

**Jamieson PAC General Meeting
September 27, 2023
General Minutes**

In Attendance

Jamieson Staff

Natasha Miladinovic Amrit Hundal

PAC Executives

Olivia Lau Michelle Leung Jonathan Au Andrew Kwan
Terence Chow Wendy Man Winnie Mak

General Members

Kenneth Yuen	Michelle Gatdula	Ragie Gatdula	Vicky Leung
Justin Neufeld	Elaine Loasby	Christina Lindvay	
Zahf Paroo	Emee Marigza	Gabz Marigza	
Warren Jung	Andriy Hrymalyuk	Maggie Lam	
Maureen Yu	Steven Truong	Ibiola Moraga	
Jude Zhu	Cindy Fan	Jocelyn Wong	
Jabin Kim-Cheung	Tracy Li	Erica Cho	
Steve Au	Riza Anggars	Carl Uston	

Call to Order

Olivia Lau called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Approval of Agenda

Andrew Kwan motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Christina Lindvay motion carried.

Approval of previous general minutes – April 24th, 2023

Michelle Leung motions for approval of meeting minutes, seconded by Steven Truong, motion carried.

Principal's Report: Natasha Miladinovic

- Introduction of self and new Vice Principal Ms. Amrit Hundal
- Thanked the PAC for school treats for staff at the beginning of September
- Talked about the Think of me Postcards event that was held on Sept 6th where "Think of Me" postcards were handed to families when crossing the street. The purpose was to ask families and drivers to follow rules of the road. This was an event held with ICBC and the VPD Crest Team
- The same morning, the VPD also ticketed those who turned on Tisdall and W.49th where the no left turn sign was disobeyed.
- Talked about the city doing a 40km zone pilot, and schools have been provided with signs to remind drivers of the school zone speed limit. Families in the catchment can request for the signs to go on lawns if they wish to.
- Advised that there are 21 divisions and 508 students this school year. The waiting list is full and fairly long, there are a few spots left in intermediate grades (they have younger siblings, so we

do not have space for both) . Students who do not get placed in Jamieson are often placed at Henderson Elementary, Osler Elementary, Van Horne Elementary, Sexsmith Elementary and Maple Grove Elementary Schools

- There was an Introduction Assembly on Sept 27th and the Code of Conduct, and our Playground rules were talked about
- Cross country meets have begun as well
- Report cards will be different this year, where there will be 3 reporting periods (instead of previously 2). The three periods would be Dec, March and June. Proficiency scale has a name change and will be finalized in the newsletters in Oct/Nov.
- Orange Shirt Day is set to be Friday Sep 29th
- Terry Fox Run is Sept 28th, donations are being collected
- The school has a new logo. The Chinese characters that were previously on the school's logo has been replaced with a Jaguar (as the Mandarin program has been phased out to another Elementary School, Trudeau)
- Spirit Day is on Oct 5th, the school is now the Jamieson Jaguars
- The Family and Student Affordability Fund received last school year from the Ministry had not been fully depleted. The remaining funds will go toward programs that pay for every student in the school.
- The Foundation Skill Assessment (FSA) is scheduled for grade 4-7 students between Oct 2-Nov 9

Treasurer's Report on Budget: Terence Chow

- Mainly 3 new items: Field Trips – proposed \$500 per division where teachers can choose their own activities; Raffle Prizes - \$150 for those who participate in PAC activities; Helping Hands Fund- \$2000 usually for hot lunch credits
- Special Events - \$2500 have been set aside for special events the PAC would like to arrange for the school
- Gaming Funds from the province (expecting \$10K at \$20/student)– extracurricular 3-4 workshops planned which would benefit as many students as possible
- School's revenue/income would usually come from hot lunch, concessions, other fundraising (ie. apples sale, talent show, Purdy's etc) - \$138K
- Proposing this year, a \$12K earning
- General account \$49K from previous year

Approval of Budget for school year 2023-2024

Andrew Kwan motions for approval of budget, seconded by Kenneth Yuen, motion carried.

New Business

Hot lunch this year will be led by Kenneth Yuen and Winnie Mak

- Hot Lunch dates are Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays (Tuesday and Thursday no hot lunch due to class in the activity room); Vendors arrive at about 11:45am
- Lunch time for students is 12:10-12:27pm
- October 13- Concession (Snack) stand to start. Reminder to parents to not bring more than \$5 bill
- October 6- last day to order Apples for fundraising; the pickup at school will be mid to late October when apples are fully harvest
- Purdy's fundraising will begin in late Nov/early Dec

- As a result of the parent outreach last year, a crosswalk at Tisdall and 46th have been approved (painting of the crosswalk delayed to summer/fall 2024) but it is on city planning
- Parents can start early when attending field trips or school activities to take photos for the yearbook. The PAC will create a new link for this school year's photos to be uploaded.

Questions:

- Can afterschool care be extended or have more space? And can the PAC bring in after school classes?
 - PAC nor the school provides this. Most after school classes are run through rentals as they are private companies. This is not something VSB/PAC provides because it does not benefit all students at the school. Also, afterschool care requires licensing and space.
- Is there extra support for kids with Autism?
 - We can chat about this confidentially.
- Why is the Mandarin district program taken away from Jamieson? And how do district programs work?
 - Our school is full, the program has been taken to a school with more space (now at Trudeau), this way our own catchment kids would have a chance to get into our school
 - Similarly, not many schools in the district have the Strings Program (Gr. 4+ students), teacher does it through prep (qualified teacher to do this)
- When do students start to learn French?
 - Students start core French (beginning) in Grade 5
- Those taking photos for the school, how would they know which student can have their photo taken?
 - Principal has all the forms from those students that does not want their photos taken and put in yearbooks; all photos will be vetted through her before being published

Next Meeting:

November 15th, 2023, held virtually

Adjournment:

Terrence Chow motions to adjourn meeting, seconded by Wendy Man, meeting adjourned at 8:00pm