

Minutes

POINT GREY SECONDARY SCHOOL		
10.20.2015	7:00 pm	Staff Room
Meeting called by	Esther Kwok	
Type of meeting	PAC meeting	
Secretary	Karen Aiouch	
Attendees	Esther Kwok, Karen Aiouch, Cindy Hum, Tracy Yuen, Kirsty Carpenter, Nikki Horodyski, Kathy Wong, Emma Li, Zeina Mehdi, Sissi Wang,	
Item 1. Adoption of minutes		
Adoption of the agenda: Motion by Karen Aiouch, seconded by Cindy Hum. Adoption of the September 21, 2015 Meeting's Minutes: Motion by Kathy Wong , seconded by Cindy Hum.		
Item 2. Principal's report		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mini School Orientation trip to Camp Elphinstone took place Oct. 5-7. It was a resounding success. It is a good way to start the year. • On October 1st, the Parent Walkabout was held at the school. We saw quite a few parents at the event. It was a good opportunity for parents to hear about course and class expectations along with putting faces to their child's teachers. Also, by walking through the timetable, parents got a chance to see most of the school. • On October 2nd was a Professional Development Day and teachers were learning about using technology to support learning, the core competencies in the new curriculum (K-9), and the new student information system being implemented by the district and province (MY ED) in November. The next Professional Development day will be October 23rd and is the Provincial Specialist Day. That is, most teachers in the province have Pro-D on this day and many workshops are organized for this day. • Students are now settled into their classes and actively involved in both their learning and extracurricular activities. • Optional interim reports will be mailed home at the end of October for those students requiring feedback to parents from teachers. It could be via a system generated report or a filled form, mailed to parents. The new standard interim report (with the new system) will be in place in Term 2 and given to all students. • Enrolment for this year is currently at 1,055 which is down from last year's enrollment of 1,109. Almost all the high schools are facing the same challenge. Across the District we have larger grade 12 classes graduating and smaller grade 8 classes coming in. For example, this year's grade 12 class is 220 while the grade 8 class is 170. As this trend is expected to continue in the near future, there will be downward pressure on enrollment. • Speaking about incoming grade 8 classes, the Mini Information night was held October 14, to give prospective students information about our amazing Mini program. Unfortunately, we get far more applications than we are able to accommodate as our cohort is limited to 30 spaces. • The school held our annual Terry Fox run on September 30. I am pleased to let you know that we raised \$860 for cancer research, and practically the whole school participated in the run. • Grade 12 Parent Information Night being held at 7:00 pm on October 21, in the auditorium. • The Parent Grad Committee is having its first meeting at 7:30 pm in the staff room on October 28. 		

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Item 3. Chair's report

- We had 4 sign-up sheets for parents on the Walkabout night. We have positions open in the Execs Committee. Parents are welcomed to apply to any position.
- We are looking for parents to coordinate for events.
- Bottle Drive on January 9, 2016: we need a parent to coordinate the event, the ELL students are willing to volunteer.
- Tracy Urquhart is the new Chair of the Grad Committee. We encourage grade 11 parents to attend this year's committee meetings, so you can be a Chair next year.

Item 4. Sound System Report

- Nikki Horodyski : The sound system in the auditorium and the gym need to be changed. We are short of \$5,500. Fan Chun reported that everything is fine with the Gaming Fund. Elizabeth Chang reported that we have money in the gift card program.
- Esther Kwok proposes that the PAC gives \$3,000 and that the Mini gives \$2,500. Cindy Hum seconds the proposition. Vote is unanimous. Motion is passed. The Execs will decide if we take the money from the Gaming Funds or the gift card program.

Item 5. Fund Applications

- We have been allocated \$22,200 by the Gaming Fund.
- The allocation meetings are open to all parents (2 nights of 4 hours).
- Rule for the Gaming Fund: the money will be allocated to projects that benefit to all students. The aim should not be educational. It can be used for Athletics for example.
- After the gaming fund is used, we allocate the general funds.
- We will take the teachers' application forms in November. We have already received an application for a 3D printer (the expense was approved last year but hasn't gone through).

Item 6. Announcements

- Cindy Hum, Esther Kwok and Heather Krahn will help reviewing the school's Code of Conduct on Oct. 21.
- Our theme for this year PAC Meeting will be stress management (health, food advice). Nutrition may be on the agenda on the November Meeting.
- A parent suggests we should organize a seminar on stress for students, particularly grade 11 students.
- On January, the head of the Math Department will be invited to talk about the Math curriculum.
- We should also invite the Science Department and English Department.

Item 7. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Kirsty Carpenter seconded by Kathy Wong. Adjournment at 8pm.

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October 20, 2015, at 7:00 pm in the staffroom

Agenda

1. Adoption of minutes
2. Principal's Report
3. Chair's Report
4. Sound System report
5. Fund applications
6. Announcements
7. Adjournment

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 17th, 2015