

- Superstars Assembly – staff and students

Chair's Report

J. Iverson provided the following report:

- a. J. Iverson announced David Than has volunteered to take on the role of PAC treasurer. Thank you, David, the PAC really appreciates your support! **Action item: J. Iverson to email B. Toews announcement to include in weekly newsletter.**

Vacancies exist on the PAC Executive for co-chair and secretary. J. Iverson said a secretary would be especially helpful. 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, January 27 at 8:45 am. Stand will be set up on primary side. Volunteers welcome!
 - ii. The PAC is interested in hosting a community building event on the Family Day long weekend. Thunderbird Community Centre a possible venue, a virtual BINGO night another option if the centre is not available. B. Toews provided J. Iverson with a contact at the centre. **Action item: J. Iverson to email Community Centre and report back.**
- c. Upcoming PAC Initiatives & Deadlines
 - i. Bottle drive (January 9-13) is underway. **Action item: J. Iverson to email B. Toews "last call" announcement for circulation.**



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ii. Thunderbird School Family Literacy Night is scheduled for March 8. A planning committee has convened and B. Toews will follow up with more details. A. Yeung had previously suggested the PAC could solicit door prizes. Participating vendors could be mentioned in event invitations and announcements. **Action item: B. Toews to email event info sheet for circulation.**

Fundraising Initiatives

A. Yeung provided the following report:

- a. A. Yeung has received Spirit Wear quotes from three different vendors. Action is most cost-effective. So long as the clothing options and colours are limited the order should be straightforward to fulfil. The PAC decided on colours and items at the December meeting. **Action item: A. Yeung to choose a vendor and email PAC Executive.**
- b. The PAC decided to host the first hot chocolate + marshmallows + cookie fundraiser on Friday, January 27 after school. A. Yeung suggested hosting monthly and B. Toews suggested the same schedule as morning coffees (last in-session Friday each month). Stand will be set up in the undercover area on the south side. Volunteers needed 2:30-3:30 pm. B. Toews will connect with Mr. Lai to ask for help from the Student Council. **Action item: J. Iverson to contact Superstore and A. Yeung to contact Safeway and/or Save-On-Foods to ask for donations (gift cards).**
- c. Update on a garden seed sale not possible at this time. The PAC decided to stop pursuing the initiative this school year.

Treasurer's Report

J. Iverson provided the following report:

As of January 8, 2023, balances of PAC accounts are as follows (see full details below):

- a. Gaming: \$4,872.00
- b. General: \$9,414.08
- c. VSB Cash Online: \$200
- d. Return-It: \$911.70

Other Business

J. Iverson asked whether the PAC could sponsor a physical education/sports initiative for classes (similar to wrestling last year and



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dance in previous years). B. Toews said the school has funds this year but the PAC can revisit this next year.

A. Yeung suggested hosting a family fun night in June as a year-end community event (games, food, auction). Might need a gaming licence for auctions.

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

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.

December 8, 2022-January 8, 2023			
GAMING ACCOUNT		GENERAL ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	4,725.81	Opening Balance	9,627.83
Expenses		Expenses	
*Monthly fee (Jan 3)	5.00	*Monthly fee (Jan 3)	3.75
Deposits		Deposits	
*Thunderbird School (Jan 6)	151.19	N/A	
Withdrawals		Withdrawals	
N/A		*Chq 63 (Dec 8)	30.00
		*Chq 64 (Jan 6)	180.00
Closing Balance	4.872.00	Closing Balance	9,414.08