



THUNDERBIRD ŠX^wƏX^wAʔƏS

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THUNDERBIRD PAC MINUTES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 6:05-7:01 pm in the school library

Attendees:

S. Beamont, H. Comerford, C. Iverson, J. Iverson (Chair, minutes), T. Namba, D. Than (Treasurer), B. Toews (School Principal), R. Wong, A. Yeung (Fundraising Coordinator)

Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

The meeting of the Thunderbird PAC (the "PAC") was called to order at 6:05 pm on February 7, 2024 by J. Iverson, Chair.

Agenda

A discussion about Bike Fest was added under 6.a. The amended February 7, 2024 agenda was adopted by general consent.

Meeting Minutes

The January 10, 2024 meeting minutes were approved by general consent.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- a. Bottle drive totals: 2081 containers, \$208.10. The grade 7 students have raised over 80% of their \$250 goal.
- b. January treat stand raised more than \$103. Profits exceeded \$40.

Principal's Report and Important Dates

B. Toews provided the following report:

School Organization

- 197 students
- 9 divisions

What's New

Land Acknowledgement

With deep gratitude and respect, (we/I) (are/am) honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh Nation).

School Name

Furthering reconciliation, the official name of our school will now lead with our Indigenous name, šx^wəx^waʔəs, followed by Thunderbird. This will affect official documents and alphabetized lists of VSB schools.



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The pronunciation of šx^wəx^wa?əs is (s-kwa-us):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvfPk8bdtAU>

Lunch Hour Activities

For grades 4 and up. The TBCC is hosting lunch hour games (12:20-12:57 pm).

- Monday – Rotating PE Games G.4/5 (Gym)
- Tuesday – Art Wonderland (Library)
- Wednesday – Exploring Literature (Library)
- Thursday – Volleyball Skills (Gym)
- Friday – Rotating PE Games G.6/7 (Gym)

Books for Breakfast

Dates: February 23, March 15, April 26, May 31

Join us on February 23 at 8:15 am for *Books for Breakfast* in our lunchroom! *Books for Breakfast* is an opportunity for families to read together over breakfast at the school. There will be a variety of breakfast options and books! We encourage parents and guardians to attend! Hope to see you there.

VPD Basketball Game

As part of the Vancouver Police Department's youth outreach program, the VPD and Thunderbird will be hosting a noon-hour basketball game on Wednesday, February 21 with our grade 6 and 7 students. This game is meant to connect the VPD with the community, foster positive relationships, and enhance social responsibility amongst young people.

Important Dates to Remember

February 2024

- Black History Month

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

- Parent Teacher Conferences – 2 pm early dismissal
- PAC meeting @ 6 pm in the library

Thursday, February 8, 2024

- Parent Teacher Conferences – 2 pm early dismissal

Saturday, February 10, 2024

- Lunar New Year



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Friday, February 16, 2024

- Professional Development Day

Monday, February 19, 2024

- Family Day – no school

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

- VPD vs. grade 6/7 basketball game @ lunch in the gym

Friday, February 23, 2024

- Books for Breakfast @ 8:15 am
- PAC morning coffee @ 8:45 am

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

- Pink Shirt Day

Thursday, March 7, 2024

- Family Literacy Night @ 4-6 pm

Sunday, March 10, 2024

- Ramadan begins

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

- Report card #2 goes home

Friday, March 15, 2024

- Books for Breakfast @ 8:15 am
- PAC morning coffee @ 8:45 am

Saturday, March 16-Monday, April 1, 2024

- Spring Break

Monday, April 1, 2024

- Easter Monday – school closed

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

- School reopens after Spring Break

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

- PAC meeting @ 6 pm in the library

Monday, April 22, 2024

- Professional Development Day

Friday, April 26, 2024

- Books for Breakfast @ 8:15 am
- PAC morning coffee @ 8:45 am



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Tuesday, April 30, 2024

- Class photographs

Chair's Report

J. Iverson provided the following report:

- a. Community engagement initiatives
 - i. The next coffee stand is Friday, February 23. The stand coincides with *Books for Breakfast*. Coffee will be served with breakfast.
 - ii. Gingerbread house event will not proceed this year. Members discussed planning earlier for a Family Day activity next year.
 - iii. Members reviewed the volunteer schedule for the Family Literacy Night on Thursday, March 7. The event starts at 4 pm and food will be served at 5:30 pm. Set up food at 3 pm; be prepared to serve food by 5 pm.
 - iv. Bike Fest planning is underway. Nootka Bicycle Co. will provide the mechanics (sign up on site; first come, first served).

Responsibilities were assigned as follows:

- Hastings Community Police: R. Wong
- Two mechanics: R. Wong
- Snacks: J. Iverson
- Obstacle course: S. Beamont
- Bike decorations: E. Griffiths (TBC)
- Door prizes: R. Wong, C. Iverson, J. Iverson
- Confirming teacher involvement: B. Toews

- b. Upcoming PAC initiatives and deadlines
 - i. The next afterschool treat stand is Friday, February 23. The March event is cancelled due to Spring Break. **Action item: A. Yeung to purchase supplies.**
 - ii. Family photography session is April 20-21. Online booking opens 2 weeks prior (April 10 for Thunderbird families, April 13 for community). Save the date will be circulated in March. Photographer collects payment and makes a lumpsum donation to the PAC. **Action items: R. Wong to advertise to community on Facebook and via Community Centre. C. Iverson and J. Iverson to advertise to community via Thunderbird Preschool.**

Fundraising Initiatives

- a. A. Yeung provided an update on Spirit Wear. Clothing is ready for pickup and volunteers are needed to pick and package orders. Profits are still TBD. J. Iverson noted last year's profits were not



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deposited into the PAC's account. **Action item: A. Yeung to connect with school to sort out missing profits from 2023.**

Treasurer's Report

D. Than provided the following report:

a. As of January 31, 2024, balances of PAC accounts are as follows (see full details below):

- Gaming: \$4,478.25
- General: \$9,195.67
- VSB Cash Online: \$200
- Return-It: \$1,479.85 (\$208.10 reserved for graduation activities)

J. Iverson reported a \$25.75 refund from petty cash for an unfulfilled Purdys order.

Members approved making a \$500 donation to the school for story workshop supplies. The funds will come from the Gaming account.

Other Business

Members discussed purchasing/collecting reusable (non-breakable) cutlery and dishes for use at future events. **Action item: R. Wong and C. Iverson to acquire approx. 200 forks in time for Family Literacy Night.**

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 6-7 pm in the school library.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.

GAMING: January 1-31, 2024

	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	4,486.75		
Expenses	6.00	January 2, 2024	Monthly fee
	2.50	January 2, 2024	Transaction fee x 1
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	N/A		



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Closing Balance	4,478.25		
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GENERAL: January 1-31, 2024

	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	8,051.94		
Expenses	3.75	January 2, 2024	Monthly fee
Deposits	1,147.48	January 11, 2024	Purdys Xmas fundraiser \$700.48; cash from float \$447
Withdrawals	N/A		
Closing Balance	9,195.67		

Thunderbird PAC Monthly Events Calendar

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

Dates and events are subject to change.

Date	Event	Time	Location
February 2024			
Wednesday, February 7	PAC meeting	6-7 pm	School library
Thursday, February 15 NOT PROCEEDING	Gingerbread house event – TBC	TBC	TBC
Friday, February 23	Morning coffee	8:45-9:30 am	Activity room
Friday, February 23	Afterschool treat stand	2:30-3:30 pm	Undercover area
March 2024			
Wednesday, March 6	PAC meeting	6-7 pm	School library
Thursday, March 7	Family Literacy Night	4-6 pm	School
Friday, March 15	Morning coffee	8:45-9:30 am	Activity room



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Friday, March 15 CANCELLED	Afterschool treat stand	2:30-3:30 pm	Undercover area
April 2024			
Wednesday, April 3	PAC meeting	6-7 pm	School library
April 20-21	Family photography session	TBD	TBD
April 22-26	Bottle drive	All week	School
Friday, April 26	Morning coffee	8:45-9:30 am	Activity room
Friday, April 26	Afterschool treat stand	2:30-3:30 pm	Undercover area
May 2024			
Wednesday, May 1	PAC meeting	6-7 pm	School library
Friday, May 24	Sports Day	9-11:30 am	School
Friday, May 31	Morning coffee	8:45-9:30 am	Activity room
Friday, May 31	Afterschool treat stand	2:30-3:30 pm	Undercover area
June 2024			
Wednesday, June 5	Bike Fest	2:30-4:30 pm	School
Wednesday, June 5	PAC meeting	6-7 pm	School library
Thursday, June 13	Spring Carnival	4:30-7 pm	School
Thursday, June 20	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony	TBD	School
Friday, June 21	Morning coffee	8:45-9:30 am	Undercover area
Friday, June 21	Afterschool treat stand	2:30-3:30 pm	Undercover area