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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 6:05-7:11 pm in the school library

Attendees:

M. Chau, B. Frederick, C. Iverson (Fundraising Coordinator), J. Iverson (Chair, minutes), T, Mliyi, 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 6:05 pm on October 2, 2024 by J. Iverson, Chair.

Agenda

The treat stand date in 6.b.i. was corrected to October 18. Otherwise, the October 2, 2024 agenda was adopted by general consent.

Meeting Minutes

The September 11, 2024 meeting minutes were approved by general consent.

Business Arising from the Minutes

J. Iverson reported:

- a. A 2024/25 coffee stand schedule is still pending. C. Iverson is seeking a sponsorship. Members agreed to purchasing doughnuts from Superstore with one of the PAC’s gift cards for October 18.
- b. D. Than submitted the Gaming Account Summary Report by the September 30 deadline.
- c. The Meet the Teachers and PAC Night on Wednesday, September 25 went well. The right amount of food was purchased. It was a smaller turnout than last year. Thank you to the new volunteers!
- d. A \$1,585.85 Return-It redemption cheque was made payable to J. Iverson (name on the school’s account). The PAC’s bank, RBC, will not deposit the cheque. Instead, J. Iverson will deposit it into her personal account and write the PAC a cheque for the full amount.

Principal’s Report and Important Dates

B. Toews provided the following report:

School Organization

- 185 students
- 8 divisions

What’s New

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

- Thunderbird recognized [Orange Shirt Day](#) and Canada’s National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Friday, September 27,



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holding an assembly to teach about the history Orange Shirt Day and reconciliation.

- Assembly was student-led – well done and very impactful.
 - Div. 1 read reflections on “I am Not a Number” a story of a young girl, Irene, who was removed from her family at the age of eight. The book describes her horrific experience and struggles at her residential school that did not even allow her to use her own name, using a number instead.
 - Div. 2 taught words in həńǰəmińəń (hunk-a-mean-um). Coast Salish people speak dialects of a family of languages called həńǰəmińəń (hunk-a-mean-um). These languages are spoken from Vancouver Island to as far east as where the town of Hope is situated.

Meet the Teacher and PAC Night

- See Business Arising.

Choir

- All classes will be receiving choir classes weekly, beginning October 15
- Tuesday and Wednesday + a lunch hour choir open to all students
- Provided by Saint James Music Academy
- Free of charge

Terry Fox Run

- Moved to Wednesday, October 2
- Route around the school – staggered starts
- Went well

The Great BC ShakeOut

- Friday, October 18
- All students will drop cover hold...evacuate.

Important Dates to Remember

Monday, October 14, 2024

- Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday – no school

Friday, October 18, 2024

- Books for Breakfast

Tuesday, October 22 and Wednesday, October 23, 2024



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- Parent Teacher Conferences – early dismissal @ 2 pm

Friday, October 25, 2024

- Professional Development Day – no school

Thursday, October 31, 2024

- Halloween

Friday, November 1, 2024

- Diwali

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

- Individual photo re-take day

Monday, November 11, 2024

- Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday – no school

Friday, November 22, 2024

- Professional Development Day – no school

Friday, November 29, 2024

- Books for Breakfast

Monday, December 16, 2024

- Report card #1 goes home

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

- Thunderbird Community Centre's Annual Christmas Dinner
- See Community Centre for details

Friday, December 20, 2024

- Pancake breakfast
- Last day before Winter Break

Monday, January 6, 2025

- First day back from Winter Break

Chair's Report

J. Iverson provided the following report:

- a. Community engagement initiatives
 - i. A coffee stand is tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 18; however, a sponsorship is still pending. C. Iverson said Laughing Bean only sponsors schools in its immediate vicinity. **Action item: C. Iverson to approach other companies for sponsorship.**
- b. Upcoming PAC initiatives and deadlines



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- i. An afterschool treat stand is scheduled for Friday, October 18. Members agreed on doughnuts from Superstore. Volunteers are needed to help run the stand.

Treasurer's Report

J. Iverson provided the following report:

- a. As of September 30, 2024, balances of PAC accounts are as follows (see full details below):
 - Gaming: \$1,420.11
 - General: \$10,902.65
 - VSB Cash Online: \$300
 - Return-It: \$0*
 - Cash Float: \$258.35

*\$1,585.85 cheque received. Deposit into General account pending. See Business Arising.

PAC Monthly Events Calendar

Members discussed monthly events for the remainder of the school year. Events include:

- Bike Fest – end of May/beginning of June (exact date TBD)
- Spring Fair – Wednesday, June 18 4:30-7 pm (TBC)
- Coffee stands – monthly, October-June
- Treat stands – October 18, November 29, February 28, May 30
- Family Literacy Night – early March (maybe March 12)
- Bottle drives in January (after winter break) and April (to coincide with Earth Week)
- Pho night

Fundraising Initiatives

Members discussed *why* the PAC fundraises. As examples, shirt sales provide families with low-cost Spirit Wear, and bottle drives are environmental lessons. Given the PAC's limited resources, members said the *why* is important when deciding which initiatives to support.

Members decided against a Purdys fundraiser this year, in part because there is nobody to organize it, and in part because folks want to pursue new opportunities.

J. Iverson said the orange and pink Thunderbird shirts have arrived and the PAC has already sold 22. At \$10/shirt, the margin is very small (approx. \$2). Members agreed to keep the cost low. The next step is marketing the shirts, including setting up a display in the school foyer and circulating a flyer with details.



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- Executive Elections** C. Iverson and R. Wong were acclaimed as elected as PAC Fundraising Coordinators for the 2024/25 school year. A vacancy exists for the Secretary position.
- Other Business** None.
- Next Meeting** Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 6-7 pm in the school library.
- Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

GAMING: September 1-30, 2024

	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	1,555.04		
Expenses	6.00	September 3, 2024	Monthly fee
Deposits	N/A		
Withdrawals	128.93	September 13, 2024	Chq #48 - Chad Iverson - Welcome back Coffee and Muffins
Closing Balance	1,420.11		

GENERAL: September 1-30, 2024

	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	10,755.68		
Expenses	3.75	September 3, 2024	Monthly fee
Deposits	220.00	September 9, 2024	ATM Deposit -VD711201 (Family Photography Fundraiser)
Withdrawals	69.28	September 13, 2024	Chq #74 - Chad Iverson



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Closing Balance	10,902.65		
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