



# VEDDER MIDDLE SCHOOL

## PAC Minutes

*January 23, 2024 Called to order by Nathalie, Chair at 7:04 pm*

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### In Attendance

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Nathalie (Chair), Daisy (Vice Chair), Allyson (Secretary), Kristina (Treasurer), Tai (DPAC)  
Gabe (Principal), Lisa (Vice Principal), Stacey, Jennifer G, Brian, Rebekah, and Dean

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### Approval of Agenda and Minutes

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- Daisy to motion the approval of the Agenda and November Meeting Minutes. Second by Stacey. All in favor

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### Treasurer's Report (Kristina, Treasurer)

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- See attached budget with updated revenue and expenses

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### Principal's Report by Lisa and Gabe

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- Stem night for middle school students was attended by 3 VMS Students and was very engaging
- New Staff hired: Child and Youth Worker, Indigenous EA, ELL teacher, EA and Lunch time supervisor, and Office staff
- Courtyard improvements were made during winter break. Added places to sit and read/relax and laid down some grass seed
- Grade 9 Sardis Secondary planning and course selection has started for grade 8 students. Only 12 students identified going to another high school other than Sardis Secondary.
- Mon/Wed from 2:21-3:10 is Student Support time as mandated in the teachers contracts, Teachers are available to students who need some additional support
- Friday Jan 26 is Assessment/Criteria Day for teachers. No school for students
- Bowls of Hope provides VMS with daily soup at lunchtime for any student who wants it. the supply is down to one container from 2 based on current use. VMS also has daily breakfast for students.
- The Fruit and Veg program is back at VMS and is available for any student who would like access
- Gabe will be going to Elementary schools to promote the French Immersion at VMS
- February 28 is Pink Shirt day. VMS has newly designed shirts by Mr and Mrs Fuggar and the shirts are available for purchase from the school website

- A Survey from UBC is taken by all grade 7 students around their mental health. Any red flags come back to the school and are followed up immediately by Gabe
- VMS is celebrating its 50th year anniversary. Watch for more details on a celebration
- Ms Riar will be organizing another Multicultural Day this Spring
- VMS will be hosting a Career Fair before Spring Break
- The Grade 6 Entrepreneurial Fair will be in June

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### DPAC Report (Tai, DPAC Rep)

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- The district is providing portable AC units for all portables. They should be installed during Spring break
- If any parents are having on going issues with bussing please email the PAC

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### New Business

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- A Hot lunch committee has been established and Hot Lunches are a great success. Thank you to Stacey for all your work and for the parents who help with the pick up and delivery day of. Watch FB for hot lunch updates. Parents, please remind your child if they have ordered hot lunch as it cuts down on the confusion of kids thinking they ordered but actually didn't. If students have any issue relating to hot lunch day of, please find one of the hot lunch parent volunteers who will help sort it out immediately. It is hard to rectify the situation after the fact.
- A Fundraising Committee is committed to fundraise \$15,000 towards the purchase of the new embroidery machine in the tech classroom. If you would like to join please email the PAC. The PAC ran a gift card fundraiser before Christmas but the campaign only raised \$183. If you have any feedback on the fundraiser please email the PAC.
- Parent question around the Vending Machine. Does it give a kick back to the school? YES, 24 cases of water for Sports as well as it generated \$3300 for the school which is then reinvested into the school athletics department
- A Parent at the meeting brought up a concern about menstrual products in the boys bathrooms at school. It is a provincial mandate to have menstrual products available in all bathrooms. On the first day that products were present in all bathrooms, there was some messes made by students who put products on walls and in the toilets. All students have been talked to and have been respectful since then. See handout from the District re Policy 433 Provision of Menstrual Products

Adjourned at 8:30 PM

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### Next Meeting

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**February 20 at 7PM in the Library**