

Point Grey Secondary PAC Meeting Minutes

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7:15 pm, PGS Library

Attending: Carol Prantner, S. Morris Rose, Linda Yorke, Shirley Zhang, Philip Muskwe, Susan Li, one other. Minutes by S. Morris Rose.

Call to order. PAC vice chair Carol Prantner presiding.

Maureen Bayless stopped by briefly on her way to the mini-school PAC meeting with some printed documents prepared by her partner Alan Bayless. Susan Li (susanli1988@hotmail.com, 778-855-0158) asked if the assistant principal was at the mini meeting and, if so, could Maureen ask him to stop by our meeting. She agreed.

Carol asked if anybody present cared to run for treasurer, to which Shirley Zhang (xuelin@hotmail.com, 604-422-0022) replied "yes." Shirley explained that she is in the late stages of training as an accountant, as well as having professional experience as a computer programmer. She has a daughter in 10th grade in the main school, and she is a Canadian citizen. She was unanimously elected.

Carol discussed her vision for a more active PAC. Central to that vision is a program of monthly speakers at meetings, which would be publicised in a calendar on the web. A discussion of the various web sites followed- besides the school site there is a student site, the PAC site, and the mini site. We discussed who is responsible for content on each site. Carol and Linda both expressed a desire to have a PAC member that would be charged with coordinating communications. Linda suggested publicising the PAC web via the Synervoice channel.

We next discussed the movie night. There was disappointment that the flyer sent to staff suggesting fund-raising opportunities at the movie night had not attracted responses. We also discussed strategies for publicising the movie night, which is challenging because it comes so close to the start of the school year.

We discussed the direct appeal letter. Linda didn't like the use of the word "desperately" in the third paragraph, and there was some agreement and quite a lot of discussion of alternative wording. In the end, we agreed to simply drop that one word.

Carol talked about plans for the raffle. Tickets will be printed in early September, hopefully soon enough for sales at the movie night. The drawing will be at the Artisan Fair. Revenue will be shared with organizations that sell the tickets 75%/25%.

Vice-principal Burnham arrived (with Alan Bayless, who left almost immediately). Susan Li explained her concerns with the marketing of condoms in the rest rooms, which she feels encourages students to engage in sexual behaviour. Burnham vigorously but briefly defended the practice as sound policy, but suggested that the forum for discussion was not appropriately the PAC meeting. Susan also asked about meeting students and expressed some frustration dealing with the office staff on the matter, after which Burnham suggested that she call him directly for assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.