

Minutes

POINT GREY SECONDARY SCHOOL		
5.17.2016	7:00 pm	Staff Room
Meeting called by	Esther Kwok	
Type of meeting	PAC Annual General Meeting	
Secretary	Karen Aiouch	
Attendees	Cindy Hum, Keren Gertsman, Cindy Young, Heather Krahn, Elizabeth Chang, Ginous Taylor, Karen Aiouch, Marianne Gianacopoulos, Nicole Penner-Horodyski, Theresa Pearson, Fan Chun, Greg Anstruther, Nancy Wang, Emma Li, Tracy Yuen.	
Item 1. Welcome, approval of the minutes and adoption of the agenda		
Adoption of the agenda and approval of the 2015 AGM Minutes: Motion by Keren Gertsman, seconded by Cindy Hum.		
Item 2. Reports		

a. Report from Principal (Kal Gill)

- Mini 8's went to Bamfield Marine station April 26-29.
- Mini 9's and 10's went to Strathcona Park April 25-29.
- The Music department held their annual Jazz night on May 6th. The Point Grey community got to enjoy good food and beautiful music!
- Grade 12's wrote Advanced Placement exams the week of May 2-5. This year Advanced Placement courses (equivalent to first year university) offered at the school included Chemistry, Psychology, Computer Science, Physics, and Calculus.
- The school held the District's annual "Big One at Two" earthquake drill in the afternoon of May 5th.
- Track and Field zone finals happened at Point Grey on May 11th and at UBC on May 12th. Mr. Skarsgard, Ms. Hansen, and volunteer Mr. Keenlyside do an amazing job supporting our track athletes.
- A large number of our students are participating in Ultimate as this sport is in full force now.
- Mr. Duey has taken a Point Grey Junior rugby group to Ottawa (May 9-13). This is the second half of an exchange program.
- The school is in the process of building our timetable for next year. We have been delayed because of uncertainty around the budget not being passed. The District budget drives our staffing which drives our timetable. Going to get staffing from the Board on May 11th instead of the originally scheduled date of May 4th.
- The school growth plan process is in transition. The school is required to reflect on this year's goals and either retain the current goals or explore other areas for 2016-17 (with the idea of developing these other areas of interest into school goals for 2017-18). The staff elected to retain our current goals focusing on literacy, social responsibility, and Aboriginal cultural awareness for all students.
- The projected enrolment for our school next year is 1040 (this year's enrolment is 1055). This number includes 144 international students which is up from 126 this year. The Board asked us to temporarily increase for next year in anticipation of building envelope work being done at Magee. The trend for declining enrolment is continuing.
- Mr. Gill attended along with a parent from Point Grey to a "Parent session concerning the redesigned curriculum" held at Templeton on May 16th.
- The Board has decided to decentralize the Vancouver Learning Network (VLN). VLN provides online course for Vancouver and out-of-district students. Point Grey was one of 4 schools selected to have some of our staff pick up some VLN courses. The other schools were U-Hill, Byng, and Templeton. A smaller core VLN office would be at Tupper.
- Point Grey received some recent press indicating that it could be on a list of schools considered for closure. No such list has been developed yet. The Board is analyzing each school on a set of factors for closure (enrollment numbers aging structures, full capacity of 25 students / class (PG is at 95% capacity with this criterion), etc.). The development of list of schools potentially considered for closure could be ready by June of this year. The Board would have to follow its school closure policy which would allow for consultation from parents, staff, and the community. The earliest date for closure of any school would be September 2017.
- Look at the long range facilities plan on the Website.
- Summer school information has arrived. Point Grey is used as a summer centre offering completion, remedial, and preview courses. Please go to summer.vsb.bc.ca for more information.

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- b. **Vice-Chair (Elizabeth Chang)**
Elizabeth welcomes all the parents, and thanks all the heads of the committees and the Principal.
- c. **Report from Treasurer (Fan Chun)**
There is a time delay in our finances report. \$64,439 balance at the beginning of the year:
Expenses:
\$20,000 yearly commitments (grade 8 camp, PGMSS, Manning field trip). We budgeted another \$20,000 for various requests from teachers (library)
\$15,000 sound system
Funds:
\$8,000 donations from parents + \$25,000 from gaming grant
\$16,260 balance today.
- d. **PGMSS (Nicole Penner-Horodyski)**
Potluck at the beginning of the year.
Winter concert (buy a vibraphone with the profits).
Advocacy in elementary schools to present the PG music program.
Survey and letters from parents and students (+400) to show their support of the music program for 2016-2017.
Increased communications.
Updated Website.
Upcoming spring concert.
- e. **Mini Society (Cindy Young)**
Wine and cheese fundraiser every year. There are now 2 co-heads of the Mini program.
Updating of the computers: new computers added to the lab + 1 computer for the office.
Participation to the sound system funding.
Risk to lose the 0.5 FTE of office support, puts more stress to the staff.
Implementation of a new Website to process information that used to be done manually.
- f. **Counselling (Cindy Hum)**
Counsellors start up: parents set up appointments by grade for the students at the beginning of the year to see the counsellor.
Does not require any PAC funds.
- g. **Chinese Parents (Nancy Wang)**
2 meetings: Dumpling Night (50 people) on February and Dragon Dance events. Communication with the Chinese parents with WeChat. Tea times at the school. Our main financial supporters are the Chinese parents. Emma Li and Nancy Wang are graduating this year.
- h. **Grad committee**
No report.
- i. **Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon (Cindy Hum)**
- June 2.
 - This year we will not ask for food from the parents. We will ask for donations and door prizes (approx. 65-80 teachers + administrative staff).
 - PAC will provide the food (catering with Whole Foods).
 - We are looking for helpers at 10am for setup.
- j. **Gift Card Program (Elizabeth Chang)**
This program does not generate enough profits for the time it takes to run the program. Elizabeth and Keren suggest that we discontinue this fundraiser and concentrate on other fundraisers that we have in place. All in agreement.

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Item 3. Election of 2016-2017 PAC Executive Committee Members

Position of Chair: Esther Kwok steps down from the position.

- Resignation Accepted.

1. **Motion by Elizabeth Chang: To nominate Esther Kwok for the position of Past Chair Position.**
– seconded by Keren Gertsman.
– All in favor – Motion Passed.
2. **Motion by Elizabeth Chang: To nominate Ginous Taylor for the position of Co – Vice Chair.**
– seconded by Karen Aiouch.
– All in Favor – Motion Passed.
3. **Motion by Karen Aiouch: To nominate Elizabeth Chang for the position of Co - Vice Chair.**
– seconded by Fan Chun.
– All in Favor – Motion Passed.
4. **Motion by Elizabeth Chang: To nominate Karen Aiouch for the position of Secretary.**
– seconded by Fan Chun.
– All in Favor – Motion Passed.
5. **Motion by Elizabeth Chang: To nominate Fan Chun for the position of Treasurer.**
– seconded by Greg Anstruther.
– All in Favor – Motion Passed.
6. **Motion by Elizabeth Chang: To nominate Greg Anstruther for the position of DPAC representative.**
– seconded by Keren Gertsman.
– All in Favor – Motion Passed.
7. **Motion by Elizabeth Chang: To nominate Keren Gertsman for the position of Correspondence Secretary.**
– seconded by Fan Chun.
– All in Favor – Motion Passed.
8. **Motion by Elizabeth Chang: To nominate Tracy Yuen to join the Executive Point Grey Parent Advisory Council for the position of Member at large.**
– seconded by Keren Gertsman.
– All in Favor – Motion Passed.
9. **Motion by Elizabeth Chang: To nominate Marianne Gianacopoulos to join the Executive Point Grey Parent Advisory Council for the position of Member at large.**
– seconded by Keren Gertsman.
– All in Favor – Motion Passed.

All votes were unanimous and accepted the Point Grey Parent Advisory Council Execs as voted in.

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Item 4. New Business

Guest Speaker (Marianne Gianacopoulos)

Special session on the new curriculum held at Templeton on May 16. Grade K to 9 effective in September. Visit www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca for more information.

British Columbia's curriculum is being redesigned to respond to the demanding world our students are entering. Transformation in curriculum will help teachers create learning environments that are both engaging and personalized for students. At the heart of British Columbia's redesigned curriculum are core competencies, essential learning and literacy and numeracy foundations.

We are moving to competency-based curriculum across all subjects as opposed to memorizing information; to better acquire knowledge and integrate this knowledge across the elementary/secondary/college/job market.

The shift toward this new curriculum is for the students to understand why they are learning this or that.

Before the focus was on the content. Now the content is a vehicle, not the end goal.

They have identified the following core competencies attached to every learning area: communication, creative thinking, critical thinking, positive personal and cultural identity, personal awareness and responsibility, social responsibility.

Teachers had 2 days to learn about the curriculum and talk about it.

Acknowledgement of aboriginal process of learning.

Redesigning assessment will focus on bringing coherence to curriculum, assessment, and communicating student learning.

Search provinceofbc on YouTube for videos on the curriculum (<https://www.youtube.com/user/ProvinceofBC/videos>).

Item 5. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Elizabeth Chang, seconded by Karen Aiouch.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

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PAC Annual General Meeting

May 17, 2016, at 7:00 pm in the staffroom

Agenda

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 - g. Chinese Parents
 - h. Grad Committee
 - i. Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon
 - j. Gift Card Program
3. Election of the 2016-2017 PAC Executive Committee Members
4. New Business
5. Adjournment