

Minutes of October PAC Meeting

Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 6:30 pm

Via Zoom

1. Welcome – meeting called to order, land acknowledgement

2. Review and approval of June and September 2023 minutes

Motion to Approve – Allison Tredwell

Seconded by: Sacha Iley

Motion carried unanimously

3. Principal's report – Andrea Greenhalgh

Many field trips happening, thank you to the PAC for contributing funds toward them (many classes are going to pumpkin patches and to events at the Writer's Festival)

Increased number of sports this year. Have a Cross Country team for the first time in years, with over 40 students going to Trout Lake for a District Meet in the next week - October 19th.

Soccer finishing up soon, volleyball starting soon for grade 5, 6 and 7. Thank you teachers and parent volunteer coaches for helping out.

FSA (Foundation Skills Assessments) have started and will continue throughout October for grades 4 and 7. A snapshot of our literacy and numeracy across the school / district and province. Grade 7's are almost finished and Grade 4's will start this week.

Learning updates vs report cards. Parents in Vancouver will not see not a huge change because we were doing this format for the last few years. What has changed is we are moving back to 3 report cards per school year. First one in December. Bigger shift for children in high school as they will continue the 4-point scale for grade 8 and 9 and grades 10 – 12 will have letter grades and percentages.

Province-wide assessment scale: emerging, developing, proficient (the goal for all students – they fully understand the required learning) and extending (means they go above and beyond what is asked; deeper understanding, however this is not the expectation for students)

Talk to your children about how they are doing, where are they going, what do they still need to learn, how do they get there.

We have conferences coming up on October 25 and 26, with dismissal at 2 pm for both days.

Winter concert Dec 13th and 14th 1:30-2:30 each day; K-3 doing a version of the Nutcracker within the larger program incorporating all students.

Walking school bus as been so successful they are looking at adding another route. More info to come. Please remind your children that if no one is at the pickup spot after school, to go back to the office. Sometimes caregivers get stuck in traffic and the children sit there not knowing what to do.

Question: Will Choir be starting soon? Not for sure, but maybe after the winter concert is over.
Question: Any update from the VSB on the exterior grounds? No update

4. Douglas Park Community Centre report – Garrett Wong, Garrett.Wong@vancouver.ca

Free item swap this Saturday item must fit in a grocery bag

Halloween event on October 28 – full

Breakfast with Santa Dec 16th – full

Winter activity registration opens on Dec 5th at 7pm

Short on staff these days, 2 full-time positions are vacant

5. Librarian's Report - Ms. Judy Fung

Book fair next week, info has gone home

Teacher wish lists for books. Parents can add to their orders books to help fill out their teacher's classroom libraries.

Apologizing in advance for all the erasers that will be coming home!

Need volunteers, especially Wed after school and after school as these are the busiest times

Question: Has ever been a way to pay for books for families who may not be able to afford them? Judy says she buys books on student wish lists for the library, but we could maybe look into this for the future book sales. Ideas welcomed about how this could work respectfully.

6. Finance Report – Susie Howson – (Welcome Susie!)

Approved the budget last meeting.

Susie shared her PowerPoint budget sheet (attached at end of minutes)

Reminder that direct donations go right to the school and donor receives a tax receipt. Around \$2000 came in through September. Exact amounts will be in next month's report.

Deposits came in from Pizza, Hot lunch and Vera's burger truck sales

7. Fundraising Report – Eva Hossack / Robyn Saona (Welcome Eva & Robyn!)

Goal is to connect our community through fundraisers that benefit our kids and bring us all together

Need to raise money to meet PAC budget but also for improvements to outdoor areas

Trying to find ideas for smaller projects to direct our funds to that will have immediate positive impact while we wait for big improvements

Book fair, pumpkin patch and costume sale; relaunching Spirit Wear, launching Purdy's soon

Calendar of fundraising:

In new year, bring back movie nights in the gym

February – some interest expressed in a parent social night

March - silent auction

April – interest expressed in a family dance

May – walkathon and flea market

June – “spring fling” – smaller version of our carnival.

Ongoing fundraisers on the PAC website (Stong's, Tru Earth, Just Mulch)

Seeking coordinators to take the lead on monthly events where Robyn and Eva give support but smaller teams take on different activities to manage

Pumpkin Patch next week

Popcorn, drinks, photo booth, costume sale & crafts

Pre-purchase pumpkins – email went out

Volunteers needed

Pumpkins have been donated so all profits to PAC

Everyone is reminded to follow the "cougar prints" and watch out for teacher's cars leaving parking lot during the event

8. Website Coordinator – Allison Tredwell - Sign up for your child's class list:

<https://cavellpac.wixsite.com/cavell/email-lists#class-lists>

Are you on the PAC Newsletter list? Sign up here:

<https://cavellpac.wixsite.com/cavell/email-lists>

9. Chairs' Report

Alison and Brenda attempted to clean up the PAC storage bins again. Items that rarely need access, such as Carnival or Grad and now in an unused shower stall in the girls change room. The rest are at the far west end of the change room. At least out of sight of the door now.

A Cavell flag has been ordered for use by our Cross-Country team at the upcoming District Track Meet. Thanks so much to Melanie Lu for volunteering her help with the design.

Fruit and Vegetable Program – started this week with a delivery of pears.

Greening Committee – Beautifying of School Grounds – would love to find a volunteer or team of passionate people to take on this committee. Brenda has lots of resources to share and can help with this Committee. Fresh ideas welcome!! Add your name on our PAC site Sign-up Genius.

10. Volunteer opportunities

- Please let us know or visit our PAC website if you are interested in any positions

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4BAEA62AA5FC1-20232024#/>

Volunteers needed for the Pumpkin Patch and Costume Sale next week

Currently searching a person or team to Coordinate a Spring Fling Festival, and a Greening Committee Chair

11. Meeting Adjourned at 7:20pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report

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Attachment 2: Fundraising Report

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