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| Date: 1 April 2025                | Site: DLG Library         | Start Time: 6:01 | PM |
| Chair: Ashley Hansen / Scally Chu | Recorder: Kathleen Pathak | End Time: 7:34   | PM |

| Membership                    | Role                                 | Attended |
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| Ashley Hansen                 | Co-chair                             | Y        |
| Scally Chu                    | Co-chair                             | Y        |
| Herman Chan                   | Treasurer                            | Y        |
| Kathleen Pathak               | Co-Secretary                         | Y        |
| Ajay Pathak                   | Co-secretary                         | Y        |
| Shandelle Skaley              | Former Co-chair                      | Y        |
| Manninagh L'Abbé              | Digital Communications Executive     | Y        |
| Jonathan Weresch              | Principal (Non-voting member)        | N        |
| Susan Worthington             | Acting Principal (Non-voting member) | Y        |
| Other members or participants | See sign-in sheet for names          |          |
| Next Meeting                  | 6 May 2025                           |          |

***With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm|Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh|Squamish Nation & səliłwətał |Tseil-Waututh Nation.***

### **Welcome And Introduction - (Ashley / Scally)**

- Roundtable introductions:
  - Scally Chu – PAC co-chair, daughter in grade 3
  - Ashley Hansen – PAC co-chair; daughter in grade 5
  - Herman Chan – PAC Treasurer; daughter in grade 2
  - Kathleen Pathak - PAC co-secretary; daughter in grade 2
  - Ajay Pathak - PAC co-secretary; daughter in grade 2
  - Manninagh L'Abbé – PAC Digital Communications Executive; three kids in the school (Grade 6, 3, and 2)
  - Shandell Skaley – Daughter in 7
  - Sophie – 2 kids at DLG
  - Miss Marsh – Sophie's aunt

## **Approval of February & March Meeting Minutes**

### February Minutes

Automatically approved due to two months since submitted.

### March Minutes

- Herman made a motion to approve the March minutes.
- Manninagh seconded the motion.
- Vote to approve the minutes – Approved.

## **Financial Update (Herman / Scally)**

- Financial reports
  - Limited activities in March (only 2 weeks); paying off caterers and expenses for in-class movie event. Closing balance = \$15,643
  - No changes in the gaming account; expect to spend some of that for the upcoming dance performance.
- Gaming Grant Application
  - Time of the year to prepare for next year's gaming grant application and will investigate that this week to see what is required.
  - Application in April and usually due in June
    - Mostly a pre-filled form, however there are some changes this year as all schools require a business ID and account to complete electronically.

## **Funding Request**

- Grade 7 Graduation (Divisions 1 & 2)
  - Funds to be used to host a Grade 7 graduations party to celebrate the students' success in completion of elementary school
  - Event will include arcade machines, food and decorations.
  - Ideally the funding should come from the PAC gaming grant (as it qualifies)
    - Amount requested is \$1200 (\*\$20/student x 60 students)
  - Goal is to keep the whole budget under \$5,000. Last year the pizza paid the full amount, but not something they expect every year as that money does cover the Grade 7 camp out. Otherwise, it will be parent funded, which is why they are looking for support from the PAC.
  - Strong group of parents (15 parents) – PartyWorks is who they will use, and they owe / could honour the credit that is on file.
- We have done it in the past; however, it has been three years since we have provided any funding. Last year there was a surplus after the camps for the graduation.
- Shandelle raised a motion to provide \$1,200 from the PAC Gaming Grant (receipts required) to the Grade 7 parent committee for the graduation celebration. Motion seconded by Ajay
- Vote to approve the funding request – Approved.

## Principal and Vice Principal Updates

Acting Principal Update – Susan Worthington

- **BCeID** - The school has received a letter with the BCeID. Susan will get 1 permission to provide to the PAC council.
- **French Instruction** - In March there was a Core French Funding Grant to spend on teaching French (\$1,250). The money was used to buy bilingual keyboards for ipads/tablets, RazKids account, books / sheet music.
- **Preparing for School Learning Survey** – Given to grades 4 & 7, online survey looks at curriculum, future preparation, school environment, wellbeing, and interpersonal skills. Aim is to align with the framework for enhancing student learning – new policy for learning, to ensure everyone is working on the same goals.
  - *Survey Highlights From 2024 Include:*
    - Students felt safe, welcomed and like they belong.
    - Students are involved in few extra-curricular activities, which could be interpreted as limited community involvement.
    - Future Thinking/Planning is an area where students may need more support.
    - Food security concerns came out in these questions.
    - As an admin it was done last week as well.

Q: DLG hot lunch program. At present is it available to any student that wants regardless of cost (read: is it subsidized in any way)?

A: The PAC Hot lunch program is not available to subsidies; however, the school (VSB) does run a hot lunch program for those who require it, and parents can request to be part of it.

Q: There is a visual impact on the hot lunches, what is the impact on the children and how do we prevent the children from feeling that visual impact?

A: Lots of children eat lunches from home, some get hot lunches. There are lots of different packages and programs, so hard to sort this out.

Q: Can there be an option to ensure that everyone has the same food so that kids won't feel othered?

A: Perhaps we can put a hot lunch discussion group together to determine what we can do about this.

- **School Growth Plan:**
  - New plan being worked on.
  - Sounds like it will be a strong literacy plan.
  - Applied in March to participate in a residency with Heather Wilms author of "Bridging the Reading Gap", prioritizing ECT's (Early Career Teachers)
- **Retirements:** Ms. Dancer and Ms. Bayne will retire at end of the year.
- **Talent:** Coming in May.
- **Mr. Weresch** – set to return 22 April – after Easter.

## Fundraising

- Letter to Safeway (that will become a template)
  - This letter can be used for several different organizations rather than just the Safeway (like Cobs, Superstore, etc.)
    - Food / Baked Goods Partner – Books for Breakfast

- Food / Perishables – Full Stomach
- Frozen Treat Partner – Final Friday
- Fruit and Desert Partner – Various PAC initiatives
- Langley Farm Market – High produce, butcher and bakery
- Lots of free places, like various farms, Union Gospel, Quest
- **Staff Appreciation Lunch**
  - Normally do this, and last year there was a surplus, so we didn't have to do a drive.
  - This lunch is catered to all the staff as a thank you for all they have done.
  - Hoping to work with some community providers
  - Will put out a blurb for parents to contribute to the event (out mid-April after Easter).
- **Frozen yogurt days**
  - Last two Fridays in May and first three Fridays in June

## Events

| Date                                     | Event                            | Notes/Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 11 April 2025<br>4:30 – 6:00 pm<br>event | Primary<br>Playground<br>Opening | <p>Plaque has recently been posted.</p> <p>Plan is to have a Musqueam welcome. Alec Dan will be provided the \$300 honorarium, but they think there is a drumming workshop, otherwise likely \$200 welcome. Private change room – personal care room and a parking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need to have a cheque prepared for the event.</li> <li>- Can we have a drumming workshop for students on a school day for all the indigenous students?</li> </ul> <p>Invited VSB staff, teachers, trustee, and all donors. Currently attendee count is 43 adults (9 are staff), and 34 children = 77 total</p> <p>Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land acknowledgements</li> <li>• Traditional welcome (confirm length)</li> <li>• Words from current admin</li> <li>• Words from previous admin (Mr. Woo)</li> <li>• Choir performance of three songs</li> <li>• Kindergarten will be decorating the gym.</li> <li>• Food for guests secured</li> <li>• Choir permissions slips sent out. Pizza order TBD</li> <li>• Need to follow up with VSB – we have a playground interest cheque that is outstanding – it has been more than a year since we've requested</li> </ul> |

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| 16 May 2025         | Sports Day                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day before Victoria Day long weekend.</li> <li>• Normally we do a special hot lunch program.</li> <li>• Last year was Subway. Since it is a Friday, it is currently White Spot, should we change and do something else?</li> <li>• Could bulk order from Costco – hot dogs? Juice boxes?</li> <li>• Grade 7 have a market after the sport day event.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 23 May 2025         | Global Culture Spotlight / Catch the Vibe | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ketch Di Vybz – Afro-Caribbean dancing</li> <li>• There was a misunderstanding about the cost, it is \$1000 per instructor. We are asking for 2 hours of their time. They are very keen to work with the school and putting together a curriculum.</li> <li>• Willing to absorb taxes,</li> <li>• We had voted for \$1,100 so we are out \$900.</li> <li>• Received a refund from VSB for decorations and items from the sensory room. (\$697.79). Are we okay using the cheque to cover some of those costs and then there would be a donation for the rest.</li> <li>• To summarize, if going ahead, it is \$2,000 (no taxes), we have approved \$1,100, will use \$697 = \$1,797.</li> <li>• Ajay raised motion use additional \$203 from the gaming grant for event. Seconded by Manninagh.</li> <li>• Vote to approve – Approved.</li> </ul> |
| Friday, 30 May 2025 | Teacher Appreciation Lunch                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This year there will be about 45 people.</li> <li>• Shandelle raised motion spend up to \$1,200 for this lunch. Seconded by Manninagh</li> <li>• Vote to Approve – Approved.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Future events       |                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can we do direct drives for future performances?</li> <li>• We can use the gaming grant for these performances so we should step back and look at our account standings to see where things sit.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

Reminder: PAC meetings are the first Tuesday of each month.

- 2025: 6 May, 3 June (Annual General Meeting – Scally will be missing)

Please feel free to email the PAC at any time at: [Pac.dlg@gmail.com](mailto:Pac.dlg@gmail.com); <https://www.dlgpac.com/>

### Adjourn meeting

- Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM