



David Oppenheimer Elementary School  
Wednesday, October 13, 2021, PAC Meeting Minutes

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**In attendance: Esther Moreno, Sara DiMarino, Liz Baca, Denice Banfield, Tina Ton, Hope Sterling, Serena Woo, Christine Bhamjee, Loeiza Noblesse, Vivian Kuan, Christina, Sharlene Steele, Arnaud Noblesse, Lisa Merrick, Diana Greig, Mami Iimura, Maribeth Lee, Felix H, Verence Jimenez Hidalgo**

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm

**I. 6:45 – 6:50 Welcome and Call Meeting to Order**

Territorial Acknowledgements by Esther Moreno

Adopt Agenda with amendment--Staff Wish Report removed, by Sara DiMarino, seconded by Tina Ton

Adopt Minutes from September 15, 2021 by Tina Ton, seconded by Serena Woo

**II. 6:50 – 7:15 School Report – Ms. Hope Sterling, Principal**

- a) **Code of Conduct Review** – Each fall we conduct a Code of Conduct review to ensure we are keeping it relevant and understandable. Please take a moment if you can, to read through our Code of Conduct and provide any feedback right to me. Thank you!
- b) **Stay home if you have symptoms** - We are still sending home anywhere from 6 to 10 students each day. Many report they were not feeling well when they got up in the morning.
- c) **VSB Ed Plan** – The VSB is seeking your input into their Education Plan. This is the plan that provides direction and priorities for the school board for the next 5 years. Here is the link to the survey - [edplan2026.vsb.bc.ca](https://edplan2026.vsb.bc.ca)
- d) **Parking Reminders** – We encourage everyone to walk or bike to school but if you cannot, please ensure you are following the Vancouver parking bylaws. i.e. not blocking driveways and avoiding fire hydrants.
- e) **FSA** – It is time again for the Foundational Skills Assessment. This is only for Grades 4 and 7 students. This provides the province feedback as to how our students are performing in literacy and numeracy.
- f) **Performances** – I am in the process of booking performances for the students. They will be conducted with all our Covid protocols in mind. This means they will be held at 50% capacity and “spread out”.
- g) **Remembrance Day** – Our next school wide assembly will be on November 10<sup>th</sup> for Remembrance Day. We will be doing this in-person in our gymnasium this year in two groups. We have invited a guest speaker from the Canadian Armed Forces. If your child has anything specific that they would like to present, please ask them to contact their child’s teacher as some classes may be doing some presentations.

- h) **Sports** – Volleyball season has started! We are offering a Grade 6 and a Grade 7 team. As we are moving at the speed of trust this year, parents will be asked if they are comfortable with other parents driving their children.
- i) **Terry Fox Donation** – Once again, thank you for your generous donation to the Terry Fox Foundation. We raised \$1200 this year!
- j) **Safety Drills** – We are conducting our regular safety drills this year, starting with a fire drill and an earthquake drill on Oct 21<sup>st</sup>. This is in line with the BC ShakeOut Drill. The Great BC ShakeOut is an annual opportunity to practice how to be safe during big earthquakes – “Drop, Cover and Hold On”.
- k) **Paperwork and Conferences** – Thank you for taking the time to complete all our September paperwork. These packages enable us to partake in neighbourhood walks and safety conduct our emergency drills. Finally, a thank you for the extra time and energy to meet with our teachers for conferences today and tomorrow. These meetings are extremely valuable for our teachers.
- l) **Vaccination registration**--open for kids ages 5 and older.

### III. 7:15– 7:40 Budget & Spending Goals – Serena Woo

Staff Wish Lists were not yet assembled at the time of the meeting.

Serena went over the budget to explain to new parents the school’s income streams and where money will be spent over the year.

### IV. 7:40 – 7:55 Committee/Event Reports

- a) **K-Parent/Guardian Surprise**--Sara  
We gave out welcome notes and individually wrapped Breka Cookies and information about PAC and Munchalunch to welcome the new students and families.
- b) **Wooden Plaque Fundraiser**--Esther  
Wooden plaque sales are taking place on MunchaLunch. Sales close this Friday, October 15. Distribution takes place the week of October 25-29. \$15 each plaque set.
- c) **Hot Lunch/Popcorn/TCBY**--Tina  
Munchalunch is alive. First pizza day is this Friday. We will see if we can bring on Wok Box in the new year and we are hoping to ramp things up in January. We've spent time going through all the procedures to make sure that everything is safe.
- d) **Fruit & Veggie**--Viv  
This Monday, October 18 baby carrots being distributed. This normally it comes with milk, but due to covid we decided not to hand out milk.
- e) **Yearbook**--Melissa  
There will be no yearbook for the whole school this year due to Health and Safety guidelines. We'll focus on grade 7 yearbooks. This will be Melissa's last year at Oppenheimer. If there is anyone interested to take over the role of yearbook committee lead starting next school year, please contact her directly at: [opp.yrbook@gmail.com](mailto:opp.yrbook@gmail.com)
- f) **Shop Funds**--Lisa  
Shop Funds will run from Nov 1st-21st. A new set of cards will be available this year called Happy Cards--each card will have 5 retailers on it and those retailers will offer 5% for us.

Delivery will be for first week of December. There won't be a limit this year. We can set up a table outside after school this year. Accepting cheque and cash payments.

g) **Spirit Wear**--Sharlene

Spirit Wear clothing will be offered through Abby's Sport Shop. Families can buy clothing with Orca logo on it online. We raised about \$500 last year. Shop Funds should be open starting Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and will close on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Information will be handed out to students in class about two weeks.

h) **Grade 7 Committee**--Serena

We are planning to hold a meeting in the next couple weeks. A note will go out to students when the date has been decided.

i) **DPAC Liaison**--Hannah

Thursday October 28 at 7 pm- general meeting - topic to be announced. Assessing feedback from our general meetings last year, this year we will continue to provide parent education evenings on topics of interest.

It's been a trying time for families and the VSB is also focused on mental health. Two good resources for families are:

Help For Hard Times ([familysmart.ca](http://familysmart.ca))

Kelty @BCCH ([keltymentalhealth.ca](http://keltymentalhealth.ca))

Please take care of your mental health and that of any member of your family. Strong relationships are key to mental health, and the above resources are here to help you.

**V. 7:55 New Business**

\$500 grant - walk home from school In November. We applied for a grant that we're going to use the money on. If kids walk home they can get a pin to put on their backpack.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm

**Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom (Details will be announced in the November PAC letter and November PAC Agenda)**