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Wednesday, March 6, 2024 6:10-7:15 pm in the school library

Attendees:

S. Beamont, M. Chau, 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 6:10 pm on March 6, 2024 by J. Iverson, Chair.

Agenda The March 6, 2024 agenda was adopted by general consent.

Meeting Minutes The February 7, 2024 meeting minutes were approved by general consent.

Business Arising from the Minutes None.

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

School Organization

- 198 students
- 9 divisions

What’s New

Whole School Field Trip

CircusWest has offered Thunderbird 100 tickets for 12:30pm May 30 matinee show of THE LITTLE PRINCE CIRCUS at the PNE Forum. The Little Prince, fable and modern classic by French aviator and writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, was published as Le Petit Prince in 1943. The simple tale tells the story of a child, the little prince, who travels the universe gaining wisdom. Our circus adaptation follows a young prince who visits various circus planets, including Earth, and addresses themes of loneliness, friendship, love, and loss. The show is performed by CircusWest’s teen circus artists in a 90-minute production complete with daring aerials and compelling ground circus acts.

This opportunity is made possible by the RENEE WITHERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND, whose aim is to offer CircusWest shows and training opportunities to those that may otherwise not have the chance.



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Charter busses provided for Div. 4-9. City Busses for Div. 1-3. Busses paid for by Day Tippers granting organization (\$1380).

Books for Breakfast

The books for breakfast was a success. We will work on getting coffee there earlier and more food.

VPD Basketball Game

Rescheduled for April 24 with our grade 6 and 7 students at lunchtime.

Arts Umbrella

Thunderbird students had the opportunity to make art with the Van Go program from [Arts Umbrella](#). We made art inspired by mandalas. Mandala means circle in the Sanskrit language. We can see circular flowers and other circular patterns in nature and all around us in the world. We used pastels and water colours. Thank you to [Arts Umbrella](#) for this wonderful opportunity, and to the staff that made it happen.

Soccer

This March and April we have lunchtime soccer for grade 3 girls and up on our gravel field. Interested students will work with Carrie Serwetnyk, a former forward with Canada's women national soccer team from 1986 to 1991, to learn skills, have fun, and develop a passion for sport. This program brought to us by [Equal Play](#), who is goal is to create positive changes for girls and women on and off the field.

Important Dates to Remember

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



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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

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

- *Class photographs*

Chair's Report

J. Iverson provided the following report:

- a. Community engagement initiatives
 - i. Family Literacy Night is on Thursday, March 7. Volunteer schedule is detailed in the previous month's minutes.
 - ii. The next coffee stand is Friday, March 15. The stand coincides with *Books for Breakfast*. Coffee will be served with breakfast.
 - iii. Bike Fest is Wednesday, June 5. R. Wong summarized donations from Canadian Tire, including four scooters. The PAC needs to decide if the scooters will be raffled (sell tickets) or given away.
Action item: J. Iverson to research licensing requirements for raffles.
 - iv. Spring Carnival is Thursday, June 13. Members discussed hiring entertainment (ideas: magician, Red Fox Society, Vancouver Tap Dance Society, puppet show). BINGO is confirmed; need to purchase prizes or solicit donations. **Action items: S. Beamont to speak with Superstore General Manager about donations (gift cards); J. Iverson to research Red Fox Society.**
- b. Upcoming PAC initiatives and deadlines
 - i. Family photography session is advertised for Saturday, April 20; if there are enough requests the photographer will also book Sunday, April 21. Save the date will be circulated before Spring Break.



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ii. The next afterschool treat stand is Friday, April 26. The March event is cancelled due to Spring Break. **Action item: A. Yeung to purchase lemonade and cookies.**

c. J. Iverson and D. Than received results of the PAC Gaming Control Self-Assessment Questionnaire they completed in December 2023. The Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch did not identify any specific areas of non-compliance.

Treasurer's Report

D. Than provided the following report:

a. As of February 29, 2024, balances of PAC accounts are as follows (see full details below):

- Gaming: \$4,472.25
- General: \$8,910.59
- VSB Cash Online: \$200
- Return-It: \$1,483.15 (\$211.40 reserved for graduation activities)

Action item: J. Iverson to confirm Cash Online balance.

Fundraising Initiatives

a. A. Yeung is still waiting for an invoice. A. Yeung gave B. Toews \$457 cash for cash orders; all other orders were placed online via the school. The school will pay the invoice and write the PAC a cheque for the difference. A. Yeung anticipated profits of approx. \$265 for 2023/24. A. Yeung reported profits of \$293.70 for 2022/23. The school has not paid the PAC. **Action item: A. Yeung to email amount to the school so a cheque can be prepared.**

Members decided to order approx. 100 orange and pink shirts for ongoing sales beginning in September 2024. **Action item: J. Iverson and A. Yeung to arrange order.**

b. A. Yeung contacted Bin 4 about a pub night for Thunderbird parents and guardians. Bin 4 has a no-charge private room that holds up to 45 people and folks can order off the menu, but the room has to be vacated by a certain time. Members discussed organizing a 50/50 (subject to licensing requirements). Potential dates: Friday, May 10 or Saturday, May 11. **Action item: A. Yeung to contact Bin 4 and Steamworks Brewery to check availability.**

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 6-7 pm in the school library.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.



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GAMING: February 1-29, 2024			
	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	4,478.25		
Expenses	6.00	February 1, 2024	Monthly fee
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	N/A		
Closing Balance	4,472.25		

GENERAL: February 1-29, 2024			
	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	9,195.67		
Expenses	3.75	February 1, 2024	Monthly fee
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	281.33	February 28, 2024	Chq 68 - Anna Yeung
Closing Balance	8,910.59		

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
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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
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	Undercover area
Friday, May 31	Afterschool treat stand	2:30-3:30 pm	Activity room
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