

**Jamieson PAC General Meeting (Zoom)**  
**Feb 4, 2021**  
**Minutes**

**In Attendance**

**PAC Executives**

Kathy Tran

Cindy Ling

Lily Cheng

Kim Lai

Edwin Lee

Natasha Miladinovic

Jacqueline Tiong

Janice Yip

Lena Ling

Liz Yoon

**General Members**

Mable Wong, Itti Ma, Nathalie Kos, Carol Roh, Dickson Yang, Vivienne Soo, Wendy Man, and Will Szeto

**Call to Order**

Kathy Tran called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

**Approval of Agenda**

Additions to Agenda - Support for Option 4

Janice Yip motions to approve agenda, seconded by Dickson Yang, motion carried

**Approval of previous general minutes – Dec 10, 2020**

Edwin Lee motions to approve minutes, seconded by Jacqueline Tiong, motion carried

**Chair's Report: Kathy Tran**

- We have an amazing school community! There has been so much chatter in the news about COVID exposures at schools, the push by parents/teachers in other schools for mandatory masks; I am grateful to be part of the school community that supports the health and safety of students, staff and parents without specific orders from public health officials.
- Speaking on behalf of the whole Jamieson community, our kids are doing a great job of taking care of themselves and their peers.
- Although there aren't the usual events taking place, there is still a lot for our PAC to do.
- Two major items that affect our school are the school board's Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP), and the Elementary Music Review.
- Among other things, the LRFP contains student enrollment projections. The projected Jamieson enrollment for 2029 is 613 students. Vic Khanna, DPAC member, is very involved in providing feedback to VSB.
- The short story for the Elementary Music Review is that there should be a music program for elementary schools. Fortunately for Jamieson, we have a robust, highly reputable strings program, but this is not the case for many Vancouver elementary schools. I hope we will take any opportunity to support future music programming in the district so other schools can benefit.

- On a lighter note, we are still hoping to have a yearbook this year, and are looking at having plant sale for a fundraiser.

**Principal's Report: Natasha Miladinovic**

- Jamieson has been doing a great job to stay safe.
- For Kindergarten registration, we have received 50+ applications and will likely get more during the summer.
- Spirit club is doing "Drop everything and dance" until April; it's been fun and entertaining.
- High school applications are currently being collected in the Office
- We still have 79 students that are in Option 4 and remaining at home.
- We will have two murals in the hall to showcase our student tile work; all students will be participating in this art project (option 4 students will be offered the opportunity to participate)
- Outdoor education – many staff are spending time outside; we had submitted an application to the board for a grant to install an outdoor classroom (benches, picnic table, etc).
- Jan 29 sent home report cards with CSL (communicating student learning) format.
- Traffic update – There will be a "no left turn" sign on 49th and Tisdall during peak hours. This sign will be going up in Feb or March. The city will monitor how it impacts traffic flow to surrounding neighborhoods.
- The FSAs will be delayed until Feb 16.
- Parents / students are encouraged to watch a strings virtual celebration tomorrow night – link was provided to all families
- Today and tomorrow VPD will be talking to kids about traffic safety.
- Cross Boundary Application Process – February 1 – February 26
- Question from a parent: Does school support option 4? Could PAC write letter of support to VSB for option 4? Defer to new business.

**Treasurer's Report: Kim Lai**

- In the Gaming account, we spent in \$1541 in December and January for Physical activity bags. We were allotted \$2560, so we still have ~\$1000 to spend and we need to spend it by May 31st.
- Gaming grant still has \$8,558 that needs to be spent.
- In General account, Eat Yer Meat fundraiser raised \$780; combined with Gift Card fundraiser we netted \$1833.
- We paid for the School Mural's deposit of \$1890 in January.
- Including Jamieson PAC funds held by Jamieson School Administration, PAC has total funds of \$116,301.

**Old Business**

- Traffic Safety – updated as above

- Teacher Appreciation
  - We hope to do something for the teachers
  - For large items; we will solicit for donations from parents

## **New Business**

- Option 4 Support
  - Transition program – Parents have heard and/or led to believe that if kids don't transition back to school, might lose their spot at the school.
  - Natasha confirms that Jamieson school has not made this decision nor has the board. She confirms that child's spot at the school will not be lost for transition program kids at this time.
  - Nathalie Kos says her kids are coping well at home and grandma has helped; teachers have been great and her kids continue to have class online with their teachers.
  - Wendy Man asked if there will be continued teacher support after the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline? Natasha responded that there are no final plans past March 1<sup>st</sup> for now and once plans are available, they will be shared with parents. March 1<sup>st</sup> is next return date and, in the past, this has been extended. March 1<sup>st</sup> is not a firm deadline and school has welcomed back students prior to that date.
  - Question from parent if there is an option to go back to option 4? Natasha commented that our goal is not to go back to option 4, but we will address it when or if that happens. As of now, we have no further information beyond March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Natalie asked if PAC would write a letter to support Option 4? Kathy will check with DPAC as there is a template letter. We don't know what will happen to Option 4 after March 1<sup>st</sup>; but there has been no talk of losing kids or losing spots at Jamieson.
  - Wendy also wrote to the Trustees; and sent to PAC email.
  - Will Szeto also advocates for Option 4 and would like PAC/ DPAC support
  - Parents can send email to [info@jamiesonpac.com](mailto:info@jamiesonpac.com).
- School Photos and PAC related topics
  - Question if there will be school photos this year? VSB has postponed school photos to after Spring Break. Jamieson PAC planning to proceed with a Yearbook.
  - For Option 4 kids, parents can send in their photos to be included in the Yearbook.
  - Vivienne Soo asked if teachers are taking photos? Yes, Natasha, Lena and teachers are taking photos
  - School projection report
    - 510 now and projected to have >600 students for 2029; is there a plan to accommodate additional students?

- Kim asked Mr. Chris Wong, Principal, couple of years ago, the construction around the school and if VSB is linked into municipality planning and urban growth.
    - School capacity is reviewed district wide; VSB will look at low enrollment schools as not all schools are operating at capacity (unlike Jamieson).
    - The plan should be studied over a few years and see if growth is still in place; it will be interesting to see Mandarin program impacts as it phases out at Jamieson.
    - Oakridge construction has 7 towers and likely will have impact on school being overcapacity in the neighborhood schools.
    - Cavell Elementary is a good example of school upgrade without looking at the school capacity.
    - Osler Elementary is currently not full and in close proximity to Oakridge and Jamieson.
  - There will be 3 PAC members (Kim, Jacqueline, Anita) retiring this year and we need new PAC members. Since social distancing, it has been very difficult to recruit new parents to join and get involved.
  - We urgently need a PAC treasurer as Kim is leaving in June.
  - Question if VSB has considered use of Air purifiers in classrooms? Natasha advised that VCH, BCCDC and the board has not required or recommended the use air purifiers in the school setting. We are doing are best to follow the health and safety guidelines.
  - Itti asked if there is interest for another Eat Yer Meat fundraiser? Kathy will discuss with Itti.
- Meeting Dates
    - April 8<sup>th</sup>
    - May 13th

## **Adjournment**

Kim motions to adjourn meeting, seconded by Edwin. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.