

## PAC Agenda / Meeting Minutes – SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

**Attendees:** David Schaub, Tracy Betel, Bradley Gagne, Miaka Nufer, Shawn & Meghan Sorensen, Marc Simao, Roxanne Brooks, Hayley French, Jennifer Connelly, Stephanie Lang, Garth Robertson, Nolan Jones, Fadhela Benhamida, Nicole Hennessy, Conni Vogelfaenger, Ms. Donovan

**Regrets:** Liz Price Patel

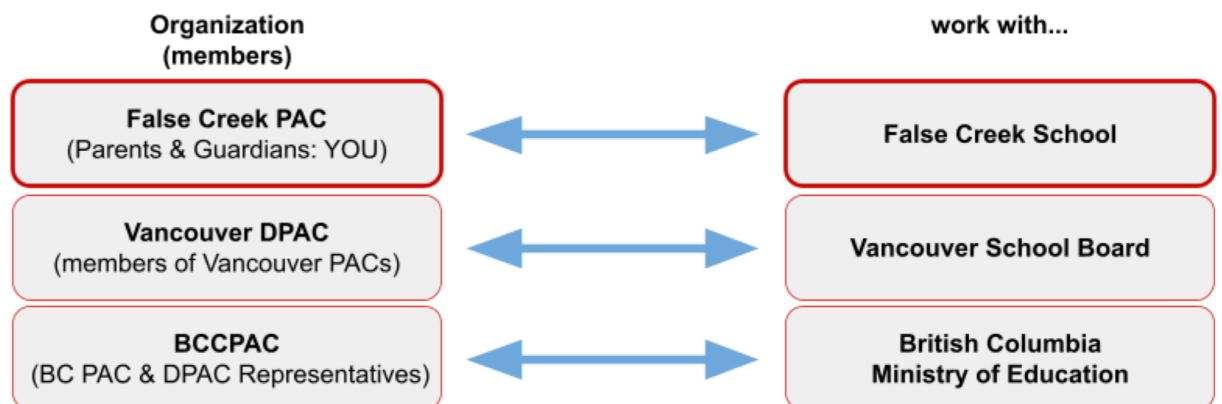
1. **Call to order - 6:37PM**
2. **Territory Recognition**
3. **Introductions -**

Introduction to PAC

The British Columbia School Act gives parents the right, through Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), to provide feedback in their school. PACs are the officially recognized collective voice of parents/guardians of their school.

**False Creek PAC aims to achieve several goals:**

- To provide a variety of **activities and events** to **build and strengthen our school community**
- To provide **information** to parents and guardians regarding **school and district programs**
- To provide a **regular forum for discussion** of topics concerning **educational issues**
- To **raise funds** to supplement programs and supplies not provided by the Vancouver School Board



4. **Agenda (to be approved)** - Motioned Brad, Seconded Conni. Passed unanimously.
5. **Minutes (to be approved)** - Motioned Brad, Seconded Marc. Passed unanimously.
6. **Principal Report** - see below
7. **COVID-19 Update** - covered in Principal's Report
  - a. Teachers mask wearing - staff are wearing their masks except when eating and drinking
8. **Seismic Upgrade Update** - no new information. False Creek is at the business development stage - Feasibility study has been submitted to the Ministry of Education. Waiting on the Ministry decision.
9. **Committee Reports** - described what each committee normally does and was able to do last year
  - a. **Treasurer Report** - Miaka Nufer, treasurer. Miaka is stepping down.
  - b. **Social / Arts & Culture** - Hayley French, chair. Looking for volunteers.
  - c. **Environment** - Roxanne Brooks, chair. Looking for volunteers.
  - d. **Website & Communications** - Tracy Betel, chair. Includes articles about the school for the [Between the Bridges community newsletter](#)

- e. **DPAC** - Liz Price Patel, DPAC rep

**10. Old Business**

- a. **Joining BCCPAC** - We joined at the end of last school year. \$75 fee.

**11. New Business**

- a. **Find More Parents to join Executive** - multiple PAC executive members leaving next year (Liz, Hayley, Tracy). Miaka is stepping down as treasurer.
- b. **Lunch Program** - on hold for now
- c. **Fruit & Vegetable Program** - will need to revisit to ensure it is more COVID-friendly
- d. **Canopy Setup** - don't want to put up the canopy unless there is teacher interest in using it
- e. **Fundraising Ideas**

**12. Meeting Adjourned - 7:40PM** Motioned Brad, Seconded Conni. Passed unanimously.

## Principal Report notes

Masks required for grades 4 - 7, encouraged for K to 3 - particularly in the common areas, e.g., libraries & hallways

### Changes vs last year

No cohorts this year

Parents can enter the school by appointment only

Slowly re-introducing leadership programs & sports:

- soccer started for intermediates, cross-country starting this week for 3 to 7.
- Hopefully basketball season will also go ahead this year. Usually starts in January
- Sports teams are going ahead with modifications - e.g., reduced sized games, discouraging spectators
- Grade 6/7 intermediate arts club in the loft, broken into 2 smaller groups
- Library monitor program for upper intermediates starts next week
- Lunch outdoor activity leaders will be starting again - e.g., had sidewalk chalk this week
- Chess club has been requested - brainstorming on how to run this. Each club needs a teacher sponsor.

### Staff & Students

13 classes, just over 300 students - only a handful of spots left in the school

#### New staff:

- X - one more supervision aide will be hired full time. This is an additional position M, T, and every other W. So we have 3.5 supervision aides this year vs 3 last year.

### Upcoming Events

- **Photo Day** - for individual student photos, Tuesday **Sep 28th**
- **Orange Shirt Day** - school will mark this day **Sep 29th** as Sep 30th National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, school will be closed
- **Terry Fox Run - Oct 1st**. Families will be asked to bring toonies for this event - for "Toonies for Terry". Entire school will participate in the run at the same time this year. Will have to put protocols in place to ensure that the students don't bunch up. Not encouraging parents to come to this school.
- **Goal setting conferences** - will be held virtually on Teams, **Oct 13 & 14**
- **Pro-D day - Sept 24th and Oct 22nd**
- **Earthquake Drill - Oct 20th**
- **Halloween - Oct 29th**. Kids can wear their costumes in the morning but no sharing food. Not planning an assembly at this time.

ATTACHED:

Maria Donovan's Principal's Report for Wednesday, September 22, 2021:

- Our top priority continues to be the implementation of the PHO's (Public Health Office's) and the District's Health and Safety guidelines, mandated by the Ministry of Education. The document **VSB 2021-2022 Communicable Disease Prevention Plan** link is as follows:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx>. We are reminding parents to please keep your child at home if you identify symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other respiratory disease so we can help maintain a healthy learning environment, staff, families and students. Additionally, a daily health check for COVID symptoms is required. All students must conduct a Daily Check before coming to school in order to determine if they have new or worsening symptoms and they must stay home from school if they do. Therefore, we encourage parents to use this BC assessment tool.

- **The following is the QR code for the student Health Check app:**



- **New Staff in September:** Please welcome Teacher Librarian, Ms. Jade Lee, Grade 6/7 Teacher, Mr. Nathaniel (Nate) Hyde, Supervision Aide, Charlene Thorp and SSA's Ms. Shannon Hare and Mr. Pablo Godoy. Also, please welcome back SSA Ms. Brittney Irvin.

Upcoming:

- Individual Photo Day is this Tuesday, September 29.
- On September 29, many staff and students will wear an orange shirt to recognize and remember the residential school experience. It was a day to recognize the harm the residential school system did to Indigenous children's sense of self-esteem and well-being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to

ensure that everyone around us matters. September 30<sup>th</sup> was the date chosen as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and it also provides educators an opportunity to foster dialogue and deepen their understanding of Indigenous People's histories for the coming school year. Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for Indigenous and Non- Indigenous people, local governments, schools, and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

- False Creek will participate in the Terry Fox Run on October 1. We are proud to continue the legacy of one of our country's greatest heroes. We hope you will join us and support this wonderful cause by donating to our Terry Fox School Run fundraising page: <http://www.terryfox.ca/FalseCreek>. Also, at school we will be collecting *TOONIES FOR TERRY* from September 27 to October 8, 2021.
- October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> will be our Goal Setting Conferences. A reminder to families that you may contact your child's teacher at any time to set up an appointment to discuss your child's progress at school. Most meetings will be conducted through Microsoft TEAMS or over the phone.
- October 22, 2021 is a Provincial Professional Day. Students will not attend school on this day.
- Our *Big One at Two* Earthquake Drill is coming on Wednesday, October 20. This will be a full release drill.
- Students are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes to school on the morning of Friday, October 29. Reminder: We will not be distributing or sharing food due to COVID-19.