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#### MINUTES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 6:16-7:16 pm in the school library

#### Attendees:

G. Cruz, O. Deras, E. Griffiths, C. Iverson, J. Iverson (Chair, minutes), D. Than (Treasurer), B. Toews (School Principal)

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| <b>Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement</b> | The meeting of the Thunderbird PAC (the “PAC”) was called to order at 6:16 pm on September 11, 2024 by J. Iverson, Chair.  |
| <b>Introductions</b>                                 | A round of introductions took place.   |
| <b>Agenda</b>  | The September 11, 2024 agenda was adopted by general consent.  |
| <b>Meeting Minutes</b>                               | The June 5, 2024 meeting minutes were approved by general consent.   |
| <b>Business Arising from the Minutes</b>             | J. Iverson reported: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Spring Fair held on June 19 was a success. Members said the Red Fox Society programming was a highlight, food was good and BINGO was fun.</li><li>D. Than applied for the Community Gaming Grant by the June 30 deadline. A decision is pending.</li><li>The PAC received a \$220 cheque for proceeds from the family photography fundraiser. The cheque was deposited into the General account on September 9.</li></ol> |
| <b>Principal’s Report and Important Dates</b>        | B. Toews provided the following report:<br><b>School Organization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>181 students</li><li>8 divisions</li></ul> <b>What’s New</b> <p>Welcome back!</p> <p><i>Welcomes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Liz Zielke – PE Teacher</li><li>Sophia Male – Student Support Worker (Part Time)</li><li>Anika – Student Support Worker (Part Time)</li><li>Siobhan Doherty – Student Support Worker (Part Time)</li></ul>                    |



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- Birgid Lehmann – Literacy Teacher

### *Teacher Requests*

- Classroom Funds – last year was \$250
- Resource Funds

### *VSB Grant*

- Grant to help pay for parent expenses
  - Subsidize grade 6/7 camp (largest expense of the year)
  - Support parents with school fees (\$35), Jump Math (\$24) and agendas (\$5)
- Pay for in-class supplemental programming usually paid for by PAC
  - Examples: dance, gym sense, taekwondo, etc.
  - Looking at three programs
- Pay for Indigenous presenter at Family Literacy Night

### *Meet the Teacher and PAC Night*

- Joint Meet the Teachers/Meet the PAC
- Food supplied – PAC to help with food distribution, maybe costs as well
- Suggested: Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 5-6:30 pm

### *Terry Fox School Run*

Thunderbird Elementary is proud to be participating in the Terry Fox School Run. Please join us and continue the legacy of one of our greatest Canadian heroes. Our run will take place around our school on Thursday, September 26 in the morning! Donate at:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/ThunderbirdElementary>. Thank you for joining us in the fight against cancer!

### *New Bell Schedule*

- 9 am-2:58 pm
  - Recess 10:30-10:50 am
  - Lunch 12:10-12:55 pm

### *Food Delivery Services*

- We kindly ask parents to not have food delivery services (UBER, Door Dash, Skip the Dishes, etc.) sent to the school.



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- The office will not accept them. We do not have the capacity to accept and deliver food to students.
- Please have students come to school with lunch packed, or access the lunch program.

### *Personal Device (Student Cell Phone Policy)*

- Students should keep their devices away from 9 am- 2:58 pm.
- There is a phone available for students in the office in the event they need to call home.

### *Recess and Lunch Routine*

- Outside, rain or shine.
- Please have students dress for the weather.
- For students who are not on our lunch program, please ensure a lunch is packed and brought to school at the beginning of the day. The office does not have the capacity to accept and deliver lunches for students. The office will not accept third party food deliveries, such as Uber Eats and Skip the Dishes.

### **Important Dates to Remember**

#### *Wednesday, September 11, 2024*

- PAC meeting at 6 pm in the library

#### *Friday, September 13, 2024*

- Individual photo day

#### *Friday, September 20, 2024*

- Professional Development Day – no school

#### *Monday, September 30, 2024*

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – no school

#### *Monday, October 14, 2024*

- Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday – no school

#### *Tuesday, October 22 and Wednesday, October 23, 2024*

- Parent Teacher Conferences – early dismissal @ 2 pm

#### *Friday, October 25, 2024*

- Professional Development Day – no school

#### *Thursday, October 31, 2024*

- Halloween



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*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

*Monday, December 16, 2024*

- Report card #1 goes home

*Friday, December 20, 2024*

- 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. Members discussed the 2024/25 coffee stand schedule. The school is hosting Books for Breakfast each month so the PAC will host coffee stands separately. Considering the first in-session Friday of each month, but frequency will depend on a sponsorship (to help reduce costs). Schedule is pending. **Action item: C. Iverson to approach Laughing Bean for a sponsorship.**
- b. Upcoming PAC initiatives and deadlines
  - i. Members discussed the 2024/25 treat stand schedule. A decision was made to reduce the frequency to four times with a different treat each time. Dates: October 18, November 29, February 28, May 30. B. Toews suggested approaching Superstore for a sponsorship. **Action item: J. Iverson to coordinate treats and sponsorships.**
  - ii. Gaming Account Summary Report is due September 30, 2024. D. Than will submit the report.
  - iii. Meet the Teachers and PAC Night is on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. The school is asking for help purchasing and serving food. E. Griffiths suggested circulating a call for volunteers in the primary languages spoken at the school (English, Spanish, Arabic,



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Mandarin, Vietnamese). Members **APPROVED** spending \$200 from the Gaming account on refreshments. **Action items: C. Iverson to shop for food and beverages; E. Griffiths to translate call for volunteers message.**

- Executive Elections** D. Than was acclaimed as elected as PAC Treasurer for the 2024/25 school year. Vacancies exist for the Secretary and Fundraising Coordinator positions.
- Fundraising Initiatives** Members did not have time to discuss this item. It will be moved to the October agenda.
- Treasurer’s Report** D. Than provided the following report:
  - a. As of August 31, 2024, balances of PAC accounts are as follows (see full details below):
    - Gaming: \$1,555.04
    - General: \$10,755.68
    - VSB Cash Online: \$300
    - Return-It: \$1,585.85
    - Cash Float: \$258.35

Membered **APPROVED** cashing out the Return-It account and depositing proceeds into the Gaming account. **Action item: J. Iverson to facilitate transaction.**

Members **APPROVED** providing the school with \$2,500 for classroom/resource funds. The amount will be split equally between the Gaming and General accounts, assuming the PAC receives a gaming grant. If not, the entire amount will come from the General account.
- PAC Monthly Events Calendar** Members did not have time to discuss this item. It will be moved to the October agenda.
- Other Business** None.
- Next Meeting** Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 6-7 pm in the school library.
- Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

| GAMING: June 1-30, 2024 |          |      |      |
|-------------------------|----------|------|------|
|                         | Amount   | Date | Note |
| Opening Balance         | 3,893.50 |      |      |



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| Expenses        | 6.00     | June 3, 2024  | Monthly fee  |
|                 | 2.50     | June 3, 2024  | Regular transaction fee                                |
|                 |          |               |  |
| Deposits        | N/A      |               |  |
|                 |          |               |  |
| Withdrawals     | 514.50   | June 7, 2024  | Chq 43 - RIO Theatre                                   |
|                 | 350.00   | June 20, 2024 | Chq 44 - Red Fox Society                               |
|                 | 382.84   | June 21, 2024 | Chq 45 - Jessica Iverson (Grad & Spring Fair expenses) |
|                 | 296.87   | June 24, 2024 | Chq 47 - Anna Yeung (Grad & picnic supplies)           |
|                 |          |               |  |
| Closing Balance | 2,340.79 |               |  |
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**GAMING: July 1-31, 2024**

|                 | Amount   | Date         | Note   |
|-----------------|----------|--------------|--|
| Opening Balance | 2,340.79 |              |  |
|                 |          |              |  |
| Expenses        | 6.00     | July 2, 2024 | Monthly fee                                  |
|                 | 10.00    | July 2, 2024 | Regular transaction fee (\$2.50 x 4)         |
|                 |          |              |  |
| Deposits        | N/A      |              |  |
|                 |          |              |  |
| Withdrawals     | 761.25   | July 2, 2024 | Chq 46 - Cory Van Ieperen (Grad caricatures) |
|                 |          |              |  |
| Closing Balance | 1,563.54 |              |  |
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**GAMING: August 1-31, 2024**

|                 | Amount   | Date | Note |
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| Opening Balance | 1,563.54 |      |      |



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| Expenses        | 6.00     | August 1, 2024 | Monthly fee                          |
|                 | 2.50     | August 1, 2024 | Regular transaction fee (\$2.50 x 1) |
| Deposits        | N/A      |                |                                      |
| Withdrawals     | N/A      |                |                                      |
| Closing Balance | 1,555.04 |                |                                      |

**GENERAL: June 1-30, 2024**

|                 | Amount    | Date          | Note  |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------|---|
| Opening Balance | 10,252.43 |               |   |
| Expenses        | 3.75      | June 1, 2024  | Monthly fee   |
| Deposits        | 514.50    | June 21, 2024 | ATM Deposit - VD711389 (School reimbursement for Rio Theatre fee) |
| Withdrawals     | N/A       |               |   |
| Closing Balance | 10,763.18 |               |   |

**GENERAL: July 1-31, 2024**

|                 | Amount    | Date         | Note        |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| Opening Balance | 10,763.18 |              |             |
| Expenses        | 3.75      | July 2, 2024 | Monthly fee |
| Deposits        | N/A       |              |             |



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| Withdrawals     | N/A       |  |  |
|                 |           |  |  |
| Closing Balance | 10,759.43 |  |  |
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**GENERAL: August 1-31, 2024**

|                 | Amount    | Date           | Note        |
|-----------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|
| Opening Balance | 10,759.43 |                |             |
|                 |           |                |             |
| Expenses        | 3.75      | August 1, 2024 | Monthly fee |
|                 |           |                |             |
| Deposits        | N/A       |                |             |
|                 |           |                |             |
| Withdrawals     | N/A       |                |             |
|                 |           |                |             |
| Closing Balance | 10,755.68 |                |             |