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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### THUNDERBIRD PAC MINUTES

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 6:12-7:10 pm in the school library

#### Attendees:

Cally, M. Chau, A. Fan, S. Fitzmaurice, G. Habonimana, J. Iverson (Chair, minutes), Parisa J., T. Namba, N. Sattam, L. Steegmaier, B. Toews (School Principal), T. Wu, 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 6:12 pm on October 5, 2022 by Jessica Iverson, Chair.

**Agenda** The October 5, 2022 agenda was adopted by general consent.

**Meeting Minutes** The September 14, 2022 meeting minutes were adopted by general consent.

**Business Arising from the Minutes** None to report.

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

#### **School Organization**

- 212 students (full school)
- 9 divisions

#### **Recent and Upcoming Events at Thunderbird**

##### *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*

Thunderbird recognized [Orange Shirt Day](#) and Canada’s National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Thursday, September 29 by holding an assembly to teach about reconciliation and allyship. Was student-led.

##### *Terry Fox Run*

Students will be running on Friday, October 7 in the morning.

##### *Superstars*

This week we had the honour of acknowledging our Superstar students of the month for September at our monthly virtual 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.



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### *Diwali*

October 24, 2022. Classes will participate with the help of Ms. Torrance. Diwali, or Deepawali, is [India](#)'s biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row (avail) of clay lamps (deeps) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness. This festival is as important to Hindus as the Christmas holiday is to Christians.

### *The Great BC ShakeOut*

October 20, 2022. Earthquake Drill @ 2:00pm (district wide). All students will drop, cover, hold...evacuate.

### **Teacher Requests**

Funding for Saleema Noon (Sexual Health Educator) – \$600-\$700. B. Toews currently looking into some options. UPDATE: may have funding from the National Council of Jewish Women's Social Action Committee. B. Toews will keep PAC informed.

### **Important Dates to Remember**

#### *Monday, October 10, 2022*

- Thanksgiving Statutory Holiday – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

#### *Wednesday, October 12, 2022*

- Meet the Teacher and PAC Night @ 5-6:30 pm

#### *Thursday, October 20, 2022*

- The Great BC ShakeOut Earthquake Drill @ 2 pm (district wide)

#### *Friday, October 21, 2022*

- Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

#### *Monday, October 24, 2022*

- Diwali

#### *Friday, October 28, 2022*

- PAC Morning Coffee @ 8:45 am
  - Primary playground area if sunny (S side)
  - Lunchroom if rainy (enter through S side undercover area)

#### *Monday, November 7, 2022*

- Individual student photo re-takes



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### 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. Coffee stand scheduled confirmed: Friday mornings at 8:45 on the following days: October 28, November 18, December 16, January 27, February 24, March 31, April 28, May 26, June 23. Volunteers welcome!
- c. Upcoming PAC Initiatives & Deadlines
  - i. Gaming Account Summary Report submitted on September 30, 2022. No longer pending second signature.
  - ii. Meet the Teacher and PAC Night on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, 5-6:30 pm. An opportunity for families to meet teachers and the PAC. Start in the lunchroom, B. Toews will say hello and introduce staff, PAC will speak (who we are and what we do), families will visit classrooms, light refreshments will follow. 154 RSVPs so far (adults and kids). PAC and school will split the cost of refreshments. Approx. \$350 budget. PAC invoice school for 50%.

### Fundraising Initiatives

A. Yeung said Spirit Wear order now too close to Purdys fundraiser. The PAC decided to coordinate Spirit Wear for order/delivery in the new year. Opportunity to include shirts for Pink Shirt Day on February 22, 2023. Volunteers will be needed to sort/organize/ repackage orders.

A. Yeung said Purdys fundraiser on track for November.

S. Fitzmaurice will research potential seed sales for the spring.

### Treasurer's Report

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

As of October 3, 2022, balances of PAC accounts are as follows (see full details below):

- a. Gaming: \$7,706.36
- b. General: \$8,711.11
- c. VSB Cash Online: \$200



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- Discussions**
- a. Bike rack – A parent contacted B. Toews about installing a bike rack near the back of the school. B. Toews is researching options through the School Board.
  - b. Community-building events brainstorm – Gardening event (could align with a seed sale), in-person BINGO night, food-based events at the Thunderbird Community Centre.
- Other Business** A. Yeung suggested organizing bottle drives for 2022/23. **Action item: J. Iverson to add item to next agenda.**
- Next Meeting** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 6-7 pm in the school library.
- Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

September 2022			
GAMING ACCOUNT		GENERAL ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	5,691.36	Opening Balance	8,744.86
Expenses		Expenses	
*Monthly fee (Sep 1)	5.00	*Monthly fee (Sep 1)	3.75
Deposits		Deposits	0.00
*Province of BC (Community Gaming Grant) (Sep 28)	4,020.00		
Withdrawals		Withdrawals	
*Chq 16 (Classroom and resource funds) (Sep 23)	2,000.00	*Chq 60 (Sep 14 PAC babysitting) (Sep 23)	30.00
Closing Balance	7,706.36	Closing Balance	8,711.11