

## TRUDEAU PAC AGENDA AND MINUTES

October 27, 2021

1. Welcome and updates from Angela – Thanks to Hershcel for maintaining the Trudeau PAC through a difficult year in 2020/21.
  - a. Updates: School year now settling in, no cohorts so children playing together on playground, but we are a small school with lots of space, so we have younger children at swings, older children field in the field.
  - b. Staffing updates – New staff this year – Carol, Maki, Kayla, Meena (SSAs), Paul (SSA returned after being sent to a different school) Christie, evening custodian has left to work at another school and there is a posting for a new evening custodian, currently have Maribel who is on call.
  - c. Halloween – teacher will provide information, only individually commercially prepared snacks and not all classes necessarily doing it.
  - d. Open Gym – e-mail sent yesterday (Wednesday, October 27). M, W, F are the organization meetings, permission letters, 2<sup>nd</sup> week in November, students will be grouped. Program scaled back from previous years due to COVID space considerations.
  - e. Kindergarten Registration – Nov 1 – online registration, phone school to bring in supporting documentation. The priority registration period for kindergarten opens on **November 1 and closes at 4 pm on January 31**. If you want to apply for a District program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for District programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2022. **For more information on kindergarten registration visit:** <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>
2. Foundation Skills Assessments (FSAs) – Angela provided some context to the letter issued by the BCTF, the current legal proceedings, how and by who the test is marked, and when results are provided. Students have started writing the test and only those in Division 10 this year.
3. Artist in Residence – This program is unique to Trudeau, and we are starting the year with Division 1/2 students working with the artist currently. The artist will work with every division by end of April.
4. Tech improvements – have received another 10 laptops from the district through the technology equity plan. The district also gifted another I-pad charging cart (\$1500) to Trudeau to support the Mandarin program as we begin to purchase more I-pads for the program.
5. Parent introductions – the parents on the call took a few minutes to introduce themselves.

6. Parent Questions – Angela and Herschel answered questions from the parents on the call regarding school priorities, playground equipment, classroom parent reps, and fundraising. Of note, the PAC consciously didn't solicit donations last year given the hardships faced by many of the families due to COVID.
  
7. Next Meetings / Volunteers – Angela and Herschel will circulate a list of future meetings. Mark Achtemichuk has volunteered to act as Secretary for the PAC for the year.