

PAC Meeting - January 11th - In Person

Attendance - 10

1. Call to Order, President's Remarks and Welcome from VP Matthew

2. Treasurer's Report:

- Current Balance: \$21,774.73 in main account, \$5,658.56 in gaming
 - To be deposited (Square - Tree Chipping) - \$483.38
- Total funds as of today = \$27,871.67**

We have committed to spend about about \$4500 on things like Parkour. We have about \$17,500 left - and we still have fundraisers to go this year.

3. General Updates

Safer Schools Together - Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship and Cyber Bullying
Internet workshop is going ahead.

Primary and Intermediate will each get a one hour workshop. Thursday, Feb 3 is a workshop for the parents. You need to advance register and you can still do this up until the last minute. This parent workshop will also include information regarding what the students will be hearing.

The Cost is \$1,050 - plus another \$50 for transportation (give or take).

Grouse Mountain School Wide Field Trip

June 18th

258 students currently at the school

Estimated total is \$11,812.50 (+tip?)

Buses:

Rent a Bus= 5 x 56 pax Prevost Coach buses (equipped with screens that will function and lavatories that will not be functional) (280 seats)

There is no VSB restrictions on using a private bus company

\$950 per bus x 5 = \$4750 plus GST (237.50) = **\$4987.50**

They do calculate a standard 10% tip for their drivers but I have asked that it not be included in the total.

Grouse Mountain: \$25 per student = \$6450 + GST = \$6825 (includes Skyride)

This includes 1 adult per 5 children from K-3 and 1 adult per 10 children for 4-7

School District registered SEAs (EA) accompanying a student with special needs will also receive a complimentary admission, and are not considered part of the above ratio.

A limited number of additional adults, over and above the student to adult ratio, will receive the same rate as students. Adults that are car-pooling a minimum of three students to Grouse Mountain for an Education Program will receive a complimentary, same-day General Admission ticket for the driver, and a free parking pass, upon request. This allows mountain access only. Parent-drivers are not part of the Education Program, but instead may enjoy the many activities offered on Grouse Mountain offered with a General Admission ticket. ***If these parents choose

to participate in the Program, they will pay a program rate, please contact us for pricing. Siblings are not allowed on Guided Education Programs.

Program: includes up to 3 guided sessions for the day
They recommend one Wildlife and Outdoor Education session, one Recreational Activity and one First Nations presentation. (You can see info on all available options at <https://www.grousemountain.com/wildlife-outdoor-education-programs>.)

Complimentary bus parking

They can provide **a few complimentary parking spots** for drivers car-pooling students, teachers, education assistants, or approved supervisors. (Bus drivers receive complimentary admission to the mountain - not the program.)

Length of Program: Generally speaking, Guided Wildlife Education programs run for 5 hours from Base Arrival to Base Departure, which allows for Skyride upload/download, 3 activities, lunch and 2 washroom breaks. Regular programming runs Monday to Friday, 9:30-2:30.

Lunch: Students and adults may bring their own lunch from home, Pre-order lunch from Lupins, order off the menu in Lupins on the day of their program (an additional 15 minutes will be needed to allow for this option Grades 4-12: \$12.00 per student, taxes included Grades K-3 (Junior): \$9.00 per student, taxes included Standard lunch options are (comes with French fries, a 24 oz fountain drink and cookie): Beef Burger, Chicken Strips, Cheese Pizza.

Ideas to look into to mitigate costs:

Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation - could give a bursary for \$600 Nature Kids BC offers grants for BC schools

Could we ask for donations for the trip? Not directly but we can put a donation button on the website and/or in a newsletter. Keep it general.

Tip for drivers - we will revisit.

Motion to approve \$13,000 ceiling for the trip. Brandon moved, Dorian seconded - 1 abstention, Motion carried.

Garbage Pick Up/MTP Community Police Unit

Want to come and talk about cyber bullying, bullying, garbage pick up
Are we ok with the community policing coming in? Volunteer driven non-profit promotes crime prevention and safety in conjunction with the police department. They do not wear police uniforms. We will try to not expose kids to the term "police" unnecessarily.

Want to discuss a workshop on anti-bullying timing in with Pink shirt day - recommendation to not use them for cyber bullying as it will already have been addressed by Safer Schools Together which has been vetted by the VSB. Jonathan would like to see their program on bullying before committing. He will get in touch with them.

There is a program where the city will supply garbage tongs, gloves and buckets (on loan) for an Earth Day themed clean up - do we want to participate?

Do we want to partner with MPCP in terms of educating kids on traffic safety and safe garbage pick up? Yes!

Lauren will take lead and respond to Melissa to get a date for this.

5. For Discussion-

Possible Enrichment Activities - Megan compiled a list of possible in-school enrichment activities the PAC could pay for - this list is not comprehensive as there are a lot of options out there:

1. **HR MacMillan Space Centre - \$564** - Portable Planetarium
Immerse your students in the universe with our portable planetarium. Stand on the Moon and look back at Earth, experience a Martian sunrise, and even see what the Milky Way galaxy looks like.
2. **Egg Farmers Rocks and Rings - \$260** — introduces children to the sport of curling
cost is per day based on 6 to 7 classes up to 30 per class
features a variety of drills, relays and team-building activities that introduce students to the sport of curling with a focus on fun
3. **Art Starts - variety of prices** - some examples: <https://artstarts.com/artist-directory>
Andy the Musical Scientist - 45 minutes - \$695
Stephen Hamm, Theramin Man (music/science)- 45 minutes - \$700
DO Gibson - anti-bullying, Guinness Record winning rapper - 1 hour - \$1250
Dufflebag Theatre - Interactive Fairy Tales - 50 minutes - \$1075
4. **KBAM - variety of prices** - some examples: <https://www.kbamonline.com/>
Speed Control “Rockology” (fundamentals of pop music) - \$1075
Rainbow Dance Theatre (illumidance - science/STEM and music) - \$1225
Hip Hop 101 (history of hip hop from roots of African Oral Tradition to now) - \$1200

We will revisit this topic at our next meeting so parents have some time to look into possible programs of interest.

Super Science Club

A few years ago this club existed as a once a week after school program, for free, and included a free family membership to Science World. The manager of the program has provided further details to Genny.

According to the manager, there is an MOU with VSB that allows for a rental agreement. They need two spaces - one for Primary and one for Intermediate. This could be a classroom if the teacher consents. They run eight schools per session. Spring session is still open. They have two groups of maximum of 20 kids per group. The Community School Coordinator decides which schools can participate.

Jonathan will look into who the coordinator is to liase with them to see if we can get this running at our school.

Upcoming Activities

PAC would like to run two more movie nights this year to max out on income for the license we bought.

Everyone agrees to two and we will take the dates offline with Jonathan.

We talked about having a Spring Craft Fair which could be tacked on to MTP day. Craft Fairs are an easy way to make money. We would not do kid crafters on MTP day.

6. Sub-Committee Updates

Events and Fundraising:

Pancake Breakfast Debrief - It was well received. The timing was not ideal as there was a huge rush at the end. Next time they will have more grills going and maybe shift the time next year so it starts later. Maybe it could overlap into school hours. We could also combine it with a food drive/cash drive for the Food Bank for next year.

Tree chipping - This event went well - they had enough volunteers and no shifts were short. 237 trees were chipped and we raised \$2042.55. It is nice to partner with MTCP and BIA.

MTP Day -

Last year Lisa and Kathryn led MTP Day - it went well and they'd like to start planning earlier this year.

They are looking to grow the community performance space aspect of the event as a lot of people enjoyed it. They are looking to find a sponsor for a stage where we can host local bands, a talent show, etc.

Games - they will make a shift away from carnival games which are expensive to rent and they do not make a lot of money back. They found their cheaper home made "filler" games were just as profitable so are planning for more of these.

The Silent Auction will remain online.

They are planning on June 2 as the date from 11-3.

7. Principal's Report and Ask the Principal

Can you please give an update on the intruder situation in Nov 2023. Specifically - was this targeted ie this person had a personal connection to someone at the school, or was it random/ an unknown person? Was the person apprehended? Could they come back? What did they want?

They don't know who the person is but know that they are not connected to anyone at the school. It is a man who came in through the YMCA entrance and went to a staff member and addressed her with a different name saying he was angry and someone was going to pay. He appeared disturbed and upset and was mumbling. A teacher walked by and told him the person he was looking for wasn't there. The school immediately went into lockdown.

The counsellor was made available to kids after the event. Many of the kids a couple of days later did not appear to be thinking about it. Classes with open area classrooms went into lockable classrooms. Everyone went into a room where the door closes. The man left, this was verified and the acting principal did a walkaround. Now all four entrances are open until 9:15 and are locked after that.

The man ripped some stuff down and threw some papers on a car. The dash cam captured his photo. The police found him.

That is all Jonathan knows and he does not know if the man has been charged.

There is no personal connection between the man and any staff or student.

The teachers all debriefed with the kids. The three school-based mental health professionals went around to the classes to let kids know who they are.

There is one VSB-wide Lockdown drill once a year and one Hold and Secure drill (the latter is when the threat is outside and the building is locked and blinds pulled).

There was a request for the scheduling of drills to be communicated to parents before they happen so that parents can address them with their kids.

Principal's Report:

They are currently interviewing for a new music teacher, although it may end up being a PE teacher.

Meeting adjourned.