

**L'Ecole Bilingue PAC meeting  
Thursday, November 10th 2022  
Zoom Call**

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**Attendance:**

Number of participants: 25

**PAC Executive:**

Chair: Lorie Metz

Vice Chair: Sarah Willson

Past Chair: Tim Vines (not present)

Secretary: Jennifer Halyk (not present)

Past/Acting Treasurer: Fiona Lo (not present)

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Agenda Approval
3. Principal's Report:
  - a. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement
  - b. Halloween Event
  - c. Thank you to Volunteers
  - d. Student and Family Affordability Fund
4. Chair's Report:
  - a. Welcome new Vice-Chair
  - b. Vote in new Treasurer
  - c. Halloween Event
  - d. Winter Event
  - e. Volunteers
  - f. Sushi and Pizza Update
  - g. Ski Club
  - h. Grade 7 Exchange
5. Other Business:
  - a. Grants
6. Next PAC Meeting
7. Meeting Close

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**1. Welcome and Call to Order (7:04)**

**2. Principal's Report (7:06)**

a. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement:

- Acknowledge that we are situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

b. Halloween Event:

- Thank you to all the volunteers for all of their effort and work. Within one week, volunteers pulled off an amazing, fun, community building event. It was a full house, the kids and parents had a great time, and it was great to see everyone pitch in!
- Special thanks to Lorie, our awesome PAC chair who got things rolling; Tim who led the Haunted House with students and parent volunteers; Julia for leading the musical cakes; Kelly and Denise for all their work; Nolan for creating the trophy. Far too many people to name. It was amazing to see everyone come together.

c. Thank you to Volunteers:

- Thank you to all the parents who have been helping out in the school. It is nice to see people in the building again! We have veggie helpers, sushi helpers, and pizza will be starting up again soon.
- Special thanks to Kelly and Scott and the grade 7 student sushi lunch helpers.

d. Student and Family Affordability Fund:

- New fund for 2022 to support families this year. \$60 million one-time funding to school districts for food security and affordability concerns.
- VSB has been allocated \$4,712,638. Funds must be spent by June 30 2023. Two categories:
- 1. Food and Nutritional support: no overhead spending. For students and families. Targeted spending to support students and families and universal spending. E.g. food hampers, gift cards for grocery stores, nutrition snacks, learning experiences, nutritional snacks for students at recess and breaks.
- 2. Hardships: Family assistance targeted and universal. E.g. (targeted): clothing, shoes, dental work etc.; (universal): waiving fees etc.
- LEB received \$35,000.
- Working group with staff members to decide how to use this
- Put money aside for food, sushi, pizza etc.
- Look at bringing in Grain de Chef cooking lessons
- Put money aside for families in need for target family assistance
- Universal pending: the majority of funds will go there. Thinking of giving each student \$/each division \$/looking at something school-wide and division-wide. It's going to be gone June 30th 2023 if not used.

**Q&A:**

- Q: re: our sister school Grandview. In general we are privileged, is there any way we can gift this money?
- A: we will need to submit numbers. In March if they come back to say to us that we are spending, then we can look at gifting funds. We were also assured that other tiers got substantially more funding and there is a separate pot for aboriginal children. Also keep in mind Art Card money goes directly to our sister school.

## 8. Chair's Report (7:22pm):

a. Welcome new Vice-Chair (7:22pm)

b. Vote in new Treasurer (7:22pm)

- Thank you to Darren Bryson who volunteered to become Treasurer
- **Motion** to appoint Darren Bryson as Treasurer: Denise
- **Seconded:** Scott
- **Vote:** 14
- **Motion passed**

c. Halloween Event (7:25pm)

- Thank you to everyone who volunteered and supported the Halloween Haunt. This was put together last minute and was a huge success, thank you!

d. Winter Event (7:26pm)

- There will a Winterfest Event organized by the Grade 7s to fundraise. There will be no Quebec Exchange but they will be doing some exciting things in the Spring.

e. Volunteers (7:26pm)

- Always looking for new volunteers for hot lunches, PAC activities, events, etc.

f. Sushi and Pizza Update (7:27pm)

- Thank you to all volunteers. The deadline for pizza ordering will be sent out by email reminder.

g. Ski Club (7:27pm)

- A few people have taken the lead on this, but nothing is confirmed yet.

h. Grade 7 Quebec Exchange (7:28pm)

- Proposed meeting for Grade 7 parents in the works. No firm decisions but important to have the conversation and invite all PAC members to have a

better understanding. Honour the time separate from PAC meeting. Paul LePage will put together an agenda and Q&A. Forward questions to Jacqui or Paul. Lorie will get in touch with everyone, send zoom etc.

## **9. Other Business (7:30pm):**

### **a. Grants (7:30pm):**

- We were successful in securing two city grants (Walk Bike Roll Mini Grant and School Active Travel Program) for the Spring. We will be closing the street in front of the school for four weeks in conjunction with Bike to School week. Volunteers needed! More information will be provided in the new year.

### **b. General Discussion (7:32pm):**

- Q: Has anyone taken over the after school programs?  
A: Young Rembrandts is happening on Thursdays. Choir is starting. There will be three choirs starting on Monday. Colleen Cotton organising. 72 kids registered.
- Q: Is there more information on what the Ski Club is?  
A: Grade 2 to 7 once a week at grouse mountain to take ski lessons. They are old enough and capable enough to put on their own ski equipment, throw them in a ski bus with several parent volunteers, organize rentals or bring their own gear. Grouse would give a quite reasonable deal. Lorie will update if and when it starts up again. There is a parent volunteer working on it.
- Q: What is the Winterfest?  
A: Movie, Toonie Town, games, crafts, face painting, nail stickers, Musical Cookies, DJs, photo booth. Great event. Never done before. First ever winterfest. 6-8pm. Everyone brings an item for the foodbank. Family donation \$10-\$20 and generous donation to sister school.

## **10. Next PAC Meeting (7:41pm)**

The next meeting will be in person, in the library, in the new year. Date TBA.

## **11. Meeting Close (7:42pm)**

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.