

# Minutes

POINT GREY SECONDARY SCHOOL		
11.25.2016	7:00 pm	Staff Room
Meeting called by	Elizabeth Chang	
Type of meeting	PAC meeting	
Secretary	Karen Aiouch	
Attendees	Karen Aiouch, Marianne Gianacopoulos, Fan Chun, Greg Anstruther, Ginous Taylor, Elizabeth Chang, Keren Gertsman, Emiko Dong, Sandra Wong, Jennifer Adams, David Xu, Jenny Yang, Bing Zhou, Gilliam Beath, Nikki Penner-Horodyski, Colleen North, Agnes Ho, Yan Zheng, Jing Zhou, Jin Lei, Xiao Lin, Lili Tang, Bonnie Park.	
<b>Item 1. Adoption of minutes</b>		
Adoption of the agenda: Report from PGMSS has been added. Motion by Keren Gertsman, seconded by Karen Aiouch. Adoption of the October 18, 2016 Meeting's Minutes: Motion by Keren Gertsman, seconded by Marianne Gianacopoulos.		
<b>Item 2. Principal's report</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spanish teacher and students organized some Day of the Dead activities at lunch on October 28.</li> <li>Student Council organized a Haunted House to build community spirit and celebrate Halloween. It was open to the community after school on October 27.</li> <li>Some of our students participated in the B.C. Cross country finals in Kelowna held November 4-5.</li> <li>We had 4 student teachers from UBC doing their short practicum at the school from Oct. 31 to Nov. 10. Their teaching areas are in music, science, and social studies.</li> <li>Grade 9's participated in the Take Our Kids to Work Day on November 2. It is a good learning opportunity for our students to understand the world of work and how hard their parents work.</li> <li>Grade 10's spent the afternoon of November 2 learning about how to prevent violence through the Safeteen program. They also learned information around consent.</li> <li>The school won the city championships for Bantam Boys (grade 8) Rugby and Senior Girls B Field Hockey.</li> <li>Sixteen students left for Nov. 8 as part of our annual exchange program with Minami school in Yokohama. This is a great cultural exchange with students staying with host families. Students will return Nov. 16.</li> <li>Remembrance Day assemblies held on November 9. The assembly included presentation from a veteran, performances by the band and choir, a video from social Studies, and student presentations based on their writing related to experiences of soldiers and civilians during war time.</li> <li>November 10 was a District Curriculum Implementation Day. Staff worked in school departments or with colleagues around the District to discuss the new K-9 curricula and the draft 10-12 curricula.</li> <li>The District Jazz Festival is taking place at Point Grey at 6:30 pm on November 17.</li> <li>Mini School program testing is happening November 24. At 3:00 pm on Dec. 15 is the Mini school application deadline.</li> <li>Dec. 2 is the end of Term 1.</li> <li>Dec. 5 is a Pro-D day.</li> <li>On Dec. 8, first term report cards are distributed. Parent teacher conference bookings open at 7:00 pm and close Dec. 12 at 1:00 pm.</li> <li>Junior winter concert Dec. 7 at 7:30 pm. Dec. 14 is the Senior winter concert at 7:00 pm.</li> <li>Dec. 15 is Parent-Teacher conferences from 6:30 -9:04 pm in the large gym. There is an early dismissal that day at 2:08 pm.</li> <li>Dec. 16 is the last day of classes before winter break. Winter break from Dec. 19th -January 2. School re-opens on Tuesday, January 3.</li> <li>Mr. Mar was called out to help at the VLN. Since the end of Oct. to end of December his duties are filled by an acting VP.</li> </ul>		

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## Item 3. Co-Chair's report

- There will a presentation from Unlock your future "Key to scholarships" on January 17.
- On Dec 12, PAC will hold a social event. We will also collect donations for Covenant House.

## Item 4. Chinese Community Subcommittee Report

- Tracy Yuen reports on the Chinese parents community's activities. A presentation has been organized with a UBC teacher.
- There was fundraising for a Lion Dance that will take place on February - 3 (7<sup>th</sup> day of the Chinese New Year) - treats will be offered to students.
- A Dumpling night will be held on February 10.

## Item 5. Grad Subcommittee Report

- There's one fundraising activity going on: the Poinsettia Sale (deadline Nov. 17).

## Item 6. PGMSS Subcommittee Report

- Junior concert will be on Dec. 7, intermediate on Dec 8, senior on Dec. 14.

## Item 7. Guest speaker: M. Lai, Head of Math department

### Chosing the right path in Math

- New curriculum: focus on Communication, Thinking, Personal & Social.
- Financial literacy is the new area that has been introduced this year. K to gr.9 was implemented in 2016-2017; gr. 10-12 will be in 2017-2018. In the future, there should be exams only in Literacy and Numeracy (not sure if it will in grade 11 or in grade 12).
- New curriculum: History of Mathematics, Geometry (gr 12), Statistics (gr 12).
- Courses that will be offered in 2017-2018 at PG: Precalculus 10, 11, 12 and Calculus 12+ AP Calculus, Workplace Mathematics 10, Workplace Mathematics 11, Math 8 / Math 8 Honours, Math 9/Math 9 Honours.
- Post-secondary requirements: Precalculus 12 is required for non humanities undergrad programs (Science, Engineering). Calculus is required for Ontario Schools in the same programs. So how to fit 6 courses in 5 years of high schools? Enroll the students in summer school or online courses. Teachers usually recommend summer school over online courses because there is one-on-one teaching.
- How to get in AP Calculus: high marks in PreCalculus 12 + a recommendation from the Math teacher.
- Advices for the parents: talk to the child about what they have learned in Math, communicate with the teachers, use your child's peer groups for help, do not impart your lack of understanding onto them, have them set aside 15 to 30 minutes daily to do math, find help if you cannot help (Web: kahn Academy Website, YouTube Math tutors), tutorial time with the teachers, peer tutoring at school (organized by the counsellors during the class time), extra tutoring.

## Item 7. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Greg Anstruther, seconded by Fan Chun. Adjournment at 7:55pm.

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## PAC Meeting

November 15, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the staffroom

### Agenda

1. Adoption of the minutes of October 18, 2016
2. Principal's Report
3. Co-Chair's Report
4. Chinese Community Subcommittee Report
5. Grad Subcommittee Report
6. PGMSS Report
7. Guest speaker: Mr. Daniel Lai, Head of Math Department
8. Adjournment

**Next meeting: Tuesday, January 17th, 2016**