

# Minutes

POINT GREY SECONDARY SCHOOL			
5.19.2015		7:00 pm	Staff Room
Meeting called by	Esther Kwok		
Type of meeting	PAC Annual General Meeting		
Secretary	Karen Aïouch		
Attendees	Fan Chun, Cindy Hum, Greg Anstruther, Keren Gertsman, Esther Kwok, Emma Li, Nancy Wang, Elizabeth Chang, Jenifer Hill, Karen Aïouch, Heather Krahn.		
<b>Item 1. Welcome and adopting of minutes and agenda</b>			
Adoption of the agenda and of the 2014 AGM Minutes: Motion by Greg Anstruther, seconded by Keren Gertsman.			
<b>Item 2. Reports</b>			
<p>a. Principal (Kal Gill)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A student forum was held on the afternoon of May 1<sup>st</sup>. Fifty students representing the student body gathered to talk about ways to improve the school. One of the issues discussed was how to increase school spirit. In the past the forum has helped to make significant changes including the new Grey Hound Effort Roll and the tutorial period.</li> <li>• Jazz Night was held on May 8<sup>th</sup>. What more could you ask for: good music, good food, and good company.</li> <li>• On May 9<sup>th</sup> the Shred-a-thon and Car Wash was a successful fundraiser organized by the Parent Grad Committee and the School Grad Committee. The Shred-a-thon raised \$1,700 while the Car Wash raised \$750.</li> <li>• The Art Draw Down happened on May 15<sup>th</sup> with PG students drawing positive murals connected to teen issues.</li> <li>• The school calendar and bell schedule for 2015-16 were approved by the Board. The bell schedule remains unchanged from this year. Both of these documents are posted on the school website.</li> <li>• Earlier today at the Professional Development day, the staff got a chance to listen to a speaker talking about leadership, wellness, and work-life balance. Also, there were sessions on the new curriculum and on how to use the laptops provided to teachers by the VBE.</li> <li>• Advanced Placement exams in Psychology, Biology, Computer Science, Calculus, and Chemistry were held in the first two weeks of May. These exams are the culmination of year-long work at a first year university level.</li> <li>• School teams have done well in track and field, rugby, ultimate, soccer, and badminton.</li> <li>• One of our students in grade 9 had two of his photographs be selected in the top 100 of the 9,000 images submitted to the Audubon Photo Awards for 2015.</li> <li>• The Principal would like to thank the PAC in advance for the teacher appreciation lunch happening tomorrow, May 20<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• The Principal would like to formally thank the PAC Chair, Esther Kwok, and the rest of the PAC executives and volunteers for another year of outstanding service to the school.</li> </ul>			

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b. Chair (Esther Kwok)

Fruits, pastries, vegetables, refreshments were brought to staff.

School Plan: the goals for 2015-2016 have been approved (participation of Esther Kwok & Keren Gertsman)

c. Treasurer (Fan Chun)

- Total income from all fundraising activities is \$8,969. However, the amount also includes a generous gift of donation from the Grad Committee, \$5,504. Direct drive only brought \$1,875. Bottle drive brought \$870.
- Our total income dropped from \$15,647 last year to the level of current year mainly due to the delay in opening of the school year.
- Total income for Gaming Grant is \$23,580 plus \$9 bank interest.
- We have allocated all of the gaming funds to extracurricular activities. English, special education, lifeskills,...Should there be any over budgeted items, they will be funded by parent donations.
- \$12,000 has been allocated (special project) to assist the school to improve the sound system at the gym.

d. Mini Society (Jenifer Hill)

Fundraiser in the fall, choices of incoming grades 8 were late. Welcome barbecue coming up in June. Teachers' appreciation lunch in June. Recycling of decorations for Jazz Night.

e. PGMSS (Heather Krahn)

- Information to parents by emails, promotion of the Music Department to elementary catchment schools & music teachers, promotional pamphlet.
- Potluck on Oct. 29, 2014.
- Goals for 2015-2016: update the Website, bios of the teachers, accomplishments, performance schedule, rewards.
- Updating of the sound system in progress: all equipment will be "moveable" when the seismic upgrades are done.
- Concert video recording.
- Heather Krahn is stepping down from the PGMSS's Chair. A guidebook is ready for the new Chair.

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. Ran for 2 weeks. Process went very smoothly.

g. Grad committee (report sent by Carol Jones)

- Thanks to the PAC for the \$1,000 contribution to this year's activities. It has been a tough year to plan this event as the grade 12 students choose their prom date as Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - two nights after our event which the date was selected back in November. The prom and safe after prom are also on a Sunday with Monday being a regular school day.
- Tickets to the prom went on sale a week after our tickets went on sale. For a family of 3 it is \$240 to attend the dinner/dance and safe after grad, all held at the Hellenic Centre and then another \$195 to attend prom. So we are finding out that parents are giving their student a choice of one or the other. So it has been a challenge. As of today, we have 100 students out of a class of 255 attending our event and from what I understand the prom has about 85 students and another 85 dates attending that event. So it looks like we both have suffered from this.
- Tickets are still on sale until Friday as we are hoping there will be some last minute change of minds. We will also push for more grocery certificates to be bought in May to help us make our budget target. At this point we are not expecting to be able to give back the \$1,000 to the PAC if not used as we had to reduce our budget substantially to meet the low numbers of attendees- we are hoping for 300 total guests to break even.

The PAC funds are being used for the safe after grad portion which is held upstairs at the Hellenic Centre from 11:30pm- 2am and we have rented casino games, magician, tattoo artists, etc. and have had great prizes donated from the local community. We are looking for grade 11 parents to work 3 hour shifts on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

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## h. Chinese Community (Emma Li)

Dumpling Night and Dragon Dance events. Some parents will come to help with the Teachers Appreciation Lunch. A lot of parents can't commit more because of lack of time. Chinese parents are using WeChat every day, even more than emails.

## i. DPAC (Greg Anstruther)

- Budgets are out. Public consultations were in April. Special advisor reports in May. June 10 consultation. June 29 special board meeting.
- Budget shortfall projection of \$14 million for this school year. This is a significant shortfall. VSB indicated that they would try to keep cuts away from the classroom where possible and focus upon administration costs. This is not realistic given the cumulative year over year reductions that have already occurred.
- Parents may be asked to engage in advocacy in putting pressure on the Premier and Minister of education. The budget shortfall originates with inadequate funding of public education at the provincial level, not VSB.

## j. Gift cards (Elizabeth Chang)

- Difficult start of the year: late start meant less gift cards, a lot of work of catch up. We didn't start until December.
- \$1,823 is the total profit (we will be at \$2,500 by the end of June). Some parents have been ordered continuously, but a lot of them are one-time participants. The response for picking-up is better this year: email to parents for the kids to pick up the gift cards.
- Elizabeth Chang could use some help. Greg Anstruther suggests that we choose places where we go usually to pick up the cards (once or twice a month). Keren Gertsman suggests that we find a carrier donating the fees to deliver the gift cards instead of Elizabeth picking them up.
- The Grad Committee asked for May profits from the program, but we gave them the profits back to January: \$563.

## Item 3. Election of 2015-2016 PAC Executive Committee Members

- 3 positions legally need to be filled: PAC Chair, Secretary and the Treasurer. Then we will vote for members who have a designation, then for members at large (usually in charge of the committees).
- Position of Chair: Esther Kwok wanted to step down from the position, and would like to find a co-chair to assure a smooth transition in 2 years. Nobody volunteers. We can keep a position for co-chair open. Anybody can step up to that position later in the year.  
Chair: nominee Esther Kwok. Motion by Heather Krahn, seconded by Cindy Hum.
- Elizabeth Chang stays as Vice Chair until we find somebody. Usually, the purpose of Vice Chair is to step up to Chair, but Elizabeth doesn't want to become a Chair.  
Vice-chair: nominee Elizabeth Chang. Motion by Esther Kwok, seconded by Heather Krahn.
- Treasurer: nominee Fan Chun. Motion by Elizabeth Chang, seconded by Esther Kwok.
- Secretary: nominee Karen Aiouch. Motion by Elizabeth Chang, seconded by Greg Anstruther.
- DPAC representative: Greg Anstruther. Motion by Esther Kwok, seconded by Elizabeth Chang.
- Member at large: Keren Gertsman. Motion by Esther Kwok, seconded by Greg Anstruther.
- Member at large: Emma Li. Motion by Elizabeth Chang, seconded by Karen Aiouch.
- Member at large: Nancy Wang. Motion by Elizabeth Chang, seconded by Karen Aiouch.
- Mei Chong steps down from her position as member at large.

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## Item 4. Announcements and Upcoming Events

- a. **Teachers Appreciation Luncheon**  
We can allocate money to buy salads for the luncheon.
- b. **Grade 7 Walkabout**  
May 27. Emma Li, Karen Aiouch, Cindy Hum, Esther Kwok. Esther will book a room. We should target the grade 8 parents in September: we could host a potluck just before the parents come for the retreat information meeting. To be promoted during the walkabout.
- c. **Dry Grad celebration**
- d. **June's calendar**  
We need to consolidate what we will put in the newsletter. We might have a execs meeting in June if needed. Motion to absorb the June meeting by Greg Anstruther, seconded by Esther Kwok.

## Item 5. Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn: Elizabeth Chang, seconded by Jenifer Hill**
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.**

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## PAC Annual General Meeting

May 19, 2015, at 7:00 pm in the staffroom

### Agenda

1. Welcome and adopting of minutes and agenda
2. Reports
  - a. Principal
  - b. Chair
  - c. Treasurer
  - d. Mini Society
  - e. PGMSS
  - f. Counselling
  - g. Grad
  - h. Chinese Community
  - i. DPAC
  - j. Gift cards
3. Election of 2015-2016 PAC executive committee members
4. Announcements and Upcoming Events
  - a. Teachers Appreciation Luncheon
  - b. Grade 7 Walkabout
  - c. Dry Grad celebration
  - d. June's calendar
5. Adjournment