

# Minutes

POINT GREY SECONDARY SCHOOL		
11.17.2015	7:00 pm	Staff Room
Meeting called by	Esther Kwok	
Type of meeting	PAC meeting	
Secretary	Karen Aiouch	
Attendees	Esther Kwok, Karen Aiouch, Keren Gertsman, Heather Krahn, Cindy Young, Mei Chong, Greg Anstruther, Jenny Taylor.	
<b>Item 1. Adoption of minutes</b>		
<p>Adoption of the agenda: Motion by Karen Aiouch, seconded by Keren Gertsman.            Adoption of the October 20, 2015 Meeting's Minutes: Motion by Keren Gertsman, seconded by Heather Krahn.</p>		
<b>Item 2. Principal's report</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 4<sup>th</sup> was Take Our Kids to Work Day for Grade 9's. Hopefully, they gained some insight into what one of their parents does for a living and about the world of work in general.</li> <li>• Also on November 4<sup>th</sup>, we brought in Safeteen for the Grade 10's. They received a workshop on violence prevention, peer pressure, and clarifying consent.</li> <li>• On November 10<sup>th</sup>, the school held Remembrance Day assemblies. A big thank you goes out to the Music and Social Studies departments for presenting a thoughtful and moving ceremony.</li> <li>• The junior boys cross-country team won the City Championship, and the senior boys team finished second. We also had a number of students compete in the Provincials.</li> <li>• The Computer Science department had all grades 8-10 students write the 2015 Beaver Computing Challenge (organized by the University of Waterloo). In total 131 students participated. There were many strong scores with 2 students in grade 8, 2 students in grade 9, and 1 student in grade 10 achieving full scores.</li> <li>• A group of 8 Point Grey students left on our Japan Exchange trip. They will visit Tokyo and spend time with a host family in Yokohama. Our sister school in Yokohama is Minami High School. The trip was from Nov. 9-17.</li> <li>• The Principal will be visiting the PACs from our feeder schools to talk to them about the many opportunities for their students when they come to Point Grey. His first visit is to Kerrisdale PAC on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. Quilchena and Southlands are also interested in having him come out.</li> <li>• In an effort to improve our articulation, we are changing the format of our Grade 7 Parent Information night. It will be more of an open house with displays and interactive presentations throughout the school. It is slated for January 12<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• District Jazz Festival Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Point Grey. Also, keep time in your schedule for winter concerts on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• The administration team will be changing in the New Year. Leslie Johnstone will be returning to her teaching position as her acting VP stint will be over. The Board will announce our new VP on November 24<sup>th</sup>. I will let you know as soon as I know. The Principal wants to thank Leslie for her excellent work during these four months.</li> <li>• Term 1 ends December 4<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Report cards distributed to students on December 11<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Parent-Teacher conference bookings open Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and close Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.</li> <li>• Parent Teacher conferences on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9 pm.</li> <li>• Winter break from Dec. 21-January 3<sup>rd</sup>. School re-opens January 4<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>		

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## Item 3. Chair's report

- One parent, Cindy Young, reports that we should find more parents coaches for sport teams, i.e. volleyball. We could then find sponsor teachers.
- A guest dietitian was invited by the PAC but she had to decline after checking with her professional insurance coverage. Another speaker was suggested but there was no references given except a fee of \$500; this choice was declined.
- We will have a seminar on managing the stress for parents & students in January or February.
- The Poinsettia Fundraiser Sale has been extended to Dec. 4.
- Keren Gertsman suggested using students to help enter the collected data of all the parents' contact information. There is a concern about privacy.
- Keren Gertsman and Elizabeth Chang have launched a Gift Cards Holiday Special Order event. The workload for the gift card program is very time-consuming. Looking for one more parent volunteer to help.
- On Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Grade 7 Information Night. We need volunteers to help with the refreshments – coffee/tea and cookies. Heather Krahn will coordinate the night's staff dinner in appreciation for all their efforts and Esther Kwok will prepare the refreshments. Greg Anstruther will coordinate the PAC table and greeters. We should get school pictures from last year to make a visual profile of the activities within the school; Keren Gertsman will ask Dean Long for photos. Motion to buy food/materials for the event by Esther Kwok, seconded by Heather Krahn. Motion passed.
- Jan 9 Bottle drive: whichever group of students comes to organize will get the money raised.
- The BC School Trustee Association will hold a Keynote Presentation at the HYATT Hotel: "Counting What Counts: What defines a world-class education" (Dr. Yong Zhao) on Nov. 26 at 7:15pm. If you are interested, email Farah Shroff at farah.shroff@ubc.ca.

## Item 4. Gaming Update

- We have prepared an application form for the teachers. Deadline is Dec. 18, 2015.
- We could create a gmail account as a society. Mei Chong will try to recover the gmail account that we used to have. Motion to approve by Esther Kwok, seconded Mei Chong; motion passed unanimously.

## Item 5. Others

- We have been allocated \$22,200 by the Gaming Fund.

## Item 6. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Keren Gertsman, seconded by Mei Chong. Adjournment at 8:41pm.

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## PAC Meeting

November 17, 2015, at 7:00 pm in the staffroom

### Agenda

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| 1. Welcome and adoption of minutes | Esther Kwok |
| 2. Principal's Report              | Kal Gill    |
| 3. Chair's Report                  | Esther Kwok |
| 4. Gaming update                   | Fan Chun    |
| 5. Others                          | Esther Kwok |
| 6. Adjournment                     |             |

**Next meeting: Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016**