

Minutes

POINT GREY SECONDARY SCHOOL		
4.21.2015	7:00 pm	Staff Room
Meeting called by	Esther Kwok	
Type of meeting	PAC meeting	
Secretary	Karen Aiouch	
Attendees	Esther Kwok, Karen Aiouch, Elizabeth Chang, Keren Gertsman, Mei Chong, Heather Krahn.	
Item 1. Welcome and adoption of minutes		
<p>Adoption of the agenda: Motion by Elizabeth Chang, seconded by Heather Krahn. Adoption of the January 20 Meeting's Minutes: Motion by Mei Chong, seconded by Elizabeth Chang.</p>		
Item 2. Student Presentation		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Gurmeet Lohcham, Gigi Puen present the Sustainability Conference. The theme this year is "Connect the dots". The goal is to celebrate sustainability inside and outside the VSB. Keynote speakers are Margot Llong, Kimberley Wong and Luke Wallace. The conference includes a variety of workshops. There is also an NGO Fair (non-governmental organizations) and a vegan free lunch. The students will develop a plan to make their school more sustainable. 20 students from Point Grey have registered to the conference (it's free, they just had to register), most of them are in grade 10 & 11. Gigi heard about it from a friend outside of school. Ms. Yep (Food class teacher) is also helping the students spreading the word. Gigi has reached to the environmental club and to the Get involved club.</p> <p>Gurmeet Lohcham, Gigi Puen, Maria Farinha are participating to another conference, the Canada International Model UN: teaches debating, public speaking, research, writing skills. There are 5 committees in the conference; each student will be representing a country, so there is also a lot of pre-research to be done. The goal is to do the same thing regularly at school, maybe at lunchtime, and start a club next year. Mr. Sinclair is the sponsor teacher.</p> 		

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Item 3. Principal's report

- Term 2 Report Cards sent home on March 30th.
- Seismic mitigation for Point Grey has begun. We are in the project definition phase. An architect, planner from VBE, and a District Principal for Facilities have all been assigned to the project. A project definition report (detailing the scope of the project) will be produced and has to be approved by the Board and the Ministry of Education. This phase will take about one year. The second phase is design and consultation, which should also take about a year. The third phase is construction which should take about two years. Since our school is unique, there likely will not be a total rebuild.
- The school calendar for 2015-16 has been approved by the Board. School will open Tuesday, September 8th and end on June 29th. There will be a slightly longer Spring Break (two weeks and a day) as Good Friday and Easter Monday are included in the tail end of the break. Also, the Friday before the Victoria Day long weekend in 2016 will not be in session. December 18th will be last day of classes before the Winter break with school re-opening on January 4th.
- In the process of reviewing the general and supplemental fees for 2015-16. Most fees are staying the same as this year. The school fee schedule has been approved by the School Planning Council and submitted to the Board for approval.
- Budget discussions for next year have begun at the Board. Usually the Board approves the final budget by the end of April. This will be delayed until the end of the June as the Board is required to wait for a report from the Ministry-appointed Special Advisor.
- Students in grades 8-11 have completed course selections for next year and this data is being used to construct the school's timetable for next year.
- Our projected enrolment decline is not as bad as we thought originally. We are anticipating an enrolment of around 1070 (down from 1109 this year). 165 grade 8 next year.
- At the end of April the staff will be reviewing the School Growth plan for this year and formulating a plan for next year. The School Planning Council has to sign off on the school growth plan.
- The school is moving ahead with providing the educational component for a girls hockey program based out of Kerrisdale arena and run by the Vancouver City Hockey Academy. The students would be elite level hockey players and strong students developing their skills with the goal of playing hockey at the post-secondary level and having studies paid for through a scholarship. There was overwhelming support from staff to support this partnership. We are looking at around 15 students in the local area and another 10-15 students outside of the area.
- Planning for our year-end events is underway. Students will be recognized at awards ceremonies, an athletic banquet, and Graduation on June 23rd.
- Point Grey will be hosting summer school classes again this year. Watch out for more information in the month of May.
- Recycling changes coming to Pt. Grey at the end of April to align with City of Vancouver requirements. 3-bin containers will be placed throughout the school—1 bin for garbage, 1 bin for organics, and 1 bin for mixed recycling.
- Spring sports season is rolling along with school teams in track and field, girls soccer, ultimate, senior rugby, badminton, tennis, boys volleyball, softball, and golf.
- Senior Music had a successful trip to Edmonton last week from April 13th to 17th.
- One of the Mini students has been accepted into Amnesty International's Human Rights College, a week-long event for youth being held in Halifax. Another student has been awarded a week-long computing science workshop at the University of Waterloo.

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Item 4. Chair's report

- **School Plan:** Esther and Keren will attend a meeting next week regarding this plan. Goals for 2014-2015 are literacy, social responsibility, and aboriginal cultural enhancement (mandated). We need to think about how we want to prepare our kids for the world.
- **Calendar:** budget was released in March. Tonight there will be budget revised proposals. The final report will be issued in June. Next month we will hold an AGM. As the building upgrade will take at least 5 years, the proposition is we move on with the sound system anyways (1. the system is portable 2. The auditorium should stay as it is during the upgrade). We might want to allocate a big part of the gaming funds to the auditorium system; Fan Chun to confirm if it's possible. We have already set aside \$12,000 for the gym sound system. The funds that PGMSS needs are \$15,000 for the gym and the auditorium.
- It is proposed to have a community project (athletics wear).
- We are well connected with Chinese parents. We hope to find a champion for the Korean parents.
- We could also have a group of all the leaders of any parents group (music, PAC, etc.).

Item 5. Announcements

- Esther Kwok is stepping down from the PAC Chair's position.
- Heather Krahn stepped down from the PGMSS Chair's position.
- Motion to adjourn by Esther Kwok seconded by Keren Gertsman. Adjournment at 9pm.

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PAC Meeting

April 21, 2015, at 7:00pm in the staffroom

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome and adoption of minutes | Esther Kwok |
| 2. Student Presentation | Gigi Puen |
| 3. Principal's Report | Kal Gill |
| 4. Chair's Report | Esther Kwok |
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| 6. Adjournment | |