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THUNDERBIRD PAC MINUTES

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 6:09-7:06 pm in the school library and on Zoom

Attendees:

S. Beamont, C. Iverson, J. Iverson (Chair, minutes), Parisa J., N. Sattam, 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 6:09 pm on March 1, 2023 by Jessica Iverson, Chair.

Agenda

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

Meeting Minutes

The February 1, 2022 meeting minutes were approved by general consent.

Business Arising from the Minutes

J. Iverson reported the Purdys fundraiser total: \$633.02. Funds were deposited into the General account.

Members discussed the gingerbread build event held on February 16. Key points were as follows:

- Success! A quick and fun event.
- Thanks to S. Beaumont for the house structure and A. Yeung/Save-On-Foods for the gingerbread kits.

Hot chocolate + cookie sale on February 24/28 raised \$114.45. The PAC will provide fruit leather for a vegan option going forward.

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

International Women’s Day

For the last week before spring break, we will be recognizing International Women’s Day, Wednesday, March 8th. At Thunderbird we will focus on the contributions of strong women in our society and our own personal lives. The theme for this year’s International Women’s Day is “**DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality**”. This theme is aligned with the priority theme for the upcoming 67th Session



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of the [Commission on the Status of Women \(CSW-67\)](#), “**Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls**”. The United Nations Observance of IWD recognizes and celebrates the women and girls who are championing the advancement of transformative technology and digital education. IWD 2023 will explore the impact of the digital gender gap on widening economic and social inequalities. The event will also spotlight the importance of protecting the rights of women and girls in digital spaces and addressing online and ICT-facilitated gender-based violence. Collectively, we can all help create an inclusive world. I hope that with in your homes you can reflect upon how we can make a difference and choose to challenge the status quo for a better, more equal world.

Family Literacy Night

Thunderbird Staff, in collaboration with the Thunderbird PAC, will be hosting a Family Literacy Night on **Wednesday, March 8th @ 4:00pm – 6:00pm**. This night will start off with an Indigenous Welcome and story from Ray McKeown, Lakota Metis Elder, followed by fun Literacy Stations set up in our gym until 5:30pm at which time we will have light refreshments.

- 4:00pm – Welcome and Story
- 4:30pm – 5:30pm – Literacy Stations in the gym with a passport (Open House Station Style)
- 5:30pm – 6:00pm – Light Refreshments / New to You clothing giveaway / Book giveaway – In the Lunchroom

There will be some raffle door prizes for kids and adults at the time.

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

Monday, March 6, 2023

- Superstars Assembly – staff and students



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Wednesday, March 8, 2023

- Family Literacy Night @ 4:00pm – 6:00pm
- International Women's Day

Monday, March 13 – 24, 2023

- Spring Break – no school

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.

Wednesday, April 5, 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](#). Babysitting for school aged children is provided.

Chair's Report

J. Iverson provided the following report:

- a. 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, March 31 at 8:45 am. Stand will be set up on primary side. Volunteers welcome!
- c. Upcoming PAC Initiatives & Deadlines
 - i. Thunderbird School Family Literacy Night is Wednesday, March 8. B. Toews said approx. 50 people have RSVP'd so far; estimating 100 attendees. The PAC will provide refreshments and supplies: granola bars (no peanuts), juice boxes, SunRype Fruit To Go bars, fruit and veggie platters, crackers, cheese, two-bite brownies (or similar), bottled water, coffee/tea (B. Toews to handle), cream, cups, lids, napkins, small plates. Budget: \$300-400. PAC is donating a Panago pizza dinner. Volunteers needed around 3:45 pm to help set up refreshments.



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- ii. Next hot chocolate fundraiser is Friday, March 31 after school. Volunteers needed 2:30-3:30 pm. Circulate paper flyers the week of. **Action item: J. Iverson to connect with R. Wong for flyers.**
- iii. Community Gaming Grant applications due April 1-June 30. **Action item: J. Iverson to connect with D. Than to walk through process.**
- iv. Earth Week bottle drive is April 17-21. **Action item: J. Iverson to contact Encorp to inquire about pick up and Return-It Gang plushie (for class trophy).**

Fundraising Initiatives

A. Yeung provided an update on Spirit Wear. She shared suggested prices for all items and sought feedback. The PAC decided to raise the price of all adult items to the nearest \$-0 or \$-5; keep youth prices as proposed. Orders will open the week after Spring Break and close Friday, April 14. Sample items will be available in the office.

Treasurer's Report

- D. Than provided the following report:
- a. RBC signing authorities have been updated to: J. Iverson, D. Than and A. Yeung.
 - b. As of February 27, 2023, balances of PAC accounts are as follows (see full details below):
 - Gaming: \$4,207.04
 - General: \$10,043.35
 - VSB Cash Online: \$200
 - Return-It: \$1,147.75

City of Vancouver Walk Bike Roll Event

R. Wong received \$500 grant from the City of Vancouver. Grant to be used during Bike to School Week. R. Wong suggested hosting an event at the school on Wednesday, May 31 3-5 pm. Ideas: mechanic to do free tune-ups, decorate bikes, popcorn/freezie sale, bike lessons from HUB, cargo bike rides, door prizes (ex. vouchers for local bike shops). Volunteers needed. PAC interested in supporting the event. R. Wong will provide more information as event nears.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 6-7 pm in the school library and on MS Teams.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.



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GAMING: January 30-February 27, 2023

	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	4,387.14		
Expenses	5.00	February 1, 2023	Monthly fee
	7.50	February 1, 2023	Regular transaction fee x3
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	77.08	February 3, 2023	Chq 25 (Jan 27/23 hot choc. fundraiser supplies)
	90.52	February 24, 2023	Chq 26 (Feb 16/23 gingerbread build event snacks)
Closing Balance	4,207.04		

GENERAL: January 31-February 27, 2023

	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	9,414.08		
Expenses	3.75	February 1, 2023	Monthly fee
Deposits	633.02	February 25, 2023	Purdys Xmas fundraiser
Withdrawals	N/A		
Closing Balance	10,043.35		