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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THUNDERBIRD PAC MINUTES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 6:08-7:04 pm in the school library

Attendees:

S. Beamont, M. Chau, B. Frederick, E. Griffiths, C. Iverson, J. Iverson (Chair, minutes), A. Morrison, T. Namba, D. Than (Treasurer), B. Toews (School Principal), L. Wood, A. Yeung (Fundraising Coordinator)

Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

The meeting of the Thunderbird PAC (the “PAC”) was called to order at 6:08 pm on January 10, 2024 by J. Iverson, Chair.

Introductions

A round of introductions took place.

Agenda

The January 10, 2024 agenda was adopted by general consent.

Meeting Minutes

The December 6, 2023 meeting minutes were approved by general consent.

Business Arising from the Minutes

B. Toews requested Code Ninjas for late-January 2024. Date to be confirmed. The coding workshop is funded by Samsung.

Principal’s Report and Important Dates

B. Toews provided the following report:

School Organization

- 203 students
- 9 divisions

What’s New

AIRS Program (Artist in Residence)

Thunderbird will begin the Artist in Residence program, with artist Tami Murray Cline. Tami holds a BFA from Emily Carr with a major in Photography with an additional focus on printmaking, drawing and painting during her education and in her artistic practice. She has taught art to children of all ages for 9 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 with the students to create art with the theme of community,



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differences that help bring people together, storytelling and empathy in mind. This program will last the rest of the year, culminating in 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.

The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in B.C. public schools since 2001. Prior to 2016-17 it was known as the Student Satisfaction Survey. The SLS provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. The SLS is the only source of province-wide information about students' learning experiences through the perspectives of students, parents, guardians/caregivers, and school staff. Schools and districts use the SLS to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal-setting and to provide individual students with personalized support. In 2021, the student survey underwent a review to accommodate an updated conceptual framework that aligns questions with the core competencies of the curriculum and British Columbia's Policy for Student Success.

This survey is meant to help inform the Ministry of Education and Child Care policy. Open now, until May 3, 2024.

Van Tech Band Concert

Thunderbird intermediates are invited to a Van Tech Band concert, Friday, January 12, 2024.

Family Literacy Night Budget Update

- Thursday, March 7, 2024 @ 4-6 pm
- Received a \$3000 grant to pay for:
 - \$700 – food (previously \$800)
 - \$1000 – books
 - \$800 – games
 - \$500 – Indigenous storyteller (previously \$400)



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Important Dates to Remember

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

- Lunar New Year

Friday, February 16, 2024

- Professional Development Day

Monday, February 19, 2024

- Family Day – no school

Friday, February 23, 2024

- PAC morning coffee @ 8:45 am

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

- Pink Shirt Day

Thursday, March 7, 2024

- Family Literacy Night @ 4-6 pm

Sunday, March 10, 2024

- Ramadan begins

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

- Report card #2 goes home

Friday, March 15, 2024

- PAC morning coffee @ 8:45 am

Saturday, March 16-Monday, April 1, 2024

- Spring Break



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Tuesday, April 2, 2024

- School reopens after Spring Break

Chair's Report

J. Iverson provided the following report:

- a. Community engagement initiatives
 - i. The next coffee stand is Friday, January 26. The stand will be inside the activity room if weather is cold. C. Iverson still needs to make the sandwich board.
 - ii. Gingerbread house event depends on availability of supplies. If feasible, members agreed to host the event afterschool on Thursday, February 16. **Action item: A. Yeung to confirm supplies.**
 - iii. The school requires PAC's help purchasing, setting up (two tables) and distributing food at the Family Literacy Night. The event starts at 4 pm and food will be served at 5:30 pm. Schedule for volunteers: set up food at 3 pm; be prepared to serve food by 5 pm. **Action items: C. Iverson to purchase food; A. Yeung to take inventory of supplies (plates, napkins, etc.).**
- b. Upcoming PAC initiatives and deadlines
 - i. The next afterschool treat stand is Friday, January 26. **Action item: A. Yeung to purchase supplies.**
 - ii. The PAC will hold a bottle drive January 22-26. All proceeds will benefit grade 7 graduation activities. A. Yeung suggested students make a thermometer to measure funds raised. **Action items: B. Toews to reconnect with Mr. Lai about student involvement; J. Iverson to send B. Toews an announcement and flyer to circulate (incl. info about donating directly at Return-It depots).**

Fundraising Initiatives

- a. A. Yeung provided an update on Spirit Wear. Order changes were submitted to Action Athletic Wear. Fulfillment and profits are still TBD. Two orders need to be refunded. A. Yeung will work with school to connect with families for refunds.
- b. Family photography session has changed to April 20-21 to allow more time to create Mother's Day gifts from photos. Cost for Thunderbird families is \$45/session (\$10 donation to PAC) with priority booking. Any remaining sessions will be open to community members for \$55 (\$20 donation to PAC). Communications will begin the week of March 11 (before Spring Break) and will continue



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throughout March and April. **Action item: R. Wong to send B. Toews flyer/information for circulation.**

- c. Members discussed fundraising succession planning. A. Yeung said Spirit Wear is a lot of work; orange and pink shirts are a good idea instead. Purdys is easy to administer but profits may be lower given A. Yeung is not likely to purchase. A. Morrison asked what other PACs do to fundraise. A. Yeung suggested an adults-only fundraiser and B. Toews suggested a PAC pub night. **Action items: J. Iverson to research other PAC fundraisers; B. Toews to send pub night example.**

Treasurer’s Report

D. Than provided the following report:

- a. As of December 31, 2023, balances of PAC accounts are as follows (see full details below):
 - Gaming: \$4,486.75
 - General: \$8,051.94
 - VSB Cash Online: \$200
 - Return-It: \$1,271.75

J. Iverson will make a deposit (approx. \$400) from petty cash. The PAC needs to refund two Purdys orders and agreed to use petty cash. Details will be reported next month.

Other Business

A. Morrison cannot commit to an executive position but offered to coordinate an event, possibly during the summer.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 6-7 pm in the school library.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

| GAMING: December 1 - 31, 2023 | | | |
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| | Amount | Date | Note |
| Opening Balance | 4,585.13 | | |
| Expenses | 6.00 | December 1, 2023 | Monthly fee |
| | 2.50 | December 1, 2023 | Transaction fee x 1 |
| Deposits | N/A | | |



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| Withdrawals | 89.88 | December 5, 2023 | Chq 27 - Chad Iverson, hot chocolate stand supplies (Issued Feb. 24, 2023) |
| Closing Balance | 4,486.75 | | |

GENERAL: December 1-31, 2023

| | Amount | Date | Note |
|-----------------|----------|-------------------|--|
| Opening Balance | 7,743.38 | | |
| Expenses | 3.75 | December 1, 2023 | Monthly fee |
| Deposits | 500.00 | December 1, 2023 | ATM deposit - VD284766 (Simon Fraser Elementary PAC-to-PAC Donation) |
| Withdrawals | 187.69 | December 11, 2023 | Chq 67 - Anna Yeung |
| Closing Balance | 8,051.94 | | |

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 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 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 | | | |



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| 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 20-21 | Family photography session | TBD | TBD |
| 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 |
| 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 |