

PAC – PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 6:30 pm

Location: General Wolfe Elementary school library

Agenda

PAC Members (in order of sign-in sheet): Libby Taylor, Harold Schellekens, Debbie Leboe, Michelle Weir, Kristy Whittaker, S. McCrae, Kristin Rotte, Jen Kim, Emily Lee, Harvey Chiang, Gil Stav

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 Apr. 2017 minutes

Motion to adopt minutes:

Moved L. Taylor	Seconded D. Leboe	Carried
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3. Administration Report - Susan Nichols, Principal

- VBE budget passed at the end of April, and staffing has been allocated to the school. Wolfe has been given an additional kindergarten class, totaling 18 divisions, and slightly less resource time than last year.
- Susan has given the staff six organizations that meet the contractual language, recommendation to be returned back to her this week. All organizations include multi-grade classes except for kindergarten.
- Class placements begin in June. Information on requests should be to Susan by 5/26. Staff requests (teacher specific) not allowed. Class placement is up to the teachers, and, ultimately, Susan.
- Regarding the election: All large capital projects are put on hold once the election writ is dropped, so it will be great to be able to start to move on. Janson's last report to me stated ***"It is still the plan to discuss this school at next Vancouver Project Office Steering Committee meeting which is currently scheduled for the end of June."***
- Teachers were delighted to get the new Cloudbook laptops this week and were allocated to the intermediate divisions. Susan looking to purchase another 20 by the

end of the year, for a minimum of 10 per intermediate class. We will start supporting the primary classes next.

- With the science funds, a primary portable light table was purchased along with a number of the tools (light cubes, blocks, prisms) to allow the students to explore and learn about light and colour.
- We had a great pro-d on May 1st-staff worked on ways to report on the Core Competencies, and we had a great presentation on executive function/organizational strategies by Ms. Husdon. We are very lucky here at Wolfe to have such a skilled and experienced resource team to support students and staff. We also looked at our School goals, and we will be revisiting Social Responsibility as a focus next year.
- Thank you to Mr. Mathewson for the Night of Bands and the wonderful Spring Concert- they were very well done. We are lucky to have such a strong music program.
- As well, Susan would like to thank Ms. Walker and Ms. G for organizing sports day, and Harvey Chiang and his team of sports day volunteers. The weather was great! We had great support from Tupper, who sent over their ELL class and teacher to run our primary sports day stations.
- Track and field is underway-thank you to the teacher coaches, led by Mr. Smathers. They are looking forward to the finals at Swanguard on June 1st.
- The Wolfe seismic early warning system has been approved by the VSB as a research project and any costs will be paid by the VSB. Collette O'Reilly, from the VSB health and safety department has been working with Dr. Kent Johansen to go through the process.

4. Budget and Treasurer's Report – Jamini Thakore

- Formal proposal of 2017-2018 PAC budget (attached)
 - i. \$4000 surplus this year, will be rolled over into next year's budget
 - ii. Big increase in technology spend for next year with overage from playground fund.
 - iii. Budget motion passed unanimously.

Moved L. Taylor	Seconded K. Rotte	Carried
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5. Parent survey

- Summary—
 - i. Parent participation in survey was close to 50% which is quite high per Kristin Rotte
 - ii. Key takeaways summarized and reviewed by Jamini included the following: PAC Meeting Involvement, Fundraising and use of PAC dollars; Social Responsibility; Playground; and Hot Lunch
 - iii. Since a large percentage of parents are in favor of direct drive we will target next campaign to start late Oct.
- Playground next steps
 - i. Motion passed to choose Option 1 (in keeping with feedback from the survey)--\$80,000. One nay vote.

Moved L. Taylor	Seconded K. Whittaker	Carried
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- ii. This design is similar to net structure at Livingstone.
- iii. Goal is to have in place by start of school

6. Vice Chair Report– Katie Stevenson

Upcoming Events & Fundraisers

- Trunk Sale this Sunday, May 28th in Wolfe parking lot. Great community building event.
- Car Free Day – June 18, joint promo with Freybe and Nester’s to raise funds for Wolfe.
 - i. Need Grade 5 volunteers to bag groceries June 13-17th
 - ii. Need additional volunteers to work on Car Free Day selling dogs, water, etc.
 - iii. Also looking for a Nester’s Coordinator to manage relationship

7. PAC Executive Elections in June

- Need a Vice-Chair—Katie to be Volunteer Coordinator for next year
- Debbie Leboe will continue as lead for Class Reps

8. Adjournment

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