

Minutes for Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt PAC Meeting

Location: Stitó:s School - Foods Room

Date: February 19, 2025

Time: 7:00pm

Attendees: Brian Leong (Chair), Melissa Hill (Vice-Chair), Amanda Gervais (Treasurer), Stacey Gould (DPAC Rep), Deidre O'Connor (Fundraising), Amanda Esau (Popcorn Coordinator), Mike Partington, Scott Hill, Jacqui White, Esther Maloney, Jason Kemp (Principal)

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm, followed by territorial acknowledgments, a welcome to attendees and introductions.

Motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting by Brian Leong. Discussion was had regarding missing conversation from January parent attendees regarding bullying, lack of school communication and sexual harassment within the school. There are also some grammatical errors. Jacqui White motions to table passing the January minutes until April's meeting when edits can be presented. Seconded by Brian. None opposed, motion carries.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Brian. Stacey Gould motions to amend the agenda adding "Transmountain Grant Discussion" and "Child safety regarding vehicles" under *New Business*. Deidre O'Connor motions to add "Ongoing business" and "Communication updates" to *New Business* as well as adding "Grade 8 Fundraising Update" as a sub report under the fundraising header. Brian motions to approve the agenda with the amendments and seconded by Mike Partington. None opposed, motion carries.

Principal's Report:

- Sports happening around the school:
 - Middle-Grade 6 Basketball, Stitó:s is hosting the Grade 8 Provincial Championships Feb 27-Mar 1, Elementary-Triple Ball, Intramurals-Dodgeball
- Parking Lot Update-There is a parent working with the city and RCMP on parking lot issues. There are difficulties in how to share info regarding parking issues with the wider community. A reminder there is no parking in the intersection (the one resembles a cul de sac) between UFV and the school.
- Admin presented a possible new bell schedule for next year. Lunch timing is dependent on Supervision Assistant's scheduling as there is only one hour total for both Elementary and Middle.
- Boundary Review-So far there are no boundary changes for Stitó:s catchment. Last year we received 3 divisions of overflow students from Promontory. A parent attendee promoted a "Preliminary Boundary Review Discussion" happening at Promontory Elementary on March 4 as that school is considering becoming a K-4 (instead of the current K-5) for the 2026/27 school year. In this proposal all Grade 5 students in Promontory would attend Stitó:s.

Chair/Vice Chair Report:

- No report

Treasurer's Report:

- Available balance in the General account is \$13491.46. Available balance in the Gaming account is \$3011.48.

- Donations to PAC are low compared to previous years where paper requests were sent home with students. Donating is only available on SD33 Quickpay.

Fundraising Report:

- West Coast Seeds profit was not available at the time of this meeting.
- Bake Sale Feb 20 profited \$949.89.
- PAC is running a concession for the Basketball Tournament Feb 27-Mar 1.
 - GW will loan us a 'tap to pay' for the admission table.
 - Volunteers are needed for both the door and concession.
- **Grade 8 Fundraising update** (was not presented).

DPAC Report:

- DPAC report is attached
- DPAC is advocating for more EA's and hoping to send out the EA Advocacy letter with the February DPAC package.
- Vote:
 - Stacey motions to have the Stito:s PAC as a signatory to the DPAC Anti-bullying/Anti-Racism letter.
 - Discussion: -We need to identify trends and the message being delivered. If we say we want to sign it with amendments, this sends the message that we are not willing to sign it.
 - Anti-bullying/anti-racism is too vague/broad of a topic.
 - Wording could be more about mutual understanding, kindness and respect.
 - Mike seconds the motion. 3 vote in favour, 5 opposed, 1 abstain. Motion defeated.

New Business:

- Grade 5 Hoodie Subsidy
 - Need to produce a "how to" for hoodies for future groups wanting to order them.
 - Deidre motions to spend up to \$650 from the general account from PAC funds surplus towards Grade 5 hoodies. Stacey seconds. All in favour. Motion carries.
- PAC Marketing Materials
 - Amanda G. motions to spend up to \$1000 from the general account surplus towards marketing materials to help promote PAC and drum up more parent participation. Deidre seconds. All in favour. Motion carries.
- Transmountain Grant discussion
 - March 31 is closing date for applications
 - Stacey has applied for the grant and provided PAC with a breakdown of the budget proposal in the application. Results should be received mid-April.
- Child safety regarding vehicles
 - Wayne Williams (SD33 Transportation Manager) is back on sight at Stito:s at random times and is connected with the city liaison Andrew. The school is conducting explicit training with kids about safety on site at school with regards to roads and crossings. An email was also sent out to parents regarding parking lot and road safety around the school.

- Ongoing business
 - Amanda G. motions to table “Ongoing Business” and “Communications Update” (in the interest of time) until next meeting and set it as the first topics for the *New Business* section for April’s meeting. Stacey seconds the motion. 8 in favour, 1 opposed. Motion carries.
- Communications Update (tabled)
- Jacqui W. is interested in taking on the task of compiling the PAC newsletter on a monthly basis.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm

Next meeting to be held on Monday April 14, 2025 at 7pm.

DPAC Rep Updates for February 2025

GENERAL UPDATES:

- The DPAC BCCPAC Rep position has been filled. Cary Moore, DPAC Indigenous Liaison last year, now holds the position.
- DPAC has an open executive position – Member at Large.
- DPAC Chair is on a leave of absence as she is running for school board trustee.
- At the request of parents, the Busing and Band Instrument survey was reopened.
 - Results are very similar to those shared in last month's DPAC report. Saxophone seems to be the instrument that is denied the most and more than 40% of survey respondents stated their child(ren) have been told they couldn't board a bus with their instrument.
- Outside Agencies in schools
 - The district is moving towards not having any contactors in schools (e.g., therapists).
 - Rationale: The district want to be more inline with provincial practices. No other district's allow contractors to come in. There are also liability risks.
 - Concerns: lack of equity, lack of accessibility (some children only have access to services in schools), the district hasn't offered a solution to the gap that will be created.
- Advocacy - Next Steps:
 - Advocacy priorities this year have been informed by the priority survey that was sent out at the beginning of the year.
 - Anti-bullying and anti-racism letter is with PACs to consider signing.
 - Anti-bullying/racism information was also included in the DPAC Newsletter
 - A motion will be put forward at the Feb 19th Stitos PAC meeting to sign the letter.
 - MOTION that the DPAC anti-bullying and anti-racism letter be signed by stitos PAC.
 - EA letter has been drafted and is currently being reviewed by DPAC Executive.

DATES TO NOTE:

- March 6th – LETS Disability Workshop – 7pm online
- March 12th Board/DPAC Partner Meeting – SDO 5:00-6:30pm
- General Meeting – April 24th, 2024 @ 7pm
 - In person at the School Board office and online.