

Minutes

POINT GREY SECONDARY SCHOOL		
9.21.2015	7:00 pm	Staff Room
Meeting called by	Esther Kwok	
Type of meeting	PAC meeting	
Secretary	Karen Aiouch	
Attendees	Esther Kwok, Karen Aiouch, Elizabeth Chang, Greg Anstruther, Keren Gertsman, Ying Wang, Cindy Hum, Rebecca Hong, Victor Hallare, Jenny Yang, Dongbiao Cheng, Nikki Penner-Horokysk, Esther Sandweis, Anne Lee, Etta Hang, Heather Krahn, Ivy Chen, Nelanie Cadanan, Jane Lu, H��l��ne Lalonde, Tanja Prlinceric, Qin Deng, Lana Lofgren, Qi Ying Wei, Chenhui Zhu, Ginny Jin.	
Item 1. Welcome and adoption of minutes		
<p>Adoption of the agenda: Motion by Elizabeth Chang, seconded by Karen Aiouch. Adoption of the April 21, 2015 Meeting's Minutes: Motion by Greg Anstruther, seconded by Elizabeth Chang.</p>		
Item 2. Special Presentation: Seismic Upgrade		
<p>Chris Atkinson, District Principal & Noel McNally, project manager The objective of the seismic mitigation project (provincial program) is to make schools safe, at the lesser cost. The PG process started with engineering testing and with the Project Definition Report (PDR) Phase in April 2015 (study of 3 options). We are now waiting for the agreement of the Ministry; approval is pending from Victoria, maybe later in the fall we will have a recommended option. Then the Design Development Phase will start, before the Project Implementation Phase. 2 members of the schoolboard + 2 members of the province are part of a steering committee.</p> <p>In this school, there are 5 different blocks; the structure assessment has been done, but it still has to be reviewed by an architect. Each block is tested: what it will cost to fix it and what it will cost to replace it?</p> <p>QUESTION PERIOD</p> <p><u>What about the heritage features of PG?</u> PG is a Heritage Class A building. In the past, a few of the schools who had heritage features kept them with an premium cost. What will actually happen at PG depends of the (cost related) choices made by the province. The team will develop cost once an option has been chosen.</p> <p><u>Which role can the parents play?</u> None right now, but in the future, parents could advocate / fundraise in favor of some options.</p> <p><u>What about how much room there will be in the classrooms/rooms?</u> In the past completed projects, there was no reduction of the size of the rooms.</p> <p><u>We are projecting higher enrollment in a few years. has it been considered in the planning?</u> The projections so far show the enrollment should stay stable.</p> <p><u>How often will we hear from the project team?</u> The team will come back as soon as there will be news, probably in a month or two. On the schoolboard Website (http://www.vsb.bc.ca/district-facilities/projects/point-grey-secondary-school), there is specific information about the PG project (the link is also on the PG Website and on the PAC Website).</p> <p>The PAC encourages parents to attend to the PAC meetings, particularly when they include a seismic upgrade information session. It is important that the stakeholders see how involved the parents are in this project.</p>		

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Item 3. Principal's report

- There are 2 VPs, Greg Mar and Lesley Johnstone (acting until Dec. 31, 2015). The latter position will be permanently filled in January 2016.
- Cindy Hum and a group of parents volunteers have helped schedule appointments for the counsellors during the busy timetable change period which typically lasts two weeks—this year we lost a day with a district-wide outage of the student information system.
- Enrollment for this year is currently at 1,065 students (down from last year's enrolment of 1,109). 170 grade 8; 240 grade 12.
- There is an opportunity to apply for a small amount of staffing from the Education fund for the District to deal with oversized classes and class composition issues. PG asked for 3 blocks.
- Student teams are busy organizing for the Fall season—teams include girls field hockey, boys soccer, volleyball, and cross-country.
- Grade 8 will go to Keats Island on Sept. 23 for the grade 8 retreat. PAC hosted a great welcome dinner on Sept. 17, followed by an information session.
- Mini School orientation trip will be on Oct. 5 - 7 in Camp Elphinstone.
- The school holds collaborative planning time throughout the year (10 times). On these days there is either early dismissal at 2:08 pm or a late start at 9:30 am. Teachers have time to discuss instructional strategies and ways to improve student learning. In September we had two consecutive collaborative days on Sept. 17th (early dismissal) and Sept. 18th (late start).
- On Sept. 30th, school is doing the annual Terry Fox run. Please encourage your students to participate and to bring a small contribution for cancer research.
- Parent Walkabout is on October 1st starting at 6:45 pm—opportunity to meet your child's teachers and learn about course and class expectations.
- October 2nd is a Professional Day.
- The Governor General's medal is awarded to the top academic student in the school. The winner for 2015, from last year's grade 12 class, is Jim Li (averaged around 97% in his grade 11 and 12 classes). He is currently studying Science at UBC.

Item 4. Chair's report

- Presentation of the PAC Execs. We have open positions in the Execs group. Subcommittees: Cindy Hum organized the appointments at the beginning of the year; PGMSS next meeting will be on Sept. 28.
- A reminder that the VSB and the PAC can help you if you need translation to communicate with the school.
- PAC has two fundraising programs: the Direct Drive campaign has raised \$8,160 so far; the other one is the gift card program (the turnaround time is 1-2 weeks; starts on Oct. 1).
- PAC has submitted the Gaming Board form; the funds we'll receive will contribute to various activities/field trips, PGMSS activities, purchase of a new sound system, athletics, arts. Reminder of the PAC role.
- PAC held on Sept. 17 a welcome dinner for the grade 8 parents.
- PAC gave out juice boxes for the upcoming Terry Fox Run.

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Item 5. PAC Calendar Overview

- The PAC calendar will be on the PAC Website <http://www.pointgreyparents.com/>.
- The school calendar is on the PG Website <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/Schools/pointgrey>.
- On Oct. 1, after the walkabout, parents will be invited for a refreshment time in the staff room by the PAC (volunteers needed).
- Oct. 20, 2015 will be the next PAC Meeting. We will invite presenters (5 meetings) throughout the year and we need to have parents' input (outside/inside presenters?).
- On Oct. 21 there will be the grade 12 information night. We need grad committee members. Grade 11 parents are needed as chaperons (for the Dry Night, on the first week of June generally).
- In December: grad fundraiser (poinsettia sale).
- On January 9: bottle drive. We need volunteers to organize.
- February: dumpling dinner; we are looking for a coordinator.
- April Meeting: input on the VSB budget proposal.
- May: teacher appreciation lunch. We need volunteers to help out with the food and to give donations (65 teachers).

Item 6. Announcements

- We need volunteers to help out with all the events we organize or support. If you are willing to give even a little bit of your time during the year, contact the PAC. Thank you!

Item 7. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Esther Kwok seconded by Keren Gertsman. Adjournment at 9pm.

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PAC Meeting

September 21, 2015, at 7:00 pm in the staffroom

Agenda

1. Welcome and adoption of minutes
2. Special Presentation: Seismic Upgrade
3. Principal's Report
4. Chair's Report
5. PAC Calendar Overview
6. Announcements
7. Adjournment

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 20th, 2015