

# Point Grey Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

November 19th, 2013 7:30 p.m.

**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.** Elizabeth Chang welcomed parents and introduced Ari Peter Carwana and Ari Harvusha from the Point Grey Leadership team. They gave a presentation on a proposed multi-purpose youth lounge that would be located in an under utilized part of the cafeteria near Kirsten's office. Currently, the students convene in the library but since this is suppose to be a quiet area, it is not the most appropriate place. The requested items for the lounge totalled approximately \$5000.

## 2. **Speakers:**

- Janet Letourneau - Department head of Mathematics explained the various math streams to parents. There are some options for enrichment — the top 30 students in grade 7 go into an accelerated course. There are also some honours programs but it depends on enrolment. There was some concern regarding the curriculum in that Calculus and Pre-Calculus must be taken in the grade 12 year unless the math stream is fast-tracked.
- Mike Enns (drama) - Mike mentioned how theatre helps build self-confidence in kids. Started a new off-timetable course called Junior Theatre company that meets Mondays and Wednesdays after school. Senior Theatre company meets once a week. Senior theatre has room but the Junior Theatre and Improv programs are full. A program called Stagecraft is also offered which does all the production for the plays. A former student's family has offered \$40,000 to build a studio which is close to completion.

## 2. **Amendment of PAC Meeting minutes for September and October to include counts.**

See September's and October's minutes for vote counts.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Greg motioned to accept. Elizabeth seconded. Motion carried.

4. **Greg Mar** introduced Angela Leung and Kai Vorland in absentia. Angela and Kai were photographers at the Grade 8 retreat. Angela introduced [www.flickr.com/photos/pointgreyphotos/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/pointgreyphotos/) — a photo website to promote school spirit. The site contains photos of sports and school events. Email [pointgreyphotos@yahoo.ca](mailto:pointgreyphotos@yahoo.ca) if you are interested in purchasing a photo.

## 5. **Principal's Report.**

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### **School Life:**

- Small team of 5 on the swim team with 5 bronze medals.
- Point Gallery art show.
- October/November: 20 kids down to Costa Rica
- Senior girls volleyball going to provincials.
- Jazz band at noon in the cafeteria.
- District jazz festivals.

Brand Point Grey is all about the arts, the academics, and the athletics. We bring the whole package together. There is a big focus on student engagement and voice.

While it's great that we offer honours courses, it adds a lot of complexity to the timetabling.

There will be teacher evaluations this year. The union doesn't like it but we are striving for excellence. In regards to the math stream — Foundations isn't offered as the majority of PG

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kids want to go to University. We are maneuvering our way to determine how best to offer math options.

New volunteer coaching policy and guidelines which will require a criminal record check.

## **6. Chair Report**

### **Earthquake Preparedness**

Seismic Upgrade Process is the district's responsibility. Information can be found at <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/seismic-information>. Darlene Hughes is the administration in charge of Earthquake Preparedness at Point Grey. There is an earthquake preparedness manual with evacuation procedures. As well, there is an earthquake bin and supplies located next to the track. Currently, we are in need of canopies. Sam Wong has agreed to help form a sub-committee to lead the PAC in this area.

### **Book Fair**

The book fair will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on February 22nd. Please bring in your gently used books and if you are able to volunteer with sorting beforehand or during the sale, please contact Cindy Hum @ [cynhum@shaw.ca](mailto:cynhum@shaw.ca).

Meeting adjourned at 9:10.