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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### THUNDERBIRD PAC MINUTES

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 6:07-7:05 pm in the school library

#### Attendees:

G. Habonimana, J. Iverson (Chair, minutes), N. Sattam, D. Than, B. Toews (School Principal), T. Wu, A. Yeung (Co-Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator)

<b>Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement</b>	The meeting of the Thunderbird PAC (the “PAC”) was called to order at 6:07 pm on November 2, 2022 by Jessica Iverson, Chair.
<b>Agenda</b>	The November 2, 2022 agenda was adopted by general consent.
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>	The October 5, 2022 meeting minutes were adopted by general consent.
<b>Business Arising from the Minutes</b>	Meet the Teacher and PAC Night was a success!
<b>Principal’s Report and Important Dates</b>	B. Toews provided the following report: <b>School Organization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 213 students (full school)</li><li>• 9 divisions</li></ul> <b>Recent and Upcoming Events at Thunderbird</b> <i>Terry Fox Run</i> <p>Went well and made the VSB News (website) for our long-time support of the Terry Fox Foundations. Student submitted quotes about what Terry means to them.</p> <i>Meet the Teacher/PAC Night</i> <p>Thoughts? How did it go?</p> <i>The Great BC ShakeOut</i> <p>Took place on Thursday, October 20, 2022 @ 10:20 am. We stopped, dropped, and held on, followed by an evacuation. Office reviewed the plan and reviewed the contents of the earthquake bin.</p>



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### *Teacher Requests*

- Funding for Saleema Noon (Sexual Health Educator) – \$700. To be funded by the National Council of Jewish Women - Social Action Committee
- Subsidy for grad hoodies \$5/student – Approved
- Field trip fund \$10/student

### *SPEC/Gardening*

[SPEC](#) (Society Providing Conservation Education) led free garden lessons to Thunderbird students. The School Garden Program strives to connect children to their local food systems, classmates, the natural world, and their community. Students in the program learn through inquiry, teamwork, communication, observation, and learning to build empathy for all the creatures in the garden, while developing basic gardening skills with hands-on work.

### *Girls Lunch Hour Soccer*

It is being taught by Carrie Serwetnyk, a former forward with Canada's women national soccer team from 1986 to 1991.

Soccer is a very active and physical sport that inspires players to exert themselves in a fun, socially engaging and healthy environment. Some girls, however, are too intimidated to play on their school fields. They don't always enjoy competing with boys, who can be overly aggressive and dominate play. Equal Play gives girls the opportunity to play with their female peers in a positive and encouraging environment. The program is designed to:

1. improve girls' physical activity and fitness levels and their sense of well-being;
2. increase girls' physical literacy and set them up to make healthy lifestyle choices;
3. empower girls, increasing their self-confidence through the playing of a physically engaging sport;
4. provide girls with an opportunity to be part of a sports league — particularly girls who otherwise would be unable to play a sport outside of school, due to financial, cultural or other constraints;
5. mentor girls, giving them an opportunity to gain leadership, teamwork and social inclusion skills, as well as the confidence to become sports leaders. While girls and women account for about



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47% of registered soccer players in Canada, less than 1% of paid leadership positions are held by women.

Our hope is that girls who take part in the program will be able to apply the skills they've learned to other aspects of their lives.

### *Student and Family Affordability Fund*

Approximately \$4.8 million will be distributed to schools throughout the District. Based on school size and community make-up, schools will receive between \$15,000 and \$100,000 to support the following priorities:

(Thunderbird received \$30,000)

### **Food and nutritional support for students and families.**

- Provision of nutritional snacks, food hampers, gift cards for families to use to purchase food at a local grocery store.
- Provide learning opportunities which engage students in the purchase and preparation of meals to support learning about healthy eating and nutrition.
- Support students with passes to purchase food provided through site-based cafeteria programs.

### **Supporting families and offsetting costs.**

- Support student needs for clothing, shoes, transit passes, glasses, dental work, etc.
- Offset costs to families for field studies, sport activities, graduation activities, cultural activities or events, and other educational activities/opportunities.
- Waive fees charged to families related to school courses and activities such as culinary classes, additional supplies for shop programs, instrument and equipment rentals, etc.
- Provide opportunities to engage in after school-based programs and activities such as sporting activities, homework clubs, and fine arts activities at no cost to families.

### **Expanding access to vegetarian options as part of the lunch program to support cultural, religious, and dietary needs of students.**

The remaining funds will be distributed centrally to support fine arts opportunities and experiences for students which would normally be borne by families, Indigenous cultural, nutritional, and learning



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opportunities and experiences organized by the Indigenous Education Department and support existing community partners to expand access to nutritional food and learning experiences.

The school plans to offset the heaviest cost to parents which are fieldtrips and graduation ... \$20 per head for fieldtrips, camp (largest parent cost). Also, funds will be available for food security and clothing, through gift cards. Some fund will be used to bring in educational experiences that otherwise would not be affordable to the school and would require parent support (teachers are looking into this). Additionally, all students will receive a pink shirt from the school for Pink Shirt Day.

### **Important Dates to Remember**

*Wednesday and Thursday, November 2 & 3, 2022*

- Parent Teacher (CSL) Conferences
- Early dismissal @ 2:00 pm

*Monday, November 7, 2022*

- Individual Student Photo Re-Takes

*Tuesday, November 8, 2022*

- National Indigenous Veteran's Day

*Thursday, November 10, 2022*

- National Indigenous Veteran's Day and Remembrance Day Assembly

*Friday, November 11, 2022*

- Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL

*Friday, November 18, 2022*

- PAC Morning Coffee

### **Chair's Report**

J. Iverson provided the following report:

- a. Vacancies exist on the PAC Executive for co-chair, treasurer 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, November 18 at 8:45 am. Volunteers welcome!



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- c. Upcoming PAC Initiatives & Deadlines
  - i. Bottle drives scheduled for January 9-13 and April 17-21 (Earth Week). Proceeds will be deposited into the PAC's Return-It account. B. Toews will speak to Mr. Lai about how students may support the drives.
- d. PAC contributed \$145 (\$5/student) to the school to subsidize increased costs for grade 7 hoodies.

### Fundraising Initiatives

A. Yeung said she has called various Spirit Wear vendors (including Action) and is waiting for responses.

A Yeung said the Purdys fundraiser page is ready. Next steps are emailing school the order form for printing and adding form to flyers. Information will be distributed next week. Order deadline is November 25. Orders will be sent home around December 7. B. Toews will add a standing order reminder to his newsletter. PAC will need volunteers to package orders. **Action item: add volunteer reminder to December PAC agenda.**

Update on a garden seed sale not possible at this time.

Other fundraising ideas: hot chocolates sales after school (B. Toews and A. Yeung will discuss), English Bay cookie dough sales.

School could host a bake sale if baked goods are made by a commercial bakery.

### Treasurer's Report

J. Iverson provided the following report in the absence of a Treasurer:

As of November 1, 2022, balances of PAC accounts are as follows (see full details below):

- a. Gaming: \$7,023.31
- b. General: \$8,687.36
- c. VSB Cash Online: \$200
- d. Return-It: \$911.70

### 2022/23 Field Trip Fund

The school normally asks the PAC for \$10/student for field trips. For 2022/23, costs are covered by the Student and Family Affordability Fund, as detailed in the Principal's Report. The PAC discussed still providing the funds now for use by the school next year (\$2,130 from Gaming). The decision was **APPROVED** by general consent.

### Discussions

- a. Hybrid PAC meetings – J. Iverson said a few parents have asked about hybrid meetings so they can attend remotely. The PAC agreed



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to try it for a few months. J. Iverson will set up a Zoom account. The PAC agreed to reimbursing J. Iverson for the account costs.

- b. School photos – J. Iverson asked about options for different poses in school photos. B. Toews said to talk to school admin.
- c. Friday grocery donations (AKA Backpack Buddies) – J. Iverson said a parent asked if donations will continue this year. B. Toews said Backpack Buddies is ending due to loss of funding. He said a better way to support families with food security challenges is through gift cards so families have choice.
- d. Lunchroom condiments – J. Iverson asked about the condiment selection (lunchroom only has ketchup and mustard). B. Toews said to send a list. Suggestions: Caesar dressing, soy sauce, hot sauce.

**Other Business**

None.

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 6-7 pm in the school library and on Zoom.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

October 2022			
GAMING ACCOUNT		GENERAL ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	7,706.36	Opening Balance	8,711.11
Expenses		Expenses	
*Monthly fee (Oct 3)	5.00	*Monthly fee (Oct 3)	3.75
*Regular transaction fee (Oct 3)	2.50		
Deposits	0.00	Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals		Withdrawals	
*Chq 18 (Oct 14)	302.38	*Chq 61 (Sep 23)	20.00
*Chq 17 (Oct 17)	373.17		
Closing Balance	7,023.31	Closing Balance	8,687.36