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Wednesday, March 5, 2025 6:11-7:03 pm in the school library

Attendees:

Dung Trung Doan, C. Iverson (Fundraising Coordinator), J. Iverson (Chair, minutes), 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 6:11 pm on March 5, 2025 by J. Iverson, Chair.

Agenda

The March 5, 2025 agenda was adopted by general consent.

Meeting Minutes

The February 5, 2025 meeting minutes were approved by general consent.

Business Arising from the Minutes

The new PAC email address for use going forward is thunderbirdpac@gmail.com. Transitioning from @vsb account is a work in progress.

Missing \$60 from cash float not found. To mitigate future issues, the PAC will purchase a new, lockable cashbox. The box will be stored in the school safe but the PAC will hold the key.

Principal’s Report and Important Dates

B. Toews provided the following report:

School Organization

- 184 students
- 8 divisions

What’s New

Ramadan

This month Ramadan is observed by many families in our community and throughout the world. Ramadan begins **Friday, February 28** and will end at sundown on **Saturday, March 29**. Ramadan is the holy month which begins with the first sighting of the crescent Moon. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It is considered a holy month that honors the time when Allah, through the angel Gabriel, revealed the first verses of the Qur’an, the holy book of Islam, to a caravan trader named Muhammad. The final evening of Ramadan culminates with a celebration



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called **Eid al-Fitr**, on March 29, when the month-long fast is ended with a feast.

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 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.

April 1 Parent information evening. Online. Link will be sent out.

April 4 student sessions. Students will be split into K/1, 2/3, 4/5, 6/7.

Family Learning Night

All set.

Chan Centre Event

The UBC Chan Centre is offering Šx^wƏx^waʔəs Thunderbird School families the opportunity to see **Storytelling & Métis Jigging with Viper Central** on **Sunday, April 13 at 3 pm** at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts at the University of British Columbia.

There are complimentary tickets and free transportation via chartered bus leaving from Thunderbird School, to the Chan Centre at approximately 2 pm, and returning after the show, leaving UBC at approximately 4:15 pm back to the school. This one-hour show has no intermission, making it a perfect event for families. It is presented as part of the UBC family-friendly series, inspired at the Chan. Suggested age is 5+. **Parent or adult guardian must be in attendance with their child.** If you are committed to attending, please fill out this online form [here](#) by **Thursday, March 27**. The Chan Centre needs firm numbers by this date. Please note that this is not a Thunderbird event, but hosted and paid for by UBC's Chan Centre.

Sports Team Jerseys

Considering the success of our basketball team (now in the final 16 teams in VSB), we have asked some of our partner organizations to help us purchase new jerseys as our current ones are very old.



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We have received funding from:

- St. George's: new all-purpose jerseys (\$ quote TBA)
- Collingwood school: volleyball jerseys (\$1600)
- Kitchener elementary/parents (Not PAC): basketball jerseys (\$700) – ORDERED

Choir

Over the past few months students have been working with Ms. Cynthia from the St. James Music Academy and their outreach program to learn choir songs. On **Friday, March 14 at 2 pm**, classes will be performing for the school at our Superstars Assembly. The student led assembly is approximately 45 minutes long, with our regular learning and superstar presentations, followed by the class performances at the end of it. There will be limited seating and standing room for parents to come and see.

Important Dates to Remember

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

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

- Saleema Noon parent evening

Friday, April 4, 2025

- Saleema Noon presentations

Chair's Report

J. Iverson provided the following report:

- a. Community engagement initiatives
 - i. Family Learning Night is Wednesday, March 12. Volunteer flyer needs to be circulated. **Action: J. Iverson to send flyer and message to B. Toews for circulation.**
 - ii. Bike Fest is Wednesday, June 4. R. Wong secured two Playland passes for grand prize for wheeling to school throughout the week. Grand prize draw will be on Friday, June 6. The PAC will



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now purchase a \$50 gift card to accompany the passes. Nootka Bikes is confirmed for two mechanics (\$200). Hastings Community Policing is participating. Grant can cover \$150 for food. Scooter from last year will be a door prize at Bike Fest. Any student who wheels to Bike Fest will be entered into the draw. Stations: bike decorations, ramp, police booth, snacks, mechanic.

iii. Spring Carnival is Wednesday, June 18. J. Iverson has emailed Red Fox Society but has not received a response yet. The PAC will continue discussing this item 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.

ii. J. Iverson gathered email addresses for PAC outreach. Questions to ask: What businesses, local or otherwise, are supportive of PACs? What are profitable fundraisers? What communication channels work (incl. for non-English speakers)? **Action: J. Iverson and R. Wong to draft message.**

Fundraising Initiatives

R. Wong suggested a fancy frozen treat day from TCBY Frozen Yogurt. Could either run as a fundraiser or replace a freezie day in the spring.
Action: R. Wong to gather information from TCBY.

Treasurer's Report

J. Iverson provided the following report in D. Than's absence:

a. As of February 28, 2025, balances of PAC accounts are as follows (see full details below):

- Gaming: \$3,920.33
- General: \$10,311.21
- VSB Cash Online: \$300
- Return-It: \$155.90 (\$117.60 reserved for graduation activities)
- Cash Float: \$198.45

Online donations to the VSB Cash Online account generates an immediate tax receipt for donators.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 6-7 pm in the school library.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.



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GAMING: February 1-28, 2025

	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	3,928.83		
Expenses	6.00	February 3, 2025	Monthly fee
	2.50	February 3, 2025	Transaction fee (1 x \$2.50)
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	N/A		
Closing Balance	3,920.33		

GENERAL: February 1-28, 2025

	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	10,361.96		
Expenses	3.75	February 3, 2025	Monthly fee
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	47.00	February 10, 2025	Chq #81 - Chad Iverson (February PAC Meeting Pizza Dinner)
Closing Balance	10,311.21		

Thunderbird PAC Monthly Events Calendar

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

Dates and events are subject to change.



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Date	Event	Time	Location	Volunteers needed?
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