

Point Grey Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

January 21st, 2013 7:30 p.m.

In attendance: Esther Kwok (chair), Greg Anstruther (DPAC rep), Lisa Kilner (Secretary); Fan Chun (treasurer); Karen Aiouch, Mei Chong, Keren Gertsman, Emma Li, Elizabeth Chang, (Members-at-Large), Quorum Met. (Please see sign-in sheet).

1. **Welcome.** Esther welcomed parents and informed people about the upcoming Book Fair. Call for volunteers for setup the night before and help for the day of.
2. **PG Cares.** Esther introduced two students from the PG Cares club. They wish to purchase a greyhound mascot for a lip dub video planned for March 10-12. Mr. Carmichael is the sponsoring teacher.
3. **Speaker - Leslie Johnstone - Head of Science Department**
 - Leslie mentioned that this is the biggest dept at Point Grey with the following classes: 8, 9, 9 Honours, 10, 10 Honours, 11 — Bio, Chem, Physics, Earth Sciences (not this year). 12 - Bio, Chem, Physics, AP Chem, AP Physics, AP Bio (sometimes). There are many different competitions that the students can enter. Last year, Point Grey won the National Crystal growing competition. She is hoping to have a science discovery night again.
 - AP credits are better applied at American universities but not at institutions such as UBC since we teach more sciences in Canada. Currently, there are Honours classes for grades 9 and 10 but the grade 8 honours class was removed. 45 kids apply for 30 spots in grade 9. There is a re-application for Honours 10. Admission to honours programs is based on student request and teacher recommendation. Admission for AP courses is based on teacher recommendation. Honours program courses are tested at the same level as standard courses but the classes provide more enrichment activities. Summer courses allow you room to take AP courses. AP Chem is always offered, AP physics is usually offered and AP Bio is sometimes offered. These are based on student demand.
4. **Principal's Report - Irfan Shiekh**
 - Point Grey Day Market - the clubs raised \$2500 which was matched by the federal government.
 - Winter Wonderland was a success.
 - Interims are being sent out.
 - Honour roll assemblies were held. The top 10 percent are on the principal's list.
 - There are 3 new staff. (Math teacher, Lifeskills teacher, and Dr. Carmichael is returning.
 - Irfan thanked the PAC for all of their efforts.
5. **Chairs Report — Esther Kwok**
 - Grade 7 Night — volunteers greeted parents and provided light refreshments.
 - Teacher's Wish List application process has been completed.
 - Meeting up with catchment schools to connect with their PACS.
 - Grad Committee is in full swing. PAC will support their fundraising efforts by re-directing proceeds from grade 12 parents participating in the gift card program.
 - Soup Night January 18th. 6 p.m. in the staff room. Hosted by the Fine Arts Department. Proceeds will go to Covenant House.

Approval was given to allocate \$1000 towards the Point Grey Mascot. (15 for)
6. **Treasurer's Report — Fan Chun**

Fan explained this year's allocations of funds. Irfan noted that the staff is most appreciative of the efforts of the PAC.
7. **Approval of Minutes:** Keren Gertsman motioned to accept. Greg Anstruther seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05. Heather Krahn motioned. Mei Chong seconded. Motion carried.