

Point Grey Secondary PAC Meeting Minutes

31 March 2009

7:15 pm Staff Room

Attending: Alan Bayless, Darleen Hughes, Sydney Hughes, Carolyn Kennedy, Liliane Li, Carol Prantner, Scott Morris Rose, Cynthia Tang, Linda Yorke

Call to order. PAC chair Carolyn Kennedy (kennedyg8@hotmail.com) presiding. Minutes of the February meeting approved.

Darleen Hughes, new vice principal, introduced herself and discussed her background. She expressed gratitude for the enthusiastic welcome that has been shown by staff and students. Her background is in counseling. She is surprised at the poor quality of some of the furniture in the school, which gives the lie to the common misconception that west-side schools are better equipped than others.

Scott Morris Rose presented the **Treasurer's report**, including distribution of a three-page structured summary of income, expenses, and accounts that form the basis of the PAC finances.

Linda Yorke reported on the **Craft Fair**. The 2009 event, scheduled for 7 November, has been rebranded as the **Artisan Market**. There will again be a book sale. There will be a tie-in with a direct donation campaign. There was discussion of the wisdom of giving the kids their own area that could be used for a project of their own initiative. The idea of a "marathon danceathon" was floated.

Carolyn Kennedy spoke about plans for **programs for the parents**. She hopes to arrange a speaker for the next PAC meeting. There was also a discussion of how to publicize the various event announcements that appear in the PAC mailbox.

Carolyn led a discussion of the possibility of an **outdoor movie night** next fall. She has been discussing the details with the vendor. The costs include \$2500 for a 35' screen, \$500 for optional weather insurance, approximately \$650 for a license to show a relatively recent movie, and possibly money for security. A 50% deposit is required to reserve a date. The evening of Thursday, 17 September is the likely date. Alan offered to check whether the date would conflict with the Jewish New Year holiday or the Mini School orientation camp. [Subsequent to the meeting he confirmed that there *would not* be a conflict]. It was moved, seconded, and approved to allocate \$4,000 for the project, subject to approval of the event and timing by principal Randy Clark.

Scott Morris Rose brought up the outstanding (since September 2008 PAC meeting) funding request from students in the mini who, working with mini teacher Morrie Hamilton, are planning a trip to Honduras to participate in a **Habitat for Humanity** project. They requested \$1000 and would like an answer soon. Moved, seconded, approved.

Alan Bayless talked about the **DPAC**, which is seeking exec. members- five vacancies on the board of twelve are going vacant soon. Nominees are to be nominated by PAC chairs.

The new **wishlist** was presented. When pressed, Darleen advocated for the Kurzweil software sought by the Department of Special Education. \$30,000 this year. Carolyn floated the idea that we ask the departments to give brief presentations, perhaps during a schoolday lunch period, justifying and explaining their requests, and volunteered to organize it.

School Planning Council elections were held next. Scott Morris Rose, elected last year, continues. Cynthia Tang and Carol Prantner were elected.

Alan Bayless gave a report on **DPAC**, followed by some discussion of board-proposed cuts. District-wide, four vice-principal positions will be eliminated. Darleen Hughes speculated that that will be achieved by having VPs perform some teaching. Class sizes are proposed to increase from 28 to 30. There is a schedule of public hearings, with 14 April and 28 April key dates. It was agreed that Carolyn Kennedy will work with Alan Bayless- who will work on draft comments- and Darleen Hughes- who will solicit input from Randy Clark- to develop a comment.

Linda Yorke announced that the annual **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** is scheduled for 22 April this year.

Adjourn.