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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 6:08-7:20 pm in the school library

Attendees:

C. Iverson (Fundraising Coordinator), J. Iverson (Chair, minutes), T. Namba, D. Than (Treasurer), B. Toews (School Principal), R. Wong (Fundraising Coordinator)

**Call to Order and
Territorial
Acknowledgement**

The meeting of the Thunderbird PAC (the “PAC”) was called to order at 6:13 pm on December 4, 2024 by J. Iverson, Chair.

Agenda

Members added three items under Other Business: Bike Fest, translation services, grade 6/7 camp fundraising. With those additions, the December 4, 2024 agenda was adopted by general consent.

Meeting Minutes

The November 6, 2024 meeting minutes were approved by general consent.

**Business Arising from
the Minutes**

C. Iverson reported no success with a coffee sponsorship from local vendors. Will now pursue Starbucks, A&W and McDonald’s.

**Principal’s Report
and Important Dates**

B. Toews provided the following report:

School Organization

- 185 students
- 8 divisions

What’s New

Christmas Dinner

- Wednesday, December 18, 2024: TBCC Christmas Dinner
- Not a school event, but our community is invited
- Held in our gym
- Led by the Community Centre
- Van Tech band will perform

Pancake Breakfast

- Friday, December 20, 2024
- Held in our gym
- Van Tech band will perform
- Coffee? Nothing planned with Starbucks. It’s nice to have parents come have coffee at the beginning.



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- Maybe PAC helps with this? **APPROVED. Members agreed to provide coffee and muffins. \$100 max. budget. Arrive at 8:45 am.**

Family Learning Night Update

- Wednesday, March 12, 2025 @ 4-6 pm
- Received a \$3000 grant to pay for:
 - \$800 – Food
 - \$1000 – Books
 - \$800 – Games
 - \$400 – Indigenous Storyteller
- School no longer needs the PAC's support purchasing food but still needs volunteers to help serve it.

Important Dates to Remember

Monday, December 16, 2024

- Report card #1 goes home

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

- Thunderbird Community Centre's Annual Christmas Dinner
- See Community Centre for details

Friday, December 20, 2024

- Pancake breakfast
- Last day before Winter Break

Monday, January 6, 2025

- First day back from Winter Break

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

- PAC meeting @ 6 pm in the library

Monday, January 20, 2025

- Professional Development Day – no school

Friday, January 31, 2025

- Books for Breakfast

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

- PAC meeting @ 6 pm in the library

Friday, February 14, 2025

- Professional Development Day – no school



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Monday, February 17, 2025

- Family Day Stat Holiday – no school

Friday, February 28, 2025

- Books for Breakfast

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- Ramadan begins

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

- PAC meeting @ 6 pm in the library

Monday, March 10, 2025

- Report card #2 goes home

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

- Family Learning Night 4-6 pm

March 17-28, 2025

- Spring Break – school closed

Monday, March 31, 2025

- First day back from Spring Break

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

- PAC meeting @ 6 pm in the library

Friday, April 18, 2025

- Good Friday Stat Holiday – no school

Monday, April 21, 2025

- Easter Monday Day Stat Holiday – no school

Wednesday, April 23 and Thursday, April 24, 2025

- Parent Teacher Conferences – early dismissal @ 2 pm

Friday, April 25, 2025

- Books for Breakfast

Monday, April 28, 2025

- Professional Development Day – no school

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

- PAC meeting @ 6 pm in the library

May 5-7, 2025

- Grade 6/7 camp



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Monday, May 19, 2025

- Professional Development Day – no school

Friday, May 23, 2025

- Sports Day

Friday, May 30, 2025

- Books for Breakfast

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

- PAC meeting @ 6 pm in the library

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

- PAC Spring Fair

Thursday, June 19, 2025

- Grade 7 graduation

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

- Report card #3 goes home

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

- Sunrise Park fieldtrip

Thursday, June 26, 2025

- Last day of school

Teacher Request

A \$500 request was made of the PAC for various library needs (baskets, supplies, printed materials, etc.). J. Iverson asked if the school could cover the cost and B. Toews said yes. **The PAC DENIED the request on the premise that the school should be responsible for providing fundamental curricular materials.**

Chair's Report

J. Iverson provided the following report:

- a. Community engagement initiatives
 - i. Next coffee stand discussed under Business Arising.
- b. Upcoming PAC initiatives and deadlines
 - i. The PAC is running a bottle drive January 6-10, 2025. All funds raised benefit grade 7 graduation activities. **Action: J. Iverson to send B. Toews a flyer and message for the newsletter.**

Fundraising Initiatives

R. Wong provided an update on the Astrofoods fundraiser. Sales are slow in general. There are approx. 20 sales to-date, with very few coming



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from school families (most are friends, family and community members). R. Wong anticipates less than \$200 profits. In terms of pros, the fundraiser is easily administered. The PAC will discuss final profits and whether or not to repeat again next year in January.

Treasurer's Report

D. Than provided the following report:

- a. As of November 30, 2024, balances of PAC accounts are as follows (see full details below):
 - Gaming: \$3,980.81
 - General: \$10,265.73
 - VSB Cash Online: \$300
 - Return-It: \$11.50
 - Cash Float: \$258.35

Other Business

Bike Fest

R. Wong applied for an received a \$500 grant from the City of Vancouver. Bike Fest will proceed on Wednesday, June 4, 2025. Our Community Bikes also received a grant to provide mechanic services, so the \$500 can be used other expenditures. HUB Cycling is offering a “bike bus” weekly in the month leading up to Bike to School Week. R. Wong has submitted an expression of interest. **Action item: Add Bike Fest to January agenda to begin planning.**

Translation Services

J. Iverson asked how the school's and the PAC's communications can be more accessible, specifically for English language learners. This is an equity issue; people who cannot read English are disadvantaged. B. Toews said the VSB has translation services, but it does not have the human resources to translate day-to-day communications. J. Iverson said the solution has to be scalable and suggested an AI tool. **Action item: B. Toews will speak with the District Principal of Learning and Information Technology.**

Grade 6/7 Camp Fundraising

D. Than inquired about fundraising opportunities for grade 6/7 camp. B. Toews said the subsidized cost to families is \$140 and the school has the ability to pay for any student who cannot afford to attend. He suggested fundraising is better suited to graduation activities.



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Next Meeting Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 6-7 pm in the school library.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

GAMING: November 1-30, 2024			
	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	3,991.81		
Expenses	6.00	November 1, 2024	Monthly fee
	5.00	November 1, 2024	Regular transaction fee (2 x \$2.50)
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	N/A		
Closing Balance	3,980.81		

GENERAL: November 1-30, 2024			
	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	10,318.83		
Expenses	3.75	November 1, 2024	Monthly fee
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	49.35	November 7, 2024	Chq #77 - Chad Iverson (November PAC Meeting Pizza Dinner)
Closing Balance	10,265.73		

Thunderbird PAC Monthly Events Calendar



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To volunteer for any event, please contact pac_tbrd@vsb.bc.ca.

Dates and events are subject to change.

Date	Event	Time	Location	Volunteers needed?
December 2024				
Wednesday, December 4	PAC meeting	6-7 pm	School library	No
January 2025				
Wednesday, January 8	PAC meeting	6-7 pm	School library	No
January 6-10	Bottle drive	All week	School	No
February 2025				
Monday, February 5	PAC meeting	6-7 pm	School library	No
March 2025				
Wednesday, March 5	PAC meeting	6-7 pm	School library	No
Wednesday, March 12	Family Learning Night	4-6 pm	School	Yes
April 2025				
Wednesday, April 2	PAC meeting	6-7 pm	School library	No
April 21-25	Bottle drive	All week	School	No
May 2025				
Wednesday, May 7	PAC meeting	6-7 pm	School library	No
Friday, May 30	Afterschool treat stand - TBC	2:30-3:30 pm	Undercover area	No
June 2025				
Wednesday, June 4	PAC AGM	6-7 pm	School library	No
Wednesday, June 18	Spring Carnival	4:30-7 pm	School	Yes