

PAC – PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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May 2016 Newsletter

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Please feel free to contact any of the PAC Executive with questions, ideas and general information.

LAST MEETING of the year! Mark your calendars.

The regular monthly PAC meeting will be held along with the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and is coming up on **Tuesday, June 14th from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM!** Elections will be held during the AGM. If you or anyone you know would be interested in running, here are the positions:

PAC Chair - Michael Nedelec will stand for re-election

PAC Vice Chair - Jaimini Thakore will stand for re-election

PAC Treasurer - Open. Current Treasurer Harold Schellekens will help the new person or take an apprentice.

PAC Treasurer Duties:

Being PAC Treasurer gets you directly involved in supporting the straightforward process of how funds raised flow to the many approved items in the PAC budget. You see directly just how many great things are paid for with the funds raised and meet the people involved. Being treasurer gives you a chance to contribute to Wolfe and an opportunity to learn some new skills in a very positive setting: basic financial reporting for a non-profit as well as being able to grow your Excel know-how if you are new to it or apply your existing skills if you are already an Excel guru. We have been simplifying the processes over recent years and this role has become easier.

Here are the specific duties of PAC Treasurer:

- *Write cheques for approved PAC expenses and arrange deposits of PAC funds (often by event leads) to the PAC bank accounts. Maintain basic records to ensure transparency on all PAC financial transactions.*

- Prepare monthly summary of transactions (Treasurer's Report) for review at PAC meetings.
- Periodically: submit charitable receipt requests from event leads to VSB
- Yearly: submit gaming event report and gaming account summary. Prepare annual budget for following school year working with PAC Executive and other stakeholders
- Attend PAC Executive meetings (1 hour per month)
- Time commitment: approximately 4-5 hours per month (depends on the month)
- Duration: September 2016 - June 2017

PAC Secretary - Open. Current Secretary Monica Luu will work with you and provide support if required.

PAC Secretary Duties:

Being PAC Secretary gives you the chance to stay informed of what's happening at school and be part of a strong leadership team. It gives you the opportunity to meet other parents, influence the school environment and support students, teachers and school administrators. Give it a try and see what you think! Or perhaps you have a friend who would like to share the role with you? Here are the duties of PAC Secretary:

- Record minutes of PAC meetings
- Write and send out monthly PAC newsletter, meeting minutes & agenda.
- Attend PAC Executive meetings (1 hour per month)
- Time commitment: approx. 4-5 hours per month.
- Duration: September 2016 - June 2017

PAC Budget for 2016/2017

The 2016/2017 School Year PAC Budget was passed during the May 10th, 2016 PAC meeting. Double



2016-2017
Budget.pdf

click on the icon here: to see the budget

Volunteers Still Needed!!! Can you help?

Volunteers are essential to making the PAC and PAC events function. Currently we are in need of volunteers for:

1. PAC Playground Fundraising Call to Action!

Even if you think fundraising is not for you – please give it a try – we need your help! Do you work for a larger corporation that has funding for charitable causes? We need to approach these organizations. We have great packages ready to use for potential funders. Please contact Deb Coll at colldebi@gmail.com or 778.887.3324 to obtain packages and sample pitch letters and she will help you with the communication, messaging and materials.

There is also funding out there to be found by way of government and corporate grants. Would you like to help write grant applications? Please contact Jaimini Thakore or Marilyn Kynaston to coordinate those efforts:

Jaimini Thakore - jathakore@gmail.com or 778.874.2330
Marilyn Kynaston - marilynk@telus.net or 604.783.1745

Would you like to help with approaching Main/Cambie/King Edward developers? **Please contact Jen Evans at jenif59@gmail.com or 604.782.0431.**

Shortly, we will have some printed material so that the Wolfe kids can help too. They can use it with neighbours, alumni, extended family etc. and get the message out.

In the meantime we have the literature —we have the studies —and we have a researched initial playground proposal. We have had good success so far and find great support when we ask for it. And if you haven't done so already, please check out Wolfe's PAC website playground fundraising page at: <http://www.generalwolfepac.ca/4-2/the-playground-of-desolation/>

2. Green Thumbs Wanted!

Parent volunteers – we need your help to keep growing.

For over 25 years, the unique naturalized, boulevard and planter beds at General Wolfe have provided students with opportunities for learning and immediate access to nature. The indigenous plants behind the annex are unique.

This is the gardening blog for General Wolfe Elementary:

<http://www.generalwolfegardens.blogspot.ca/>

This is a good place to start to read the history and see some of the highlights of the past few years.

Boulevard Champion Wanted: City of Vancouver Green Streets

Boulevard Gardening is over 500 gardens strong in the city. The General Wolfe PAC has been the volunteer group that has raked, planted, weeded, pruned, and removed garbage from our 11 individual beds for a few years. We need someone to be the Wolfe PAC Liaison in the upcoming year. Without a volunteer from the parent of nearby community, the city will come and likely dig up much of the good work, as well as put toxic mulches on our amended soil. These gardens often require more maintenance than planter boxes so can be easier than other spaces to take care of.

<http://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/gardening-on-traffic-calming-spaces.aspx>

Master Gardener Community Project has closed. Despite a successful Friday After School Garden Club, we simply didn't have enough community engagement from parents to keep it active, as Master Gardeners are required to provide volunteer advice and not just do physical work.

3. Halloween Dance for Fall 2016

Volunteers needed to organize Halloween Dance event for next school year (Fall 2016). Thanks to Lisa Scott and Dawn Dunkerley for doing such great work in past years. If you are interested in learning more about how you can help, please contact Lisa Scott at lisamscott@telus.net to get more information.

4. Volleyball and soccer coaches needed for Fall 2016!

There is a call for coaches for next school year (Fall 2016) for soccer and volleyball teams! Please considering volunteering to coach if you are interested.

Update on PAC website!

Did you know that donations/payment can now be conveniently submitted ONLINE on our PAC website? So tell your family and friends that it is EASY to donate as much as they'd like! Just go to:

www.generalwolfepac.ca