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THUNDERBIRD PAC MINUTES

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 6:08-7:11 pm in the school library and on Zoom

Attendees:

S. Beamont, M. Chau, C. Iverson, J. Iverson (Chair, minutes), T. Namba, D. Than (Treasurer), B. Toews (School Principal), R. Wong, 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 6:08 pm on June 7, 2023 by Jessica Iverson, Chair.

Agenda The June 7, 2023 agenda was adopted by general consent.

Meeting Minutes The May 3, 2023 meeting minutes were approved by general consent.

Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Members discussed the Thunderbird School Bike Fest held on May 31. Key points were as follows:

- The bike mechanic was good but also busy. The sign-up process could be smoother (first come, first served), and an additional mechanic would help.
- The snacks were good and freezies in particular were a hit.
- People enjoyed the bike decoration station and bubbles.
- Need more help with the bike wash station.
- There were a few crashes on the obstacle course.
- Overall, the event exceeded expectations.
- Thank you to Ruby!

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

School Organization

- 213 students
- 9 divisions

Recent and Upcoming Events/Activities at Thunderbird

The Big One at 2 pm – Report Out

- School wide Earthquake Drill went well. Students were calm and staff rehearsed their routines.
- Staff asking for PAC’s support to create a Comfort Kit Bin with games/cards/books in it to help keep students engaged when outside. Requesting \$500. Teachers will determine supplies. Supplies would stay in the bin. They would be used annually



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during the drill and in the event of an actual earthquake.
Members voted to **APPROVE** the request.

Grade 7 Moving Forward Celebrations

- Grade 7 Picnic – June 19, 2023
- Moving Forward Ceremony – June 22, 2023

Pride Month

- June is Pride Month. Throughout the month of June, we commemorated the LGBTQ+ community, uplifting the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people. We teach that everyone deserves the same rights and respect in our society. The word "Pride" was originally an acronym that stood for Personal Rights in Defense and Education, an organization started in 1966 to fight for equal rights for LGBTQ+ people in California. But of course, there's also the double meaning of Pride, which describes the feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction people get from their achievements or best qualities. Pride is also seen as the "consciousness of one's own dignity."
- On Monday, May 1, 2023, the Vancouver Board Education adopted an updated [SOGI policy \(Policy 17\)](#).

Indigenous Heritage Month

- June is Indigenous Heritage Month, a time when we as a nation commemorate Indigenous History. During this month, take time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples across Canada. We reflect upon past injustices and atrocities, and look toward advancing reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis Nations across Canada. At Thunderbird, with the help of our Indigenous Enhancement Worker, we are committed to increasing the knowledge, acceptance, empathy, awareness and appreciation of Indigenous histories, traditions, cultures, and contributions among all students.

Welcome to Kindergarten

- Thunderbird welcomed our next year's kindergarten students at our annual Welcome to Kindergarten event. Students and their guardians met their teachers and toured the school. The anticipation of starting school is always an exciting time but can



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come with some anxieties. Having our newest members of our school community familiarize themselves with the staff and school site always helps to calm some nerves. It was great to meet our newest community members.

Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

- PAC meeting @ 6 pm in the library and on [TEAMS](#)
 - All parents are welcome, please enter the school between 5:45-6 pm. The door will be locked at 6 pm for security.
 - To join online: [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Babysitters for school aged children is provided.

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

- PAC BINGO/Family Fun Night

Sunday, June 18, 2023

- Father's Day

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

- Indigenous Peoples' Day

Thursday, June 22, 2023

- Grade 7 Moving Forward Ceremony – for families of Grade 7 students

Friday, June 23, 2023

- PAC coffee in the morning

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

- School Picnic – Sunrise Park

Thursday, June 29, 2023

- Year End Assembly
- Last Day of School – report cards go home

Chair's Report

J. Iverson provided the following report:

- a. A vacancy exists on the PAC Executive for Secretary. The meeting materials included a PAC Duties document that outlines the role and responsibilities. Members-at-large or event volunteers also welcome.
- b. Parent Engagement Initiatives



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- i. Family Fun Night on June 14. Members discussed duties and details:
 - a. D. Than and A. Yeung: purchasing food.
 - b. A. Yeung: ordered games; donating chalk.
 - c. J. Iverson: donating markers; purchasing streamers, scissors, gloves; ordering pizza.
 - d. School sending reminder.
 - e. Dinner 6:15-6:45 pm; BINGO 6:45-7:30 pm.
 - f. Volunteers arrive at 5 pm for setup.
- ii. Next coffee stand is Friday, June 23 at 8:45 am. It will be the final coffee stand of the schoolyear. Volunteers welcome!
- iii. Next treat fundraiser is Friday, June 23 after school. Members decided to sell only big freezies. D. Than and A. Yeung may purchase, but R. Wong will ask Canadian Tire for a donation.

c. Upcoming PAC Initiatives & Deadlines

- i. Community Gaming Grant application deadline is June 30. D. Than is preparing the application.
- ii. PAC is sponsoring grade 7 graduation activities (student caricatures, picnic lunch, leaving ceremony refreshments). Caricatures are underway. A. Yeung: work with teachers to order pizza; purchase full sheet cake (vanilla cake + vanilla icing) + four dozen cupcakes. J. Iverson: purchase remaining lunch items (chips, cookies, drinks).
- iii. DPAC AGM is Thursday, June 22. J. Iverson may attend.

Fundraising Initiatives

- a. Spirit Wear: A. Yeung said the screening will be finished by Friday, June 9 and items should be ready for distribution next week.
- b. Brainstorm ideas for 2023-24: Seed sale fundraiser (J. Iverson, C. Iverson to research), on-site photographer (R. Wong to research), frozen pie sale (A. Yeung to research), monthly treat stands. A. Yeung also suggested a parent pub night (community engagement initiative).

Treasurer's Report

- D. Than provided the following report:
- a. As of May 31, 2023, balances of PAC accounts are as follows (see full details below):
 - Gaming: \$3,504.67
 - General: \$10,032.10
 - VSB Cash Online: \$200



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- Return-It: \$1,249.45

b. Cash count: \$613.05

2023-24 PAC Meeting Schedule

Members considered the following schedule. The pattern is the same as the 2022-23 school year (first Wednesday of every month with the exception of September and January).

- Wednesday, September 13, 2023
- Wednesday, October 4, 2023
- Wednesday, November 1, 2023
- Wednesday, December 6, 2023
- Wednesday, January 10, 2024
- Wednesday, February 7, 2024
- Wednesday, March 6, 2024
- Wednesday, April 3, 2024
- Wednesday, May 1, 2024
- Wednesday, June 5, 2024

PAC Chair Election

Members confirmed the schedule, and decided to return to in-person only meetings. Online attendance has been very low the entire year. J. Iverson was acclaimed as elected as PAC Chair for the 2023-24 school year. The next regular Chair election will be held in June 2024.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 6-7 pm in the school library.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

GAMING: May 1-31, 2023			
	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	3,562.70		
Expenses	5.00	May 1, 2023	Monthly fee
	2.50	May 1, 2023	Regular transaction fee x1
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	17.05	May 1, 2023	Chq 32 - Anna Yeung, gingerbread house event supplies (Feb 11/23)



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	33.48	May 15, 2023	Chq 34 - Anna Yeung, PAC meeting pizza dinner (May 3/23)
Closing Balance	3,504.67		

GENERAL: May 1-31, 2023			
	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	10,035.85		
Expenses	3.75	May 1, 2023	Monthly fee
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	N/A		
Closing Balance	10,032.10		