

We acknowledge that we are on the shared traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples and the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations... and for this we are thankful.

Date: February 10, 2021

Location: Zoom

****Time:* 6:35 - 7:45 pm

Exec attending: Lucy, Michelle, Ryan *Absent:* Andrea, Holly, Ian, Juciane

*37 in attendance

Covid

Lucy - reminder for student to extend kindness for those returning to school from exposure

City of Vancouver - School Streets Pilot

Laura & Tracy - guests

- Action plan is part of TDM Action Plan and Climate Emergency Action Plan
- Potential School Streets Pilot being proposed for Roberts
- Car free blocks beside the school for walking, biking, rolling during pickup/drop off time (approx 30 minutes -8:40-9:10 and 2:40-3:10 each day - March 29-June 29
- Has taken place in many other schools in many other cities - first piloted in 2015 in 11 schools in UK
- there has found to be a substantial decrease in vehicle volumes, reduction in air pollution & and increase in walking
- Will be on Comox Street - barrier, signage provided; need a volunteer to be present for the 30 minute shift
- Cars already parked and can stay but they can't leave during the times above
- City will provide training materials for volunteers and resources for schools and district and parents
- PAC would need to designate a "School Streets Committee" 2-3 parents and a volunteer coordinator - \$200 honorarium for volunteer coordinator
- Notification banner to be put up 1 month prior to pilot launch
- Will be monitoring and reporting to see how it went - only 2 schools involved in the City
- Concerns in the chat - residents and people with mobility issues - Pendrell & Bidwell will still be open for cars and staff parking lot still open for drop off
- Grade 6 & 7 education being planned as well around alternative travel options and it is possible that we be on the list of schools that are offered this
- Sean noted the Comox bike lane issue was left unsolved and this could help problem solve without having the bike lane extended

- Laura noted question in chat of whether cars will be routed to other streets and cause more congestion but other pilots have shown a higher rate of those wanting to try other modes of travel as there is a safer way to do it on a designated street
- Chat - maybe a consideration of another pick up/drop off area around the school
- This is separate than the Roberts petition for the extension of the separated bike lane but our petition is how we were found to be offered the pilot
- MOTION
- Lucy called a vote for support to pursue Roberts as a candidate to participate in the safe streets program - Lisa seconded it - approx 20 of 37 voted yes - 2 no votes - 2 abstained (admin) - PASSED
- Chat - a request for a wider net vote to others not on the meeting
- Lucy offered her email for concerns & people who want to volunteer

Coal Harbour School - planned for a June 2024 opening (construction to start Nov 2021)

Lucy

- Attendees were shown the draft letter that PAC has drafted
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- MOTION
- Lucy called a vote for support in support of sending the letter to the Parks Board asking for a better playground and fencing at the Coal Harbour School - budget for and plan - Michelle seconded
- Ryan had a poll ready - 19 yes, 2 abstain (admin) - PASSED (91%)
- Sandy mentioned still having toddler and preschoolers options playground to exist too because they can't be on the school grounds - PAC will add this to the letter - Lucy asked for anyone opposed to put a note in the chat - no response

Police Liason Officer - VPD

Lucy/Sean

- Typically PLO supports Roberts in situations inside school & school community that come up from time to time; also provide some education and support with cyber bullying, assault etc. and if necessary are available to talk to student with parents present
- Back ground: <https://www.google.ca/amp/s/www.cbc.ca/amp/1.5763412> or <https://twitter.com/reddyforchange/status/1275469140568895488?s=21>
- Lucy called for comments from attendees about any concerns having police in the school; BIPOC - issues - in ideal world social workers or other community groups would be assigned instead
- Concerns from attendees about possible response to issues with students with disabilities
- Noted that having the right fit of police liaison officer and with proper training would be necessary
- Trustee Jennifer Reddy - PAC will invite her to the next meeting for more information to decide if this is a fit for Roberts - chat agreement to this

- More conversation necessary and hear from those who have had negative experiences with police
- SLO program is looking for feedback before end of February so timing could be a little tight
- Tara attended the VSB meeting in June - 4 hour meeting and then pushed to October - this discussion has been going on for some time; encouraged attendees to do their own research and become informed on the subject and provide opinions and thoughts to VSB directly;

ACTION - Attendee wants PAC to publicize the process further

Q&A

Sean/Amarit

- Issue with mass meeting after school - Sean will send out a message to all parent community as well - need to remember that we cannot gather under covid restrictions - especially as weather gets better
- global play day last week - great day!
- Amarit took photos of inside the school - wa more interesting this year as students couldn't bring anything from home this year due to covid;
- Classes are reading about and doing projects around age appropriate racism and issues surrounding inclusion - fantastic photos of student art and projects on the school walls
- Pink Shirt Day coming up - newsletter coming out tomorrow showing all upcoming events
- Masks - orders are given by public health; cannot be done at school level; note that more and more students are wearing masks;
- school district has recommended mask use at pick up/drop off time -
- ACTION - Lucy to send a message out to the parent reps to have a message sent out
- In the chat - to put the photos on the facebook page and/or in an email to families - shared on instagram account & will be in newsletters too
- Playground is not sanitized - no mandate
- Band - more info to follow - work in progress
- School photos - need a parent who is able to do research for the printing and development - so the school can take the photos - some places were too fancy and expensive and some were not high enough quality - a package with options
- Michelle volunteered to do this - another attendee offered Beau Photo for cardboard framing options
- School will take photos of each cohort in the gym - logistics about advance notice to parents for dressing up options - individual and group photos
- Call out to PAC exec & to division reps - we need you!

7:45pm adjourned