

Franklin PAC Meeting

Thursday, 9 January 2025 @ 6:00 PM in the library

AGENDA

I. Chair's Introduction — agenda, approve minutes of PAC meeting Thursday 07 November 2024 (5 min)

- Minutes approved

II. Franklin School PAC Business

1. Principal's Report — Principal Cannon

Staffing Related:

- Mr. Knibbs update
 - His recovery is going well, he may be back in mid-February
 - Principal Cannon is committed to be here until Spring Break if needed

School Related:

1. Kindergarten Registration

- In-catchment registration closes on 31 January
- To date, we have 40 in-catchment students registered for next year
- We do expect a few of those students to accept placement elsewhere.
- There is a possibility that cross boundary applicants may not be accepted.
- If you are aware of any in-catchment families who have not yet registered for Kindergarten, please encourage them to do so

2. Student Surveys

- Over the next few months, some grades will be completing surveys from the VSB and the Ministry of Education
 - Student Learning Surveys are for grade 4 and 7 students, are online, take about 45 minutes and ask students a variety of questions encompassing school life
 - The Middle Years Development Instrument is a joint VSB/UBC research tool for Grade 6 students. Grade 6 families should have received an information package through email earlier this week.

3. School Extracurricular

- Basketball season is now underway
- Junior boys and girls' teams and 1 co-ed senior team competing in the intramural leagues
- We are fortunate to have teacher volunteers coaching the teams
- There is always a need for parent drivers
 - The District is able to provide additional car insurance for parent drivers

Upcoming Events:

- 20 January — Professional Development Day. No classes.
- 3 February — SafeSpace Digital Safety program for grades 4–7
- 13 February — Vancouver Chinese Music Ensemble will be here for a school-wide performance

2. Chair's Report (Luisa)

- a. New Initiative – Grade 7 parents fundraising for camp
 - Group of grade 7 parents would like to raise funds for the end of year camp, in addition to the Haunted House funds
 - Goal is to lower the cost for everyone
- b. Purdy's Fundraiser
 - Ran from November 4–22
 - Goal of \$3k in sales; reached \$2,828 in total
 - Proceeds to Franklin amount to \$742.35
- c. Ongoing Fundraisers – Mabel's Labels, TRU Earth
 - TRU Earth: One subscription so far; upcoming promotion for PAC to earn 30%; potential to promote in WAAG
 - Mabel's labels: No promotions at the moment

3. Treasurer's Report (Ariella)

Current account balances:

- PAC General \$9,451.01
- PAC VSB-Managed \$6,875.64
- PAC Gaming \$5,203.76
- Total \$21,530.41

Budget:

- Our working budget is ~\$27,000 for the 2024-25 school year, dependent on anticipated fundraising of ~ \$11,000 from events and drives.

Fundraising Status:

- Fundraising has already hit 57% of projections at \$6,332.58
- Direct Drive \$4,200 - one donation of \$1,500 drove up result
- Halloween Howl \$1,503.92
- PNE Grant \$500.00
- Snack Shack \$587.86
- Purdy's Christmas \$742.35 (not received yet, so not captured in General account balance)
- Funded YTD:
 - Classroom funds \$3,805
 - School Materials and Equipment \$377.12
 - Grade 7 Camp \$506.50

4. Events & Updates (Luisa)

- a. Merlyn Horton/Safe Online – Digital Literacy Speaker Series
 - K – 7 coverage, April/May
 - K-3, 4-5, 6-7
 - No parent session this time
 - Earmarked in budget plan for \$2,700
- b. Family Photo Night – 2 May with MountainWest Studios (new vendor)

- Does demand outpace space? Should we open another night? Or another shooter on the same night? (What is the minimum?)
 - Is it booked for Friday for a reason? Would Thursday be better for families who go away on weekend? Is 1 May an option? Principal Cannon to check with Principal Knibbs.
 - Do they allow for pets? Luisa to check.
- c. Mitchell's Soup Co. Fundraiser – Jaye – Feb-March timeline
- Jaye to get information on details to communicate in WAAG

5. Unfinished Business, New Business

a. Teachers' wishlist

- Teachers have requested:
 - Library resources \$1k
 - External dvd drive \$75
 - Grade 5 swimming program (\$1200 already allocated)
 - School-wide dance program 2K
 - Foam dodgeballs \$350
 - Electronic score chart \$300
 - Art supplies \$1K
 - Total \$5,525
- PAC had already allocated \$1,200 for swimming program
- Under School materials and equipment, we have \$3,200 to spend, minus \$800 bookmarked for library books
- PAC has enough budget to support all of the wishlist, minus dance program, and we'd have \$500 left over
 - Discussed putting that \$500 towards dance and Principal Knibbs can allocate other funds towards it (the remaining \$1,500)
- If we fund wishlist then all existing funds will be allocated. Anything additional would require a conversation around reallocation.
- Potential for more fundraising with Donald's Market — we are doing that again and that was a successful fundraiser last year.
- Additional funds from Spirit wear sale
 - Still awaiting cheque; around 1K raised

VOTE:

- Luisa raised motion to disperse funds for teacher's wishlist with caveat to change dance funds to \$500. Request of \$3,225.
- Jaye seconded
- All in favor

b. Snack shack

- Jaye would like to offer milk as a different lower-sugar option if we can't do Bubbly water
- Val's parameters are to keep things under \$1
- Looking at more snack options for variety:
 - Fruit cups change to mandarin slices

- Fruit rolls/Fruit2go bars
- Apple sauce cups
- Freeze-dried fruit packs
- Seaweed packs
- Cheese packs, Babybel
- Fresh fruit like oranges or bananas; donate to families at the end of the week
- Coconut water; shelf-stable, similar sugar content to milk

c. Driving safety

- Crest program — Principal Cannon to look into plan for them to come back

ADJOURNMENT

- 7:11 PM

NEXT MEETINGS

Meeting dates are subject to change:

- 27 February 2025
- 10 April 2025
- 29 May 2025 – AGM

ATTENDEES

- Ariella Eini
- Cheryl Archer
- Luisa Rino
- Jaye Fanjoy
- Emma Worbeck
- Ian Cannon