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Wednesday, February 5, 2025 6:08-7:13 pm in the school library

Attendees:

M. Chau, C. Iverson (Fundraising Coordinator), J. Iverson (Chair, minutes), 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 6:08 pm on February 5, 2025 by J. Iverson, Chair.
Agenda	J. Iverson added a discussion of school sidewalks to the agenda. With that revision, the February 5, 2025 agenda was adopted by general consent.
Meeting Minutes	The January 8, 2025 meeting minutes were approved by general consent.
Business Arising from the Minutes	<p>The January bottle drive resulted in 1176 containers, or \$117.60 raised. Funds are reserved for grade 7 graduation activities.</p> <p>J. Iverson posted in a PAC Facebook group to crowdsource ideas for translation services. The post did not generate any ideas or suggestions that the PAC isn’t doing or hasn’t considered. In line with the school, J. Iverson has added a “please translate” note to PAC emails in languages most commonly spoken by families (Arabic, Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish, Vietnamese, Tagalog) and linked to Google Translate.</p>
Principal’s Report and Important Dates	<p>B. Toews provided the following report:</p> <p>School Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 187 students• 8 divisions <p>What’s New</p> <p><i>Black History Month</i></p> <p>The theme for Black History Month 2025 is Celebrating the Mosaic: Black is Limitless.</p> <p>This theme encourages us to explore the diversity of Black culture and history and serves as a reminder that Black people have been and continue to be trailblazers in many areas of life. It also serves as an</p>



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invitation to examine one's own connection to Black history, culture, and identity.

During this month, students will have many opportunities to learn about and celebrate the important contributions of Black Canadians to our society.

Saleema Noon

Funding for Saleema Noon (Sexual Health Educator) – FULLY FUNDED

As part of the Physical and Health Education program mandated for all BC students by the Ministry for Education, students will be receive instruction in sexual health education. We are hoping to have this done by Saleema Noon Body Science, teaching Physical and Health Education in an age-appropriate way.

Pink Shirt Day

There was a mistake in last month's calendar. It is on Wednesday, February 26 not Monday, February 24.

Family Learning Night:

Food – What shall we get?

- Juice boxes, water (hot/cold), tea, the usual food (cheese, crackers, meats, veggies, fruits, small desserts).
- Food budget is \$500. C. Iverson will purchase the food and the school will reimburse.

secəlenəx^w - Morgan Guerin is a Musqueam Artist who will be acknowledging the land and telling a story. Bio:

My name is secəlenəx^w and I was born and raised at Musqueam. My father was George Guerin and my grandfather was Arnold Guerin. I have relatives from pəneləxət^ə (Penelakut), to Oregon, to Norway. Fishing is in my blood. For the past 20 years, I have worked as a Fisheries Officer for Musqueam. Fish, particularly salmon, are important for the Musqueam people and always have been. Of course we eat fish, but we also learn a lot during the process of harvesting and preparing fish.

Some of my earliest memories took place on a boat. I think I was six years old when I first went fishing. I didn't know then, but I was learning about my people, our history, and how to care for our



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natural resources. I thought I was just learning to fish. Now I understand my teachings started way back then. I learned that I belong to a rich culture with strong traditions, despite the fact that we have had to adapt to major changes over the past 150 years.

For the exhibition *čəsnaʔəm*, the city before the city, I made antler tools, a large sturgeon harpoon, and harpoon points. Making belongings based on oral histories and stories in my community is really interesting and fun. It teaches me to respect my elders and to respect how much they know. By learning from our oral histories, I have transformed a deer bone into a tool to spear fish. When I make these belongings, I also learn about physics, geography, and history.

The sturgeon harpoon I made is 32 feet long and is evidence of our strong oral history. It was built completely based on information shared by the elders of my community, none of whom had ever seen one but retold stories they had heard about making and using harpoons. I used these detailed stories to create a brand new harpoon. We would not be able to use this harpoon today, however, because we are concerned about the welfare of the sturgeon: it is an at-risk species.

I am also a Musqueam councilor. That means I am an elected official who works alongside ten other elected councilors leading our community towards the future. Leadership here means listening to the community and representing what they want; it is part of being *səyəm*, a respected member of the Musqueam community.

Lunch Hour Activities

For grades 4 and up, 12:20-12:55 pm. The TBCC is hosting lunch hour games:

- Tuesday – Rotating PE Games G. 4/5 (Gym)
- Thursday – Rotating PE Games G. 6/7 (Gym)
- Friday – Arts and Crafts G. 6/7 (Room 103)

Important Dates to Remember

Friday, February 14, 2025

- Professional Development Day – no school

Monday, February 17, 2025

- Family Day Stat Holiday – no school



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Wednesday, February 26, 2025

- Pink Shirt Day

Friday, February 28, 2025

- Books for Breakfast
- Parent Reading Workshop (Kindergarten to Grade 2) @ 9-10:30 am in the lunchroom
- 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

Chair's Report

J. Iverson provided the following report:

- a. Community engagement initiatives
 - i. Next coffee stand is TBD. Members discussed purchasing a coffee maker instead of securing a sponsor. In terms of sponsors, McDonalds was suggested.
 - ii. Family Learning Night is Wednesday, March 12. Members discussed the night under the Principal's Report. R. Wong will create a flyer to solicit volunteers. Volunteer shifts are 3-4 pm and 5:15-6:15 pm. **Action: C. Iverson to grocery shop; R. Wong to create flyer.**
 - iii. Bike Fest is Wednesday, June 4. Our Community Bikes' grant ends in March, so R. Wong will connect with Nootka Bikes for a mechanic. Members agreed on a draft budget as follows: \$200 mechanic; \$200 Playland gift card, unless R. Wong can get passes donated, in which case the gift card will be \$50; \$50 printing costs (flyers, etc.); \$50 miscellaneous. Members agreed to the PAC covering food costs (approx. \$150). **Action item: R. Wong to ask about Playland pass donations.**



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- iv. Spring Carnival discussion item was moved to next month.
- b. Upcoming PAC initiatives and deadlines
 - i. A bottle drive is scheduled for April 21-25 to coincide with Earth Week. Once again, all funds raised benefit grade 7 graduation activities.
- c. The PAC was contacted by Jeff Spence, District Principal, Learning and Information Technology, regarding use of its District-provisioned vsb M365 account for email (i.e., pac_tbrd@vsb.bc.ca). The account has editing privileges for VSB websites that pose security risks. As a result, the PAC will begin using a Gmail account and auto-forward emails from the @vsb account. **Action: J. Iverson to set up new Gmail account.**

Fundraising Initiatives

R. Wong reached out to My Frosty Dessert Cafe but has not received a response. After further consideration, C. Iverson does not think the dessert coupon idea is profitable.

Apart from pink and orange shirt sales, the PAC is pausing fundraising activities for the time being.

Treasurer's Report

D. Than provided the following report:

- a. As of January 31, 2025, balances of PAC accounts are as follows (see full details below):
 - Gaming: \$3,928.83
 - General: \$10,361.96
 - VSB Cash Online: \$300
 - Return-It: \$155.90 (\$117.60 reserved for graduation activities)
 - Cash Float: \$198.45

\$60 is missing from the float. The float is kept in a locked safe in the school office. B. Toews will look into matters.

Networking/Brainstorming with Neighbourhood PACs

R. Wong suggested a mixer with other PACs in the surrounding area as a means to network, brainstorm ideas and possibly even collaborate on initiatives. Schools include: wə́kʷańəs tə syaqʷəm, Maquinna, Nootka, Renfrew, A.R. Lord. Members agreed to begin by gathering PAC email addresses and then deciding on the purpose of the message. **Action item: R. Wong and J. Iverson to collect PAC email addresses.**



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School Sidewalks	With the recent snowfall and cold weather, J. Iverson noticed the sidewalks around the school were not cleared on Monday, February 3, and asked whose responsibility it is to maintain them. B. Toews said it is the District's responsibility, but they have a small crew and a large number of schools to service. B. Toews said parents could write the school a letter noting their concerns that he will then forward to the District.
Other Business	None.
Next Meeting	Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 6-7 pm in the school library.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

GAMING: January 1-31, 2025

	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	3,974.81		
Expenses	6.00	January 2, 2025	Monthly fee
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	39.98	January 6, 2025	Cheque #51 - Chad Iverson (Refreshments for families @ pancake breakfast)
Closing Balance	3,928.83		

GENERAL: January 1- 31, 2025

	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	10,051.98		
Expenses	3.75	January 2, 2025	Monthly fee
Deposits	390.08	January 3, 2025	Astro Foods Fundraiser



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	20.00	January 9, 2025	ATM Deposit - VD713842 (Astro Foods Fundraiser)
Withdrawals	47.00	January 10, 2025	Chq #80 - Chad Iverson (January PAC Meeting Pizza Dinner)
	49.35	January 10, 2025	Chq #79 - Chad Iverson (December PAC Meeting Pizza Dinner)
Closing Balance	10,361.96		

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	Volunteers needed?
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	Bike Fest	TBD	School	Yes
Wednesday, June 4	PAC AGM	6-7 pm	School library	No
Wednesday, June 18	Spring Carnival	4:30-7 pm	School	Yes