

Point Grey Secondary
PAC AGM
May 19th, 2009
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In Attendance: Maureen Bayless, Randy Clark, Sydney Hughes, Carolyn Kennedy, Liliane Li, Carol Prantner, S. Morris Rose, Linda Yorke, Julie Zhao

Meeting called to order: 7:25 pm PAC Chair, Carolyn Kennedy presiding. Minutes of April meeting approved.

Follow up comment from Maureen Bayless: She does not wish to be reimbursed for the two year renewal fee for the PAC website domain name and “premium hosting” and she no longer has the receipt.

Treasurer’s Report: Prepared by Cynthia (Devine) Dong. S. Morris Rose reported that there were no changes from the last financial report – no additional April data.

Wish List money will be \$21,860: \$20,960 as stated in the budget, plus \$900 unspent funds budgeted for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

Old Business:

Artisan and Book Fair: Date is Nov. 7th, 2009. Linda Yorke reported that the website advertizing this event is great. There have been 10 Artisan applications submitted already. A new school map is needed. It was suggested that the parent who did the original, Michael_baker@telus.net, be contacted.

Fresh Air Cinema: This is booked for September 17th, 2009. Randy Clark reported that the track’s lighting will be on, but no events will be scheduled, which means that there will likely be people using the track on their own. It is possible to turn the lights off as well. Carolyn Kennedy reported that the insurance gives us 2 million for liability – hopefully we won’t need it. The contract is quite long, but Carolyn has been advised by the company running the event that we can cross out anything we don’t want.

Carolyn Kennedy and Carol Prantner are speaking at the teachers’ staff meeting on Thursday, May 21st. The goal is to encourage the teachers and therefore students to get involved with this event, whether it’s with fundraising activities or general participation. It is a community and family event that will hopefully also generate money for the school in the process.

Carolyn would also like to talk with the Student Council, to get them on board as well. This needs to be arranged after the elections and with the teacher in charge of the S.C.

Discussion about how the money raised should be disbursed, if teams and departments are doing specific things (e.g. selling hotdogs). It was pointed out that these groups would probably expect to keep the money they raised as they do when they fundraise at the Craft Fair/Book Sale. This was tabled for a future discussion and Randy Clark suggested that Carolyn and Carol not talk about money issues at the staff meeting.

Discussion about how to get people out to the event, specifically students: suggestions included:

- advertise in any school mail outs
- give service credits to students who help
- Grad help
- Students need to be given examples of things they can do and let the PAC know what they are interested in.
- Teacher Dunk tank for around 6:00, which would draw students out for around the dinner hour, buy food and then stay for the movie.
- Battle of the Bands event

Direct Donation Drive: Discussion of letter prepared by Alan Bayless. Thank you Alan.

Changes: - make the amount for our goal an even \$30,000

- be less specific to appeal to more people. Name departments not items to be purchased.

- include that the minimum amount for tax receipts is \$10

Maureen Bayless took notes so that Alan could revise the letter accordingly.

Discussion on whether or not this should go on school letter head. The money has to go through the school, particularly since the donations (\$10 and over) are tax-deductible.

(Randy Clark will check on this amount)

It was decided that it will go on PAC letter head with the school's emblem which is on the school's letter head.

Julie Zhao will translate the letter for us.

New Business:

Wish List: A small group met last week to come up with recommendations to present to the PAC. See attachment. Randy Clark informed us that four of the items that were chosen could (and would) be bought through other resources, freeing up \$3,180 to go towards other items that had been considered. After discussion and input from Randy Clark it was moved by Carolyn Kennedy and seconded by Scott Morris Rose that the wish list recommendations with the changes discussed be approved. Vote: All were in favour.

Changes are as follows:

Remove:

Social Studies: Overhead screen and install rm 316 (\$475)

Applied Skills: Freezer (\$455)

ESL: 30 Dictionaries (\$1250)

Life Skill Program: Stackable washer/drier (\$1000)

Include:

Math: PC Tablets (\$1100 more)

Special notation: This was added because of the benefit of being able to post the lessons on the web.

P.E.: Jumping Pit (\$1000 more)

Learning Support: Kurzweil Software and license (1000 more)

Change:

Counseling: Change "Open" to "Guest Speakers"

A timeline was set for ordering items: Attempt to order by June 30th, 2009.

Deadline for ordering: Sept. 30th, 2009

Randy Clark will relay the wish list to the teachers as well as let them know about the 4 items which will be purchased by the school.

Election of 2009 – 2010 PAC Executive:

Chairperson: Carolyn Kennedy

Vice-Chair: Carol Prantner

Secretary: S. Morris Rose

D. PAC Rep: Alan Bayless

Members at Large:

Asian Liasion: Liliane Li

Artisan Fair Liasion: Linda Yorke

Motion to vote on these positions: Sydney Hughes. Scott Morris Rose 2nd the motion.

All were in favour. Motion passed.

Please note: A treasurer is still required and we need to advertise this before school end and through the summer if need be. This is an important and necessary position.

Carolyn Kennedy was thanked for taking on the Chair this year and for staying on in the position for next year. She was congratulated on a job well done.

The Gift Card program was not discussed. Are Linda Stephens and Cynthia Devine continuing to do this as Members at Large? They can be voted in with the new Treasurer (!) at the first meeting in the fall if they are.

Discussion about teacher involvement with the PAC: Randy Clark suggested inviting teachers/department heads/staff rep.s to come and speak at PAC meetings.

Discussion about getting more parents out to PAC Meetings:

- Advertise teachers coming to speak on various subjects/topics.
- Speakers: Example topics: Scholarships, Teenager issues
- Get more parents involved by sending out little news releases as to what is going on. RSS blog. Student post things on this.
- Put PAC Minutes on the PG parent website.

Principal's Report:

Randy Clark reported that the recent Musical Theatre's production of 42nd Street was excellent – a highlight of the school year. It ran for six nights with one matinee for neighbouring Elementary schools.

The pit orchestra was from Point Grey's own music department.

Last day of classes for Gr. 8 – 11 is June 10th. For Grade 12s it is Friday, June 5th.

In class exams for Gr. 8 – 11 is June 11 – 15th.

In house schedule for Gr. 12 in class exams – core courses, not Provincials: June 8th – 15th. Posted on PG website.

Gr. 8 & 9 students are finished by June 16th.

Provincials: Begin June 17th

Gr. 10 (English, Science & Math)

Gr. 11 (Socials): June 19th

Gr. 12 (English/Communications 12): June 17th Mandatory for graduating.

Gr. 12s can choose to take other core subject Provincials to improve their mark or to obtain scholarships. These end on June 25th.

Report Cards: June 25th. Distribution in Home Room class at 10:00 a.m.

Other Business:

Correspondence: Carolyn Kennedy read two thank you cards from to the PAC. One from a staff member thanking the PAC for the letter they wrote to the School Board supporting the LALS program, which has been reinstated. The other from a teacher thanking the PAC for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

Meeting Adjourned: **9:35 p.m.** (I think!)