

**Franklin PAC Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 2024 @ 6:00 PM in the library**

**AGENDA**

**1. Principal's Report**

*Building Related:*

- Thank you to the Alvarez Family for watering the Garden Beds over the summer
- Repairs to play structure
- Tree pruning over the summer
- Electricity bank doors being repaired; is safe as it stands

*Staffing Related:*

- New staff:
  - Ms. Sandra Farrell – Grade 2/3
  - Mr. Amar Buchha – SSA
  - Ms. Carol Newman – SSA
  - Ms. Anne McCleod – Tuesdays
- Returning:
  - Mr. Sydney Walton – SSA ExSel Program
  - Ms. Sophie Hooper-Dykhuisen – Youth and Family Worker – ExSel Program
  - Mr. Nigel Boteju – Building Engineer

*School Related:*

**1. Enrollment**

- 227 students in 11 Divisions
- 1 space in the intermediate grades
- Some spaces in primary
- 2 Kindergarten classes of 18 students

**2. Adjusted Bell Schedule**

- Changes: recess- 10:30 – 10:50 am
- Lunch 12:10 – 12:55 pm
- **Dismissal – 2:58 pm – new time**

**3. School Start-up**

- Thank- you for your patience.
- Franklin website – still being updated
- Emergency Measures Drills
  - Fire Drill – 6x Year
  - Great BC Shakeout (Oct 17) Stay tuned for further information.
  - Earthquake Drill – Big One in May – evacuation and reunification
  - School Lockdown Drill – 2/year

**4. Communicable Diseases Prevention Plan**

- Protocols – updated on the VSB website/link from the Franklin School website

- Remind parents to keep their children home when they are not feeling well

#### **5. Recess/Lunch Procedures**

- Mix of Primary/Intermediates in lunchroom
- Kindergarten and one other Primary class – eating in classrooms with grade 7
- monitors
- Supervision in lunchroom and classrooms – Supervision Aides

#### **6. School Extracurricular**

- X Country (2-7) - Ms. Balzarini/Ms. Ritchie and Ms. Sirsirir
- Band/Mr. Friesen (Gr. 5,6,7)

#### **7. Student Information Packages**

- Parents should have seen them by now
- Fees – We encourage paying fees online – School Cash Online
- If paying cash, please see Paula in the Office. Do not send your child with cash.

#### **8. Mural**

- November 2024 Date for Project
- Will confirm an exact date with Artist at the end of October

#### **9. Code of Conduct**

- Review Code of Conduct
- **Be Safe - Be Kind - Be Fair**
- “Racism will not be tolerated in our school.”

#### **10. FSA – Coming soon!**

- FSAs: Foundations skills assessment
- Grade 4 & 7 Students
- Opens – Oct. 1 and Closes Nov. 8
- More information to follow

#### **11. Meet the Teacher Open House**

- Thank you to all families who were able to make it out!

#### **12. Terry Fox Run**

- Took place on Thursday, September 19
- Primary students ran around the big block of the school
- Intermediate Students ran at The PNE Hosted event
- Thank you to all the parents/guardians who were able to help out

#### **13. Cops for Cancer**

- Visited Franklin on Friday, September 20
- Recognized one of our Franklin Students
- The students were very impressed with the visit

## 14. School Learning Plan

### • Numeracy Focus:

- How can we develop a mathematically literate student body who are able to use mathematical skills and reasoning to solve real-world problems?

### • District-wide Aboriginal Goal:

- The Vancouver School Board will continue its reconciliation journey with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit by increasing knowledge, awareness, appreciation of, and respect for Indigenous histories, traditions, cultures, and contributions.

- **Goal 1:** To improve math achievement for all students and to build positive attitudes towards math, focusing on promoting mathematical literacy among students, which involves not only developing students' skills in math but also their ability to apply mathematical reasoning to real-world situations by developing an approach to teaching math that will help ALL students:

- Reason and analyze.
- Take initiative to understand and solve problems.
- Communicate mathematical thinking.
- Develop greater flexibility, particularly, but not exclusively, in number.
- See relationships.
- Seek to understand why and want to make sense of ideas.
- Look forward to figuring things out and thinking.
- See that Math should be engaging, creative, and about making sense of
- the world.
- Incorporating the First Peoples Principles of Learning in all curricular areas, with
- special attention to how it lends itself to math instruction.

- **Goal 2:** Continue our reconciliation journey with First Nations, Metis, and Inuit by:

- Increasing knowledge, awareness, appreciation of, and respect for Indigenous histories, traditions, cultures, and contributions.
- Aligning its policies and practices in a manner consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
- Engaging and gathering with the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) & səliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

### Upcoming Events:

- Friday 27 September – Orange Shirt Day Activities – Wear an Orange Shirt
- Monday 30 September – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- Saturday 5 October – World Teacher Day
- Tuesday 8 October – School Performance: Mix o lydian
- Tuesday 9 October – Photo day 1:30 PM
- Wednesday-Thursday 16-17 – Parent teacher conferences; students dismissed at 1:58 PM
- Saturday 19 October – Provincial Election Day – Franklin Elementary is a Polling Station

## 2. Chair's Report (Luisa)

- a. Recap work so far:

- Welcome To K
- Welcome Back Coffee

- Meet the Teacher
  - Direct Drive – funds available end of October from VSB
  - Email Consent - worked well via email
  - PNE Grant
  - Snack Shack Open
- b. School Grounds - upkeep over summer
- c. DPAC & BCCPAC (BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils)
- [vancouverdpac.org](http://vancouverdpac.org)
  - <https://bccpac.bc.ca>

### 3. **Treasurer's Report (Ariella)**

Our PAC has begun the year in a healthy financial position.

- Current account balances:
  - PAC General \$13,416.64
  - PAC VSB-Managed \$621.01
  - PAC Gaming \$1,003.76
- Budget:
  - We should have a working budget of about \$27,000 for the 2024-25 school year
  - This depends on anticipated fundraising of ~ \$11,000 from events and drives, \$3,800 from Gaming Grant
  - Budget was approved at PAC AGM in May 2024, if school requests/needs have changed, we'll have to vote on proposed changes
- Fundraising Status:
  - YTD Fundraised: \$500 from PNE Community Grant
  - Direct Drive results not available from VSB until end of October
  - Gaming Grant awaiting notification; should be EOM
- VOTE:
  - Classroom funds:
    - Increase from \$10 to \$15
    - \$100 per resource (4)
    - Total: \$3805
    - PAC Approved
- VOTE:
  - Material and equipment:
    - \$500 for sports balls
    - PAC Approved

Upcoming requests:

- Sports jersey - request in progress
- Teacher wishlist - Dan to consult teachers
- Artist in residence
- Dance
- Swim

### 4. **Events & Updates (Luisa)**

- a. Hot Lunch - begins Sept 26

- b. Hallowe'en Howl
    - Need to pick a date
      - Wednesday Oct 23
    - (Tickets/Volunteers/Promo/Run of Show, DJ, Food, First Aid, Decor, Games, FacePaint/Craft Tables, Haunted House, Concession, Clean-up)
  - c. Spirit Wear Store to re-open - Oct 10 or 17– Nov 12
  - d. Purdy's Winter Fundraiser - Nov 4th runs for 3 weeks until Nov 22nd
    - Amber Williamson volunteered to run again
  - e. Costume drive run by student council
    - Donate old costumes
  - f. General fundraising
    - Other events: parent night, movie night – need a parent to take that on
5. **Active Travel Planning (Jaye)**
- Safety – investigating 4-way stop (Kootenay/Pandora)
  - City wants to do a study, will follow up with city; may be zebra crossing
  - To and from school safety
  - Crossing guard program at Hastings?
    - Would PAC fund 2x 1hr 15 min hrs for volunteer pay?
    - Option to to school crossing guard program through VSB but couldn't be on Hastings as it's an arterial
  - Pedestrian training program
  - Jaye to continue gathering more information and contact district PAC
6. **Unfinished Business, New Business**
- “Bubbly” water – add to Snack Shack?
    - Source mini cans? Not readily available
    - Size of can lead to unfinished drinks, spillage
    - Have on special days? Vs repeat. Trial at Halloween Howl

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- 7:18 PM

#### **NEXT MEETINGS**

Meeting dates are subject to change:

- 7 November 2024
- 9 January 2025

#### **ATTENDEES**

- Ariella Eini
- Dan Knibbs
- Luisa Rino
- Marta Stephanie Murray

- Jaye Fanjoy
- Jennifer Burville
- Emma Worbeck