

# PAC – PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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**Date:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:30 pm  
**Location:** General Wolfe Elementary school library

## **PAC Members (in order of sign-in sheet)**

Julienne Hills, Libby Taylor, Marilyn Kynaston, Kristin Rotte, Gil Stav, Gord Ahrens, Stasa Jones

## **PAC Executive:**

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

## **Administration:**

- Susan Nichols, Principal
- Sarah Collins, Teacher

**These minutes are reflected in the order of what was discussed.**

### **1. Welcome and Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

### **2. Approval of Oct. 4th, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to adopt minutes:

<b>Moved</b> (L. Taylor)	<b>Seconded</b> (K. Rotte)	<b>Carried</b>
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### **3. Administration Report by Susan Nichols, Principal, General Wolfe Teacher's Report by Sarah Collins**

## **Thank you to:**

- Parents for high turn-out at Student/Teacher Conferences—the support is terrific!
- Mr. Mathewson, the band, and classes for a lovely Remembrance Day assembly. Special thanks to Nina Lois for playing taps on the trumpet.

## **VSBC News**

Currently, the VSB has an Acting Superintendent, John Lewis, and an Acting Secretary Treasurer, Guy Bonnefoy. VSB Superintendent is expected to return, but Sec/Treasurer will be replaced as he's left the VSB.

Some senior staff are starting to return to work, including Associate Superintendent David Nelson, who was a key person in the long range facilities plan. David has been invited to the January 10<sup>th</sup> PAC meeting to provide an update on the seismic progress at Wolfe.

### **Kindergarten Registration & Class Size Limits –**

Some schools in Vancouver have been designated as “Full”. Wolfe is one of them and is in Tier 2 of the designation. This implies there is a concern that cross boundary students may not be accommodated. The main consideration is not just accepting new Kindergarten students, but also the impact of three new divisions each year. For example: 3 classes x 8 grades= 24 divisions, but Wolfe has capacity for 17. Parents of cross boundary students should be aware we may not be able to guarantee spots to siblings. Susan is happy to talk to parents individually where this affects their family and explain more.

The number of incoming K students may also be affected by the recent Supreme Court of Canada ruling in favor of the BCTF on class size and composition. This ruling dates back to 2002 when the provincial government stripped the teacher’s contract of their negotiated class size and composition language, and barred the re-negotiation of those items. Susan is unsure of the impact at Wolfe, but is looking forward to more staffing to support the neediest students.

### **Teacher’s report**

Our volleyball teams are doing well. Thanks to all the parents for driving the teams and cheering them on, and a special thanks to parent and staff coaches and drivers. Basketball season will start in January-if you know anyone who has the skills to coach a team or ref at games, please let Sarah or Ms. Walker know.

Christmas Concert is scheduled for the afternoon and evening of Wednesday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>- mark your calendars now! We will also be having the traditional caroling in the halls the mornings of the week of Dec. 12-16.

We had a great performance of Rup Loops on Monday. The students really enjoyed this high energy performance of various electronic and instrumental ways of making music. Thank you for the PAC support of this event.

Skating is booked for January and February-thank you also for your support of this activity.

And finally a big thank you for the final 11 lap tops. We managed to get a cart from another school to store them in as we were running out of places to plug them in. It is a great relief to have a full intermediate set of lap tops, and they are used constantly.

### **4. Seismic Update**

We are planning for an update on the Wolfe seismic situation at the next PAC meeting when a representative from the VSB will attend. Wolfe has been designated “H-1” which is the highest risk in the event of a major seismic event. To date we are still waiting on next steps in our seismic upgrade process, which continues to be delayed for reasons related to VSB changes and the current political situation. Currently, it appears that no action will be taken in regards to seismic in the next school year (2017-18). Stay tuned **AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE JAN. 10<sup>TH</sup> PAC MEETING! All parents are encouraged to attend this very important meeting to make your concerns known to the VSB regarding the**

**seismic upgrade.** Plan for the meeting to go a little longer (to 8:00 PM) as we are expecting and encouraging parents to submit questions and make your views known at this meeting.

**5. Playground Update**

It is very likely construction of the new playground will begin before the seismic process, due to the continuing delays of this process. A last effort at corporate fundraising for the playground will be spearheaded by Michael. Parents interested in getting involved in this should contact him directly.

**6. 2016/2017 Budget and Treasurer's Report**

Jamini reviewed the current financial position of the PAC. The following motion was brought forward and subsequently approved:

- Transfer \$32,000 from general fund to playground fund. This will bring playground fund total to approximately \$90,000.

<b>Moved</b> (L. Taylor)	<b>Seconded</b> (K. Rotte)	<b>Carried</b>
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**7. Upcoming Events & Fundraisers**

The following events and fund raisers were discussed:

- Ongoing – Purdy's chocolate sales, delivery Dec. 2016
- Ongoing- Frozen Foods fundraiser, orders due Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> for delivery Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>
- Ongoing – QSP
- Popcorn Fridays – Popcorn available every Friday after school for \$1/bag. Proceeds to benefit Grade 6/7 camp. Volunteers needed!
- Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> Movie night in Wolfe gym 6-8 PM. The new Jungle Book will be shown.
- Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Poker night in Wolfe library 6:30-9:30 PM
- Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> Rocky Mountain Pizza night
- Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Winter concert
- Casino Night – save the date! Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Adjournment**

<b>Moved</b> (S. Jones)	<b>Seconded</b> (K. Rotte)	<b>Carried</b>
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Adjourned at 7:35.