

Point Grey Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

October 15, 2013, at 7:30 pm in the staff room

In attendance: Esther Kwok (chair), Greg Anstruther (DPAC rep), Lisa Kilner (Secretary); Fan Chun (treasurer), Mei Chong, Keren Gertsman, Emma Li, Elizabeth Chang, Nancy Wang, (Members-at-Large), Cindy Dong, Ahmad Abre, Ma Yun Ping, Zhang Xin, Terry Poon, Hao Dai Wei, Michelle Au, Miranda Lam, Yong Chen, Yun Dai, Patricia Almeida, Cindy Hum, Ron Beshara, Laura Zitron, Loree Young, Jenny Chuan, Vivian Ye, Eva Ito, Ying Zhou, Alan Huong, Shannon Quinn, Karen Balshaw, Tracy Yuen, Della Lee. Quorum Met.

1. **Welcome.** Esther welcomed the following speakers:

- Julie Douglas - Department head of Athletics - used PAC money for officiating - teaching since 1994. Looking for coaches for girls Basketball.
- Sue Ingles - Department Head of English Department - the one course that's required throughout Grade 12. Two provincials -- grade 10 and grade 12. Critical thinking starts in grade 8. QUESTION: Can the Grade 10 provincial be written after grade 11? Can you rewrite provincials? Sue Ingles to follow up on those questions. See http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/rereads_remarks/rewrites.htm for more information
- Esther mentioned about staying behind for Cantonese or Mandarin translation after the meeting.

2. **Approval of PAC Meeting minutes** in September- Elizabeth Chang motioned - motion carried.

3. **Chair of PGMSS** -- Heather Krahn for fourth year running. There are 410 students that are involved in music department. There is a large intake of grade 8s. People know that PG is one of the best music programs in the lower mainland with 3 full-time teachers. Choir is becoming very well known. There is very good parent participation. It is the oldest society within the school. 100 parents are attending a potluck tomorrow night. It's a way of developing community within the school. There is a contribution required from each family. Can't rent some of the bigger instruments. Keep the costs minimal to keep kids in the program. Gives kids an emotional outlet. Emails are being collected for communication purposes. Seniors have applied to go to Banff this year.

4. **Chair Report.** Overview of September events: gr. 8 welcome, gr. 8 retreat, parent walkabout and Asian coffee house. October events: Oct. 9th Options Solutions, Oct. 30th Asian Coffee House, Oct 31st Staff Meeting @ 7:45 a.m with breakfast sponsored by PAC. Let us know if there's something you want to hear? We ask teachers about their monetary requests from the PAC. Gaming funds have restrictive guidelines in that it has to be used for extracurricular activities.

5. Account Approvals (Ammended 11/19/13 to include vote count)

- Authorized Signatories for main account -- Esther Kwok, Fan Chun and Keren Gertsman. **(19 present; 17 for; 2 abstentions).** Motion carried.
- Gift Card account Signatories are: Esther Kwok, Fan Chun, Lisa Kilner and Elizabeth Chang. **(19 present; 15 for; 4 abstentions)** Motioned carried.
- Fiscal year is from July 1st, 2013 to June 30th, 2014. Keren Gertsman motioned. Motion carried.
- Fiscal year is from July 1st, June 30th, 2014. Keren Gertsman motioned. Motion carried.

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- The PAC will grant authority to the executive committee to allocate gaming funds upon their discretion and by following the guidelines below:
 - (a) The PAC will invite teachers, staff, and student clubs/council to submit their **written** request for financial support for items that adhere to the gaming guidelines
 - (b) Priority approval will be given to requests that benefit the most number of students and/or align with the school's vision to build a stronger school community
 - (c) Certain pre-designated amounts will be given as follows:
 - i) \$6000 to PGMSS
 - ii) \$2000 to Mini School
 - iii) \$1000 to Dry Grad
 - iv) \$1000 to PAC scholarship awards
 - (d) All approved allocations will require the approval of 50%+1 of the executive committee members
- 14 voted for motion. 5 abstentions. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

Gaming grant funds of \$23,560 were allocated to us in September. Gift Card raised \$1709. First wave of Direct Appeal (60 donors) raised \$8533 with a \$5000 single amount. Second wave of fundraising will aim for over 50% participation. All of the stars on the board were granted last year. One of the largest sums was \$12,000 to upgrade the sound system in the gym. Options Solutions raised over \$900 for the school in October.

5. Announcements

- Call for volunteers to help for the book fair. Sort books beforehand. Day of event volunteers. Cindy Hum is even coordinator.
- There was a request for the Melinda's October 9th. Andre Rowland to follow up.
- Andre Rowland -- Pointsettia Sale. (November 15th deadline. November 31st delivery (2 p.m. - 6 p.m.).
- Space Launch program initiative at UBC. Presentation on Thursday, October 17th.
- Chloe Kwan & Jennifer?? are at the school every Tuesday 3p.m. - 6 p.m.. Help out with Newcomer students through leadership activities and training. Thursday evening (October 17th) -- ELL Meet Parents night 6-7p.m. auditorium.

6. Adjourn - motioned by Karen Gertsman - motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m. Next PAC meeting is November 19th @ 7:30 p.m.