

**Date:** Wed, April 4, 2018 6:30 pm

**Location:** General Wolfe Elementary school library

**PAC MEMBERS (in order of sign-in sheet):** Libby Taylor, Debbie Leboe, Francina Marbella, Ryan McRae, Susie McRae, Harvey Chiang

**PAC Executive:**

- Michael Nedelec, Chair
- Kristin Hanlon, Vice Chair
- Jaimini Thakore, Treasurer
- Donna Rayner, Secretary

**1. Welcome and Call to Order – Michael Nedelec**

**2. Approval of February, 2018 Minutes**

**[NTD – we didn't actually do this??]**

**3. Special Guest – Minister George Heyman, MLA for Vancouver-Fairview**

- Minister Heyman acknowledged the pressures that schools had been facing and noted that the Provincial Government had dedicated a \$2 billion capital budget over 3 years for capital investments in schools and also topped up the operating budget from \$521 million/year to \$700 million/year.
- Minister Heyman responded to questions from the PAC, the first being whether a multi-year funding strategy for Education is in the cards to provide greater stability for Education. Minister Heyman will follow up on this.
- Minister Heyman also noted that his Ministry, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, will be working with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health to determine whether energy efficiency upgrades and/or electrification can be considered at the same time as schools undergo seismic upgrades such that schools would be low or no GHG emissions in the future. These could be funded by the future energy savings.
- Minister Heyman recognized the pressure the proposed developments and densification of the Cambie corridor would have on schools and other infrastructure and noted that he was working with Carrie Bercic to hold a public meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss this with local residents. Details of the meeting are being finalized but notification will come through Minister Heyman's office or website or Facebook page.
- Michael Nedelec thanked Minister Heyman for attending and noted three priorities for the Wolfe PAC:
  - A multi-year plan for Education funding to provide greater stability
  - The need for long-term planning for the Cambie corridor and the increased densification

- Dedicated funding to implement the new curriculum (e.g., technology) as many of these needs are still being funded by PACs.

#### **4. Special Guest – Janson Ho, VSB Seismic Office Director**

- Mr. Ho provided an update that General Wolfe will be going forward for approval for seismic upgrades in 2018. A final feasibility report has been submitted to a Steering Committee (that includes representatives from the VSB and the Ministry of Education) and a meeting will be held in May with Steering Committee to review/approve the report.
- If the report is approved by the Steering Committee, the report will go forward to the Provincial Treasury Board and the City of Vancouver for approval.
- If the Steering Committee approves the final report, an announcement that Wolfe has been approved for seismic upgrades could occur within 3-6 months.
- After the announcement, rough timelines are:
  - Development of final plans, blueprints: 18 months
  - Permitting process: 6 months
- The City of Vancouver has been trying to hire more staff to help with the permitting process and to reduce wait times. This may also help schools advance more quickly through the process and have a better likelihood of staying within project timelines.

#### **5. Administration Report – Susan Nichols, Principal of General Wolfe Elementary**

- Planning for classes next year has begun, working within the new student class limits. We are likely to have three Kindergarten classes next year, with about 40 students coming from the Wolfe catchment. We are likely to accommodate some students from the Simon Fraser catchment and possibly also the Edith Cavell catchment.
- The new seismic early warning system is ready to install. Ms. Nichols needs to meet with the product manufacturer to understand what is involved with the installation process and how the early warning system can be factored into earthquake drills.
- The collaboration with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra has went very well. Grades 2&3 students attended a concert with 8 VSO musicians where they learned about different types of instruments. Grades 6&7 will participate in a 'Day at the Office' where they will attend a VSO rehearsal.
- Grade 4 FSA test scores have been sent home to students. Participation was very low across the school.
- Planning for Sports Day has begun. Sports Day will be held on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and school will be out at 2:00 pm.
- There were two commercials filmed at General Wolfe over the Spring Break. Wolfe will receive half of the rentals received, but the specific dollar amount is to be determined.
- There will be an early dismissal on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> for student led learning conferences. However, some teachers may utilize different times (before or after April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>) instead. Teachers will communicate to families if their student led learning conferences will be held on different dates than April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6. Teachers Report – Ms. Kelly**

- Badminton has started. Track & field for Grades 4-7 will start shortly.

#### **7. 2017/2018 Budget and Treasurer's Report – Jaimini Thakore**

- The fundraising from Casino Night has not been finalized, but we expect to have earned significantly more than last year and our budgeted amount.
- Budget requests have been received from Wolfe teachers and include new requests for \$7000 for library books to support the implementation of the new curriculum and approximately \$53,000 for technology requests (laptops, Smartboards, etc.). The library books are the priority for teachers at this time, whereas the technology requests are a 'wish list'.
- Parent budget requests & survey likely to go out in May
- A motion was carried to approve the transfer of \$1000 from the Band budget for new mallets for xylophones and the purchase of glockenspiels (Moved: Jaimini, Seconded: Libby, Carried)

#### **8. Chair Report and update – Michael Nedelec**

- Parent survey to go out in May to inform next year's budget.
- Wolfe will not be grandfathered for Spacenet playground expenses; however, there may be opportunities to utilize the new funding provided by the Provincial Government for future expenditures on an outdoor classroom, etc.

#### **9. Vice Chair Report and update – Kristin Hanlon**

- New chairs needed for Silent Auction, Casino Night & Welcome Back Party
- Interested parties should approach one of the PAC members or the current event leads
- PAC will solicit interest on the year-end parent questionnaire

#### **10. Upcoming Events & Fundraisers**

- Silent Auction: May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Next PAC meeting: Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>
- Popcorn (Fridays after school) will start again next week and go until the end of the school year
- Nesters fundraising is ongoing – a reminder that you can donate your points to Wolfe, you just need to tell the cashier when checking out.

#### **11. Adjournment**