

PAC – PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Visit www.generalwolfepac.ca



Date: Tuesday, June 6th, 2017 6:30 pm

Location: General Wolfe Elementary school library

PAC Members (in order of sign-in sheet): Kristin Hanlon, Libby Taylor, Nicola Gubbins, Debbie Leboe, Gill Stav, Pia Kav

PAC Executive:

- Michael Nedelec, Chair
- Katie Stevenson, Vice Chair
- Jaimini Thakore, Treasurer
- Donna Rayner, Secretary

1. Welcome and Call to Order - Michael Nedelec
2. Approval of May 2017 minutes

Motion to adopt minutes:

Moved L. Taylor	Seconded D. Rayner	Carried
------------------------	---------------------------	----------------

3. Administration Report – Susan Nichols, Principal

- It has been another wonderful year of learning, with many activities still to go.
- Susan gave a special thank you to the PAC executive for their time and support, saying “it has been wonderful to work with such a dedicated and talented group.”
- The PAC has successfully carried out many fund-raisers- the Silent Auction, Walkathon, The Poker night, frozen food sales, popcorn sales, car boot sale and other events. The PAC has also supported the school in a myriad of ways-monthly fruit deliveries, Social and Emotional Learning presentations and activities, new kindergarten parent meeting, computers, Orff instruments, skating, performances, class parents, and in school volunteers. All of these events enrich the students’ lives here and help to build a strong sense of community.
- Things are still unsettled at the board level again this year. Scott Robinson, the superintendent, has announced his resignation, and one of the associate superintendents is off on sick leave. The provincial political scene is also very unsettled, and the next few months may bring big change.
- This year there are 18 elementary administrators retiring, and over 60 administrator moves. Susan feels lucky to be staying here at Wolfe.

- Luckily, most changes will be kept away from the classroom. Staffing is underway for next year. Ms. Gaetanne is finishing up a temporary assignment here. There are no retirements, and Wolfe will be keeping the 6 SSW's that are here. Ms Bonetti is on maternity leave (she had a gorgeous baby boy June 1st). Wolfe will be hiring:
 - a 3 day a week teacher to work with Ms. Webber.
 - a full time kindergarten teacher, and
 - a short term replacement for Mr. Mathewson, who is taking parental leave from Sept. to December. As band is offered by Mr. Mathewson as a voluntary extra-curricular activity, we will need to wait to see who is hired and what their skills are before we know what the fall band offerings, if any, will be.
- Wolfe had a very successful track and field season. We had many athletes participate in the Swanguard finals, and appreciate the coaches and sponsors work with the students.
- And finally, Susan said a special thank you to Katie Stevenson for her work as Vice chair as she moves into the Community Activity Coordinator.

Wendy Cameron - Teachers report

- Computers in classes-15 in each 6/7 class, 5 in each 4/5 class
- Welcome to Kindergarten event-75 students attended, tremendous feedback, guests from the Learning partnership and the Dali Lama Centre
- Thank you for the PAC funds-have developed an aboriginal collection in the library and purchased summer reads for the teachers to choose next year's novels from.
- VPL, Terry Salman Branch librarian visited students about their summer reading program today
- Grade 6/7 camp next week.

4. Chair Report – Michael Nedelec

- Playground update and next steps: Order for playground going to supplier within a few weeks with installation date slated for early Sept.
- Need Nester's coordinator for next year. There is much more to be done to grow the relationship with Nester's with a lot of opportunity for school donations, fund raising, etc. Interested parties should contact Michael directly.
- Basketball court behind the school is badly in need of repair/upgrade. Approximate cost is \$30,000. There will be a direct drive to raise these funds from the community, developers, realtors, etc. More info to follow early in the next school year.
- Pia and Nicola provided the following update regarding popcorn sales:
 - i. Approx. \$1600 was raised through popcorn sales this year, primarily by parent volunteers. Movie nights had the biggest sales.
 - ii. General discussion around what will be done with the funds raised from popcorn sales. Suggestions included: outdoor activities for non-camp years, team building activities, technology and the General PAC fund.
 - iii. Grade 4/5's and their parents will be approached next year as funds will likely be used to fund camp or other outdoor activity for these students.

5. Budget and Treasurer's Report – Jamini Thakore

- There is a \$4000-\$5000 surplus in the budget this year. Use of these funds will be determined in Sept.

6. Vice Chair Report– Katie Stevenson

Upcoming Events & Fundraisers

- Car Free Day and grocery bagging cancelled due to permit issues with Nester's
- QSP on-going, dollars earned year-round

7. Adjournment

Moved K. Stevenson	Seconded L. Taylor	Carried
---------------------------	---------------------------	----------------

Free Childcare Provided