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Wednesday, May 7, 2025 6:04-7:06 pm in the school library

Attendees:

M. Chau, J. Iverson (Chair, minutes), S. Liu, V. Nguyen, 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 6:04 pm on May 7, 2025 by J. Iverson, Chair.

Agenda The May 7, 2025 agenda was adopted by general consent.

Meeting Minutes The April 2, 2025 meeting minutes were approved by general consent.

Introductions A round of introductions took place.

Business Arising from the Minutes The Earth Week bottle drive resulted in 1142 containers, or \$114.20, raised. Funds are reserved for grade 7 graduation activities.

J. Iverson wrote an email announcing resignation and soliciting interest for a new Chair that B. Toews circulated to the school’s mailing list.

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

School Organization

- 184 students
- 8 divisions

What’s New

School Calendar (see attached)

- Report Cards Home 2025-26:
 - Wednesday, December 17
 - Wednesday, March 11
 - Wednesday, June 24
- Pro-D Days:
 - September 19
 - October 24
 - November 21
 - January 12
 - February 13



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AIRS (Artist in Residence) Showcase

The Vancouver School Board, Šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary, and the AIRS Artist in Residence Studio program invites you to the ***I AM: Resilience and Reciprocity*** opening night on **May 20 @ 4:30-7 pm at the Vancouver School Board Student Gallery, 1580 West Broadway**. This exhibition will run from May 20 to June 3. The AIRS Artist in Residence Studio program works in partnership with the Vancouver School Board, including Šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird, to reclaim space for the arts in public elementary schools and provide equitable access to high quality and socially just artmaking experiences through long term artist studio residencies. This year's exhibition, ***I AM: Resilience and Reciprocity***, encapsulates themes across all 18 studio programs. As we head into a time of restraint and uncertainty, these capacities that the arts cultivate are more important than ever in providing spaces of joy and agency through creative expression and expanding the horizons of children's imagination towards a more compassionate and equitable shared world. We hope to see you there.

Van Tech: Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age

Event details:

- Date: Thursday, May 15 (7-9 pm) – Doors open @ 6:30 pm
- Location: Van Tech Auditorium, 2600 East Broadway
- Cost: Free of charge (light refreshments will be available, and free parking is available onsite)
- Suggested Age for Viewing: 9 years and up (grade 4 and up)
- Film Description: *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age* is an award-winning documentary that explores the impact of screen time on children and families. Through personal stories and expert insights, the film delves into the challenges of social media, video games, and internet addiction, offering practical solutions to help kids find balance in the digital world.

Important Dates to Remember

Monday, May 19, 2025

- Victoria Day stat holiday – No school

Friday, May 23, 2025



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- 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
- Sunrise Park fieldtrip

Thursday, June 26, 2025

- Last day of school

Chair's Report

J. Iverson provided the following report:

- a. Community engagement initiatives
 - i. Bike Fest is Wednesday, June 4. Key discussion items:
 - Paper flyers are ready to be sent home with students and a PDF version is ready for email.
 - Decoration materials are still needed (ribbons, fabric, stickers, etc.).
 - Volunteers are as follows: snack station (J. Iverson, V. Nguyen); mechanic station (D. Than); decoration station (S. Liu, B. Toews will check with teachers); ramp (volunteer who emailed the PAC); door prize draw (Ms. Ting, C. Iverson). Arrive around 2:30 pm.
 - To purchase and be reimbursed: spoke beads (D. Than), snacks (J. Iverson).
 - School will provide tables, mic, speaker, etc.
 - For the bike to school week contest, teachers need paper ballots and a bucket. One ballot per day each time students roll to school. Ballots include name, division, date. Grand prize draw at 2:45 pm on Friday, June 6.
 - ii. Spring Carnival is Wednesday, June 18. Key discussion items:
 - The Community Centre does not have a rentable popcorn machine. J. Iverson will source other options.



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- Ms. Ting secured the Secret Society of Books' Bookmobile, a traveling bookshop. The van will park on the gravel soccer field on the primary side.
 - The school is providing a \$400 food budget, which the PAC approved using for pizzas. C. Iverson will shop for other food (fruits, veggies, desserts, drinks, etc.).
 - To discuss at next meeting: decorations (definitely inside, maybe outside), outdoor games, BINGO supplies (incl. \$100 in Tim Hortons gift cards for game winner), volunteers.
- iii. R. Wong has applied for the PNE Community Grant Fund. Could put funds toward a back-to-school event or the Meet the Teachers and PAC Night. R. Wong will report back in due course.
- b. Upcoming PAC initiatives and deadlines
- i. Nothing to report in terms of PAC outreach. Carry item over to next meeting.
 - ii. Sports Day is Friday, May 23. The PAC approved providing either watermelon or freezies, depending on what the school requires. B. Toews will confirm requirement.
 - iii. TCBY Frozen Yogurt requires a minimum number of orders, so the PAC decided not to proceed with TCBY for the treat stand on Friday, May 30. Instead, the PAC will purchase ice cream sandwiches and host a sale. \$1 per treat. **Action: C. Iverson to seek sponsorship from Superstore. R. Wong to make flyers to send home. B. Toews to ask the Student Council to help with the sale.**
 - iv. Grade 7 graduation activities are a work in progress. Key discussion items:
 - J. Iverson has secured the caricature artist. Next step is getting student pictures from the teachers.
 - Picnic lunch is Friday, June 20. PAC is providing pizza, chips, drinks. Pizza to be delivered to New Brighton Park. Students can have up to three pieces of pizza each. J. Iverson coordinating.
 - Farewell ceremony is Thursday, June 19. PAC is providing cupcakes (100).
 - Booking Rio Theatre for a movie experience. J. Iverson is coordinating. B. Toews is providing date.



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v. Community Gaming Grant application is due June 30. **Action: D. Than to prepare and submit by end of month.**

Fundraising Initiatives

Per above, no longer proceeding with TCBY Frozen Yogurt as a fundraising initiative as their minimum order is a challenge.

Ms. Ting emailed the PAC with details about the Donald's Market reusable bag program. The market donates 10 cents per reusable bags to selected organizations. Potential idea for next year.

Treasurer's Report

D. Than provided the following report in:

- a. As of April 30, 2025, balances of PAC accounts are as follows (see full details below):
- Gaming: \$3,908.33
 - General: \$10,205.02
 - VSB Cash Online: \$300
 - Return-It: \$281.80 (\$231.80 reserved for graduation activities)
 - Cash Float: \$188.45

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

AGM Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 6-7 pm in the school library.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

GAMING: April 1 - 30, 2025

	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	3,914.33		
Expenses	6.00	April 1, 2025	Monthly fee
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	N/A		
Closing Balance	3,908.33		



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GENERAL: April 1 - 30, 2025

	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	10,258.12		
Expenses	3.75	April 1, 2025	Monthly fee
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	49.35	April 9, 2025	Chq# 83 - Chad Iverson - PAC Meeting Pizza dinner
Closing Balance	10,205.02		

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?
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	Yes
June 2025				
Wednesday, June 4	Bike Fest	3-4:30 pm	School	Yes
Wednesday, June 4	PAC AGM	6-7 pm	School library	No
Wednesday, June 18	Spring Carnival	4:30-7 pm	School	Yes



Thunderbird Elementary School 2025-2026 Calendar

SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW

Number of Days in Session	186
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non-Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 26)

Important Dates

School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 2, 2025
Truth & Reconciliation Day	Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 13, 2025
Remembrance Day Holiday	Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Break	Friday, December 19, 2025
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 22, 2025 – Friday, January 2, 2026
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 5, 2026
Family Day	Monday, February 16, 2026
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Break	Friday, March 14, 2026
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27, 2026
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 30, 2026
Good Friday	Friday, April 3, 2026
Easter Monday	Monday, April 6, 2026
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2026
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 25, 2026
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 26, 2026

Professional Development and Non-Instructional Days (school not in session)

School Pro-D Day	Friday, September 19, 2025
Province Wide Pro-D Day	Friday, October 24, 2025
District Wide Pro-D Day	Friday, November 21, 2025
School Pro-D Day	Monday, January 12, 2026
District Wide Pro-D Day	Friday, February 13, 2026
District Wide Pro-D Day	Monday, April 20, 2026
Parent-Teacher Conference Dates	Early Dismissal Times:
Tuesday, October 21, 2025	Dismissal 2:00pm
Wednesday, October 22, 2025	Dismissal 2:00pm
Wednesday, April 29, 2026	Dismissal 2:00pm
Thursday, April 30, 2026	Dismissal 2:00pm