

Minutes

POINT GREY SECONDARY SCHOOL		
10.21.2014	7:00 pm	Staff room
Meeting called by	Esther Kwok	
Type of meeting	PAC meeting & potluck	
Secretary	Karen Aiouch	
Attendees	Esther Kwok, Karen Aiouch, Elizabeth Chang, Fan Chun, Greg Anstruther, Emma Li, Mei Chong, Nancy Wang, Vilma Yparraguirre, James Yao, Lin B., Serena Xiz, Lili Tang, Winnie Won, Jessie Xie, Pennie Li, Amy Liu, Jane Zhou, Helen Song, Toupti Rat, Farah Shroff, Roozbeh Mehrabadi, Heather Krahn, Kathy Wong, Kelly Clark, Tracy Yuen, Serena Xie.	
Item 1. Welcome		
Because it's the first PAC meeting, we are going to offer simultaneous translation.		
Item 2. Principal's report		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gil is the new Principal. His last position was principal at Sir Charles Tupper Secondary in Vancouver. Mr. Sheikh has been transferred to be the Principal at Sir Charles Tupper. Mr. Gill has been a teacher and an administrator with the VSB for 25 years. • Mr. Procyk, the Head Teacher of P.G. Mini School, has recently been presented with a Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence. • Thanks to the parents who helped the counsellors deal with timetables changes. This was an enormous task after the late start and trying to place students who had registered for summer school. • Enrolment for this year is at 1,110, which is down 69 students from last year's enrolment of 1,179. • During the 2nd week of school we had the Parent walkabout. • After a month of operation, we see the school coming to life. The track and field is busy all the time: field hockey, boys' soccer, volleyball, and cross-country moving ahead. • The District Jazz Festival will be at PG on Nov. 20. • 160 junior students from our sister school in Japan (Minami from Yokohama) visited us for two days on October 6th and 7th (senior students will come in the spring). • Mr. Duey and his rugby team hosted a team from Scotland. • Mini school went on their orientation trip on Oct. 15-17. • Grade 8 retreat to Rockridge Canyon started today (Oct. 21-23). • Oct. 20 was Clubs' day (40 clubs), set up in the cafeteria. It was nice to see some of the clubs engage in social responsibility such as charitable work for BCSPCA, homeless people, international missions. • Oct. 24 will be a Provincial Development Day; teachers can go to workshops to improve their instruction. • Sept. 26, 2014 Pro-D day shifted to May 19, 2015. • Oct. 22 grade 12 Parents Night: how to transition to post-secondary. • A lot of universities (about 20) come to PG to present their institution: Boston University, UBC, SFU, University of Toronto, etc. • Parent Grad Committee has formed and is working on organizing the Dinner/Dance at the Hellenic Centre. • Mandatory interims scheduled for early November will be replaced by optional interims (if a teacher has something specific to write about a student, an interim report will be issued and sent home). • End of Term 1 is Dec. 3rd with Term 1 Report Cards to be sent home on Dec. 9th. • Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day is coming on Nov. 5th. • PAC has asked department heads for teacher requests for PAC gaming funds and unrestricted PAC funds. • Thanks to PAC for organizing this Potluck dinner and meeting; it is a good way to build community. 		

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Item 3. Chair's report

- PAC hosted a staff breakfast on the first week of school.
- PAC will also hold a special appreciation function later this year.
- We send a newsletter out to parents once a year, we update the PAC Website regularly and manage an email account.
- We try to stay connected to the school & to the community.
- We try to support the school, both financially and through manpower, by volunteering.
- Monthly PAC meetings (3rd Tuesday of the month): let us know your concerns, your interests, and we will provide you with information.
For example, on Nov. 3, we will hold a seminar on scholarships with a special guest speaker; please promote it to other parents (\$10/adult; \$5/student; free/PG student). It is important to bring kids to these events (grade 8 to 12).
- November will be focused on academic topics.
- Next PAC Meeting will be held on Nov. 18 at 7pm: PAC will be hosting two guests speakers, one from BCIT and one from UBC.
- December will be the time of the music concerts. No PAC Meeting scheduled.
- In January, there will be Dessert Night & Free Books.
- In February, we propose a topic on "Mental Health" + Celebration of Chinese New Year with a Chinese Lion Dance around the school and an Asian cooking lesson.
- Topics for the April meeting are to be announced; suggestions are welcomed.
- In May, we will hold our Annual General Meeting; new executives will be voted in.
- In June, we will prepare for the upcoming school year.

- PAC Execs Members: Members at large Nancy Wang and Emma Li help coordinate and communicate to Chinese parents, helping them to be involved in the Point Grey Parent Community, Esther Kwok is the Chair, Fan Chun the treasurer, Karen Aiouch the secretary, Mei Chong the liaison with SACY, Greg Anstruther DPAC representative. Keren Gertsman is in charge of the Communications and the Direct Drive Fundraising, Elizabeth Chang is responsible for the Gift Card Fundraising Program.
- Sub Committees:
 - ✓ Point Grey Music Society: Heather Krahn (chair)
 - ✓ Mini School Society: Farah Shroff (co-chair)
 - ✓ Grad Committee: Carole Jones (chair)
 - ✓ Councilor Committee: Cindy Hum (head coordinator)
 - ✓ DPAC executive committee member: Farah Shroff (vice-chair)
 - ✓ Asian coffee house: Nancy Wang and Emma Li

- Esther proposes for Elizabeth Chang to be Vice-Chair. Nomination by Heather Krahn, Farah Shroff seconds. All in favour: Elizabeth Chang is voted in as Vice-Chair.

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Item 4. Direct Drive and Gift Cards

We have 3 sources of funding: gaming funds (based on the number of students) + Direct Drive donations + gift cards program.

There are certain groups within our school we are committed to support every year: mini school (10% of the students) + music program + graduation + grade 8 camp.

What are we doing with the money raised through the Direct Drive donation campaign and the Gift Card Program? Two years ago, we raised \$12,000 for the sound system. We help the athletic teams, we contribute to the field trips. We gave out over \$80,000 to the school last year. The PAC execs don't get any money from the volunteer work they are doing, every penny goes to the school community.

Our goal is to raise \$100/family. Parents get a tax receipt when they give over \$20 (and provide us with their name & address).

The Gift Card Program is a shopping program. There is a monthly form: parents buy gift cards from us and the companies will give back a percentage to the school. We accept cheques or cash (we would rather parents not pay with credit cards because it costs us 3%). Postdated cheques are OK.

Item 5. PAC Fund application

Every year PAC applies for Gaming funds from the BC Government. For 2014-2015, we have received \$23,000. We have asked the Heads of Departments to send us their requests. One of the criteria that PAC considers when supporting requests from the teachers is: how many students will be benefiting from the funds? We have to comply also with the Gaming funds rules and regulations. We welcome parents to come and help us discern where the money will be allocated – this process usually takes about two 4 hour meetings. If you are interested, please let us know, but because the timeline is short for making decisions, we ask all PAC Members (all parents) for the following motion: **MOTION by Mei Chong: To grant the Point Grey PAC Executives the authorization to allocate the Gaming Grant funds. Emma Li seconds. Motion Passed: All in favour.**

Item 6. Announcements - upcoming meetings and events

- The next PAC meeting on Nov. 18 will be on the topic *Secondary vs Post Secondary*. Guests will be two directors/professors from UBC and BCIT. Kids are welcome; it will showcase opportunities to get good working habits started.
- A SACY presentation will be held on Nov. 6 on *How to help your kids* (grades 8 and 9).
- Scholarship presentation from Unlock your future will be held on Nov. 3rd.

9:12pm

Motion to adjourn by Elizabeth Chang, seconded by Greg Anstruther.
Adjournment

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PAC Meeting

Oct. 21, 2014, at 7:00 pm in the staffroom

Agenda

1. Welcome Esther Kwok
2. Principal's Report Kal Gill
3. Chair's Report Esther Kwok
4. Direct Drive and Gift Cards Elizabeth Chang
5. PAC Fund application Esther Kwok/Fan Chun
6. Announcements - upcoming meetings and events