



GENERAL WOLFE PAC

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – February 17, 2015

Attendees:

PAC EXECUTIVE	
Michael Nedelec, Chair	Monica Luu, Vice-Chair
	Yori Lue-Kim, Secretary
ADMINISTRATION/TEACHERS	
Susan Nichols, Principal	Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Walker, Ms. Collins
PAC MEMBERS	
Libby Taylor	Gary Mei
Ulf von Dehn	Dawn Dunkerley
Peter Frantel	Jennifer Coleman
Blair Wilson	May Ke
Gil Stav	Ian Luu
Jen Kim	Harvey Chiang
Blair Wilson	Marilyn Kynaston
Joanne Keneally	Stasa Jones
Casey Jones	John Kim

These minutes are reflected in the order of the agenda.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm following a brief performance by a group of children (including Wolfe students) performing in Alice@Wonderland through the Performing Stars group.

2. Approval of January 13, 2015 Minutes

Motion to adopt the Minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting with the above mentioned correction.

Moved (L. Taylor)	Seconded (H. Chiang)	Carried
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3. Seismic Upgrade Update – Chris Atkinson, VSB

Chris Atkinson, District Principal, Field Services at VSB attended to provide an update to the PAC with regard to the status of the seismic upgrade plans for General Wolfe School. Key points:

- Of the 69 projects in the VSB, 26 are finished – Currently 8 projects on the go, 8 more to start now and 8 more to start in September. General Wolfe is set to start the Project Definition phase in September 2015
- A recent MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the VSB and the Ministry of Education was signed to develop a joint project office. Still staffing this office.

- Initial assessment of General Wolfe determined “high risk” designation
- Project Definition Report (PDR) takes 6-12 mths to complete to determine preferred option for either “fix”, “new build” or “hybrid”. Decision will be based on lowest cost option
- If a rebuild, the school will automatically be smaller – 85% of the existing size
- If fix, school will remain same size but things not related to seismic issues will not necessarily be upgraded
- Hybrid will also result in a smaller school
- One year to design the building and another 18 months for construction
- Mr. Atkinson will work on setting up a “field trip’ for parents who would like to tour a newly built school.
- Mr. Atkinson offered to be available to attend any all future PAC meeting regarding seismic upgrades. He left the meeting at 7:15pm.

4. Administration Report

Susan Nichols reported: Another busy month with kindergarten and new student registration. We are a designated ‘full’ school, so I have to work with the director of Instruction, David Nelson, before accepting any Cross boundary students. Registration finished on January 31, but we will try to accommodate late in-catchment registrations as needed. Currently we are sitting at about 52 in catchment kindergarten students, some of who will move on to French Immersion, but we are also one of the overflow schools for Simon Fraser, which has over 90 kindergarten students registered, so the number will likely be at 50 or higher. The cross boundary process is now underway and we have 16 applications so far. School will be accepting Cross Boundary applications until the end of February, and if any students are accepted it will be done by a draw within their priority group, not by time of registration.

The computer sections of FSA exams are complete for all grade 4 and 7 students who participated, and some other parts of the test are complete too. Results sent home later this year for the students who participated. Grade 4 tests are done, grade 7’s will be done this Friday.

As February is kindness month, I would like to thank the many PAC members who are so kind as to share their time with us-the hardworking PAC executive, the casino and Silent auction committees, the fresh fruit group, the Social/emotional support committee, Parent ed, and all the parents who have driven on field trips, tied skates and supported the school in a myriad of ways.

The VSB calendars are on the Board’s website for the next 2 school years-comments can be sent on the proposed calendar to calendar@vsb.bc.ca

The VSB is entering the annual budget process. There is a predicted shortfall of 15.05 million dollars, which is less than the initial shortfall projection of 27.6 million. There is a link to the budget process on the VSB home page, but some of the important dates are Tuesday, March 31 when the preliminary budget will be released, public feedback dates are April 14 and 15, the revised budget will be released April 21 with feedback being sought on April 27, and the final budget will be adopted April 30. I imagine the band/strings program will be under discussion again.

Teacher's report-Lisa Mitchell, Amy Walker and Sarah Collins

Skating is ongoing, Thank you to the PAC for their support of this event. Earlier this month we were treated to a very fun, presentation by Michael Mitchell with songs about Canada (starting with This Land is Your Land, which the older staff could all sing without song sheets). His presentation ended with much of the gym up dancing. We are looking forward to the Taiko drummers who will be doing a presentation right before spring break.

Our marimbas arrived yesterday! They were delivered yesterday and I know Mr. Mathewson is looking forward to incorporating the extra instruments into his program. Thank you to the PAC for their support of this purchase.

Basketball season is well underway, many thanks to the teacher and parents who make this possible. Junior boys final game is this Friday, postponed from yesterday when the game was cancelled due to fire alarms at Lord Roberts. Both senior girls and senior boys teams are advancing to the playoffs.

I would like to thank Cathy Thomas, Elana Goldberg and Ashlie Arbour-Polley for all the time they have put into organizing the Pink Day dance group-they will be performing tomorrow afternoon at the Vancouver Giants game.

An upcoming event is the eagerly anticipated talent show next week at recesses- 27 acts ranging from violin, piano and singing to bagpipes and highland dancing.

We have salmon eggs hatching in Mr. Smather's room-it is very exciting for everyone.

The Choral festival is coming up, we have sent out the information and look forward to seeing lots of people there.

5. Treasurer's Report

Harold presented the highlights of the financial position as of February 15, 2015.

- QSP Magazine raised \$2,600
- Casino Night raised \$6,000

The 2015/16 budget process has started. Budget request forms are available and must be completed by any parent who is requesting funds for a particular program. Even if your program is continuing from a previous year, a new request form is needed. All completed forms are due on April 9, 2015. Please contact Harold Schellekens at Harold.p.schellekens for further information.

6. Family Surveys

A link to a Wolfe Family survey will be sent out in the coming days. The survey is designed to assist the PAC Executive in determine the fundraising priorities of the Wolfe community. It is very helpful and important for all families to complete so we have a good representation of your opinions.

A second survey is being developed to specifically address issues regarding the design and funding for a new playground in the northeast corner of the school yard.

7. Upcoming Events

- **Silent Auction – April 23, 2015**

Jen Kim welcomes everyone to attend this adult event on the evening of Thursday, April 23. Childcare will be provided – please confirm if you require childcare. Volunteers to help with a variety of tasks such as selling tickets, soliciting items for auction and help on the night of the event.

- **Agricultural BC “Healthy” fundraiser**

Natasha Patton is investigating a fundraiser through Agricultural BC where families can order fresh fruits and vegetables for pick up at the school. This is a once or twice a year order. Someone to lead the fundraiser is required. If you are interested, please contact Natasha at njp.patton@gmail.com

- **Grant Writing Committee** – help still needed. Please contact Michael Nedelec.

- **Hot Lunch Program** – the current program is not breaking even and is at risk of ending. There is approximately a \$7 per child/mth shortfall. Susan Nichols will bring more information to the next PAC meeting for discussion.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Moved (L. Taylor)	Seconded (B. Wilson)	Carried
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