

Franklin PAC Meeting

Thursday, 7 November 2024 @ 6:00 PM in the library

AGENDA

1. Principal's Report

Building Related:

- Lots of work being done to our heating system over the last few weeks

Staffing Related:

- Returning:
 - Welcome back Herman
- Medical leave:
 - Principal Knibbs will be going on leave and returning in the new year
 - Welcoming Ian Cannon as substitute Principal

School Related:

1. Halloween Howl

- Thank you to PAC for another wonderful event bringing the school community together

2. Mural

- Adjusted timeline; tentatively scheduled for 1 April 2025

3. When Should I Keep My Sick Child Home from School (Vancouver Coastal Health)

- Things to consider if your child feels unwell:
 - The wellbeing of your child. Without proper rest, a child may have a hard time fighting an illness or be at risk for other illnesses.
 - The ability of your child to actively take part and learn at school.
 - The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the support that they may need.
 - The protection of other children.
- Please keep your child home if they:
 - Have a fever.
 - Are too sick to take part in all normal school activities.
 - Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles)
 - Are vomiting or have diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free at least 24 hours before returning to school.
- Thank you for keeping everybody healthy at Franklin.

4. Remembrance Day

- Holding our assembly on Friday, November 8 – Thank you Mr. Doucet for organizing!
- Student MCs from Div. 1 (Elias Braacx, Kensie Leung, Rhys Wong and Roan Castillo)
- Parents are welcome to attend but we do have very limited seating

5. Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Grade 4 & 7

- The Assessment is now closed.

- Booklets will be sent for assessment on 16–17 November.
- Once books have been returned parents can expect to receive them in the next couple of weeks.

6. School Extracurricular

- X Country (2-7)
 - Thank you, Ms. Balzarini and Ms. Ritchie
 - We had 75 student participate this year
- Band Club
 - Thank you, Mr. Friesen
 - Gr. 5, 6, 7
 - Meet Tuesdays after school
- Volleyball
 - Inter-School volleyball season has concluded.
 - Sr. Volleyball - Grade 7s. Thank you, Mr. Doucet

7. Snow Closure

- In the event that schools are closed due to weather conditions, the Vancouver School Board will contact the following radio and television stations to make an announcement by 6 a.m.
 - CKNW (980 AM)
 - CKWX (News 1130 AM)
 - CJVB AM1470
 - CBC Radio (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
 - BCTV/Global TV
 - City TV

8. Covenant House – Hope for the Holidays

- The students in Division 4 are spearheading this Covenant House fundraiser again this year
- Stay tuned for more information

9. Winter Concert

- Thursday, 19 December
- 2 shows:
 - Afternoon performance @ 1:30 PM
 - Evening performance @ 6:00 PM
- Stay tuned for ticket/drop off information

10. Emergency Measures Drills

- Fire Drill: 17 November
- Lockdown Drill: 25 November

11. Lost and Found

- Please come and check out our lost and found!
- Please note that we will be donating unclaimed items over the winter break

12. Vancity Program

- Brief presentation by Anita – Vancity school program administrator

- Program has been running at Franklin for 29 years
- Deposit program providing financial literacy for children
 - Establish idea of putting away money regularly
 - Grade 7s: Business plans, budgeting; act as tellers for other students
- There's no commercial promotion within the school
- Dwindled membership due to COVID; hoping to revive

Since Our Last Meeting:

- 16–17 October — Informal Learning Update (Conferences)
- 17 October – Earthquake Drill — Great BC Shakeout
- 30 October – Photo retakes

Upcoming Events:

- 22 November — Pro D Day
- 16 December — Written Learning Updates (Reports) Home
- 19 December — Winter Concert
- 22 December – Last day for students; Winter Break – Happy Holidays!

2. Chair's Report (Luisa)

- a. Recap work so far:
 - Costume Drive with Student council
 - Very well received by teachers and families
 - Halloween Howl
 - Budget shared via email
 - Spirit Wear
 - Second run progress
- b. Purdy's Fundraiser 4–22 November
 - In progress
- c. Ongoing Fundraisers – to launch post Purdy's (*Jaye Fanjoy*)
 - True Earth
 - Local company out of Port Moody
 - Environmentally friendly cleaning supplies
 - Fundraising platform 20%
 - Short-term offer of 30%; launch to coincide with Black Friday to take advantage of sale price
 - Families purchase via Franklin link
 - Mitchell's Soups
 - January launch
 - Nellie's Cleaning Supplies
 - All-natural cleaning supplies
 - Similar fundraising platform
 - January launch

3. Treasurer's Report (Ariella)

- Current account balances:

- PAC General \$10,367.89
- PAC VSB-Managed \$5,325.64
- PAC Gaming \$5,203.76
- **Total \$20,897.29**
- Budget:
 - We have a working budget of ~\$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 50% of projections at \$5,435.92
 - Direct Drive \$2,650
 - Halloween Howl \$1,503.92
 - PNE Grant \$500
 - Snack Shack (\$782)
- Funds spent:
 - Classroom funds \$3,805
 - School Materials and Equipment \$377.12
 - Grade 7 Camp \$506.50

4. Events & Updates (Luisa)

- Franklin Community School Association (FCSA) – Board Members Tom Beasley & Lara Davis
 - Background:
 - FCSA has been around since 1980
 - Formerly had 8 schools in the association
 - Charity status and funding from VSB
 - Used to be operated concurrently with Fanklin PAC
 - Had to separate PAC from FCSA after audit from Gaming Commission
 - Has 20K in funding annually
 - Holds the Annual Spring Fair
 - Looking for new people to join the FCSA Board
 - 5-6 meetings a year
 - Good support from PCI; very community focused
 - Seeking ways of encouraging people to get involved
 - PAC to circulate information on behalf of FCSA

6. Unfinished Business, New Business

- Can parents volunteer to coach sports? *(Luisa)*
 - Yes, but teacher needs to sponsor and be present

ADJOURNMENT

- 7:11 PM

NEXT MEETINGS

Meeting dates are subject to change:

- 9 January 2025

- 27 February 2025
- 10 April 2025
- 29 May 2025 (AGM)

ATTENDEES

- Ariella Eini
- Dan Knibbs
- Luisa Rino
- Marta Stephanie Murray
- Jaye Fanjoy
- Cheryl Archer
- Emma Worbeck

GUEST SPEAKERS

- Anita – Vancity
- Tom Beasley & Lara Davis — FCSA