JAMES THOMPSON ELEMENTARY
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)
Meeting Minutes Wednesday January 22, 2025

IN ATTENDANCE: Nicolle Kit (Co-Chair), Terry Nowak (Co-Chair), Pavan Padda (Vice Chair), Catherine Wang (Treasurer), Gillian Yen (Secretary), Kevin Vines (Principal), Victoria Lo, Sarah Leung, Kay Li, Angela Louis, Jennifer Munch.

CALL TO ORDER
9:00 am Nicolle Kit welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
Jen Dahl **MOVED** the motion to approve minutes from the November 20, 2024 PAC meeting. Pavan Padda **SECONDED** the motion. All in favour. **MOTION CARRIED**.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
- Principal Kevin Vines said most of our Pro-D Day is on a different day than other schools. On Jan 24th we will continue our focus on school story with social emotional learning on common language - relationship, ownership, kindness. Continue to work with Ellen Hsu and the social responsibility team Marnie Flores and Silvia Miles. Make sure staff are using common language.
- The School Book Club is reading a book called "Reclaiming our Students" written by Hannah Beach and Tamara Neufield Strijack.
- On Feb 14th: AM: District Presentation: Hannah Beach – "The emotional roots of aggression and anxiety: supporting change, and building resilient kids". Come back together as a staff in the PM. Some Staff – day in lieu of August Pro-D.
- School Story - has been posted on the school website.
- V'Ni Dansi – Winter Performance. Big thank you to PAC for ongoing support. Giving Tree by Division 5, invited the whole school to be part of Celebration of Gratitude.
- Saleema Noon Parent Session last night. Thank You to our PAC for supporting and paying for these important learning opportunities for our students and your ongoing support for our school community. Looking forward to Student Sessions on Jan 28th and 29 - organized by grade level, opt out email the office by Friday Jan 24.
- Inquiry Grants (Staff Initiatives) – launching this month. JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) Lens. Responding with aligned intentionality to unkind language. LES (Learning Environment/Spaces) – with focus on the studio and art room and ensuring that it's been set up for best use by the whole school.
- Extra curricular - Basketball starting this week. Thank you to the coaches Mr. T, Mr. Ladouceur, and Ms. Bone. Girls Basketball home opener yesterday. Home Opener for the Boys today. Soccer at lunch - Mr. B. Spirit Days (student leadership opportunity) – Ms. Shakur. Student Leadership Term 2 Jobs – Mr. Vines.

- Learning Update #3 – Conferences. Early Dismissal Feb 12 and 13 at 1:45pm, having conversation with the teacher about literacy, numeracy, and social emotional learning, and core competency self reflection.
- 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

TREASURER'S REPORT
- Catherine presented the Budget. Gaming deposit has been allocated to the account. We can't keep the parent donation account so we are going to use $2000 from the account to cover the cost of new ipad purchase for the school. The remaining balance will be used to purchase library books. As such, this donation account would be closed. Catherine will be transitioning over to Sarah.
- Hot Lunch - Yvonne and Linda. They have found some new help from Karen and some other parents. RDPA should pay for one at least for Food Safe.

FUNDRAISING
- Nicolle said we used to send our donation letter but since PAC received funding for our playground we wouldn't be doing that anymore. Pro-D Fundraising, Sports Day, Bake Sale, Purdy's gift card, Movie Night, Krispy Kreme donut sale.
- Kevin suggested Walkathon. Burnett had a raffle prize donation sale and craft fair.
- Grade 7 fundraising - discuss after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 09:38 am.

NEXT PAC MEETING: Wednesday Feb 19, 2025 at 9am in Thompson School Library