



JAMES THOMPSON ELEMENTARY

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Meeting Minutes Wednesday November 20, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE: Nicolle Kit (Co-Chair), Pavan Padda (Vice Chair), Catherine Wang (Treasurer), Kevin Vines (Principal), Jen Dahl, Victoria Lo, Dayna Alshakhshir, Gurjit Bains, Sarah Leung, Kay Li, Angela Louis, Darrel

CALL TO ORDER

9:01 am Nicolle Kit welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Pavan Pada**MOVED** a motion to approve minutes from the October 16, 2024 PAC meeting. Jen Dahl**SECONDED** the motion. All in favour. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Wednesday, December 18 learning updates will be published on MyEdBC, please see your child's teacher if you have any issues logging in. The learning update will use proficiency scale descriptors for learners in all areas of learning (K-7). "Descriptive feedback which includes strength-based, written comments that are aligned to the learning standards and describe student learning, [and which] identify specific areas for future growth [next steps/goals]... Feedback is based on what the student can do and what they are working towards." K-12 Reporting Policy Framework.
- Monday, December 2 professional development day for teachers: focus will be on social-responsibility, ownership, kindness.
- Kindergarten registration is open for children born in 2020, turning 5 in 2025. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2025. Online registration opened on November 1, 2024. Please visit our website <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs. Families are encouraged to complete their registration within the Priority 1 registration window, which spans from November 1, 2024 to January 17, 2025, to maximize their chances of securing a spot at their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 7, 2025.
- Evacuation Drill – November 15th. Third evacuation drill of the year went well. We will be making our drills more 'realistic' while not giving our staff too much information unless necessary for students who need that support.
- District – Parent Education Series – Zoom Webinars @6:30pm
 - Jan 21 – Hannah Beach, Cellphones: what's healthy, what's not, and what we can do to support our kids
 - Feb 25 – Hannah Beach, Reclaiming Play: revitalizing childhood to combat anxiety and aggression
 - Apr 8 – Tiana Shafiri, Cybersafe from Exploitation

- Band Concert – Grade 5/6/7’s – Thursday, December 5th in the morning - 9:15 am, Ms. Quan with Div. 1, Div. 2, Div. 3 and Div. 4
- DARE Grad for our grade 5’s: December 9th at 10:45am
- Book Fair Dates:
 - December 10th – lunch and after school
 - December 11th – lunch and after school
 - December 12th – lunch ONLY
- V’NiDansi – Metis Dance Performance
 - Workshops Dec. 16-19
 - Two Performances for families: December 19th at 1:30 pm and 6pm
- Thompson Spirit Wear opportunity to purchase:
 - Sweaters, t-shirts, hats, toques, mugs, water bottles, tumblers
 - More to come in December communication, receive items in late Jan/early Feb
- Budget update:
 - Winter Performance cost \$4600 – asking PAC for possible financial support
 - Tech situation – Short-term/Long-term planning for iPads for the school, \$6300 to pay this school year - asking PAC for possible financial support
 - Gardening supplies – on-hold until February/March
 - Old garden beds?
 - Trowels, bins, seeding pods, money for seeds
 - Courtyard – on hold; Imagination Playground Blocks

PAC BUDGET REVIEW

PAC Treasurer Catherine Wang gave an overview of the proposed PAC budget for 2024-25.

- Revenues – gaming grant, hot lunch, parent donations
- Largest expense for regular funds is classroom supplies as needed by teaching staff
- Largest expenses for gaming funds is supporting winter concert dance, school iPad expenses

Jen Dahl made a motion to approve the PAC general funds budget as presented by the treasurer for 2024-25. Dayna Alshakhshir second. Motion carried.

Pavan Padamade a motion to approve the PAC gaming account funds budget as presented by the treasurer for 2024-25. Gurjit Bains second. Motion carried.

PAC 101

- Sarah Leung attended the treasurer’s workshop at the PAC 101. She found it helpful. She will start shadowing Catherine in order to take on the treasurer role.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THOMPSON

- Book fair: Ms. Fong is looking for help with the book fair.
- Nicolle is looking for help with the 50/50 draw at the Winter concert.

GRADE 7 FAREWELL

- Grade 7 parents started a committee to plan a farewell celebration for our grade 7 students. Dayna Alshakhshir is heading up the committee and will start a WhatsApp group. The group agreed to come up with some celebration ideas: i.e. a dance or an out-trip such as Playland or Cultus Lake Waterslides and give them to Mr. Vines and the grade 7 staff to present to the students to vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

NEXT PAC MEETING: Wednesday January 22, 2025 at 9am in Thompson School Library