



GENERAL WOLFE PAC

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – June 9, 2015

Attendees:

PAC EXECUTIVE	
Michael Nedelec, Chair	Monica Luu, Vice-Chair
Harold Schellekens, Treasurer	Yori Lue-Kim, Secretary
ADMINISTRATION/TEACHERS	
Susan Nichols, Principal	Ms. Thomas, Ms. Andrews
Ms. Rosemary Thomas, In-coming Vice Principal	
PAC MEMBERS	
Libby Taylor	Blair Wilson
Dawn Dunkerley	May Ke
Harvey Chiang	Stasa Jones
Katie Stevenson	Jenny Koldenhof

These minutes are reflected in the order of the agenda.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 pm.

2. Approval of May 12, 2015 Minutes

Motion to adopt the Minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting with the above mentioned correction.

Moved (L. Taylor)	Seconded (B. Wilson)	Carried
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3. Administration Report

Principal Report - Susan Nichols:

With the warm weather and longer days I think everyone is getting ready for summer. So much has happened this year, and much of it was done with the support of PAC. I would like to give a special thank you to the PAC executive for their time, support and senses of humour, it has been wonderful to work with such a dedicated and talented group.

The PAC has successfully carried out many fundraisers- the Silent Auction, Walkathon, The Poker night, frozen food sales 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, Community Appreciation, Staff luncheon, new marimbas, 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.

This month in the Courier there was an article about some high school runners who were successful track and field athletes. It was followed up with a letter to the editor noting that those two students, and a number of others, were all Wolfe students who started their track careers here.

Staffing is underway for next year. Ms. Hognestad and Ms. Watson are retiring, and Ms. Thomson is taking a year's leave. As well, Ms. Shoemaker, Mr. Allan, and Ms. Macowetsky are finishing up their temporary assignments here. The VSB hot lunch programs are being re-organized and we are not sure if Ms Rosa Spinelli will be with us or not next year. We have our fingers crossed that she will retain her position. And finally, we are all very sad to bid goodbye to Ms. Thomas who has been amazing through all of the transitions. Ms. Rosemary Thomas, who will be joining us next year, is here for the first part of the meeting before she heads back to Queen Mary for her meeting, and I know she is looking forward to joining the Wolfe Community.

The school goal for next year is numeracy, both basic math fact fluency and critical thinking, as well the district is continuing the aboriginal enhancement goal. I would like to thank Kate Martinez and Virginia Hong for their work on this committee.

Finally, I would like to say a special thank you to Yori Lue-Kim who giving up her position as secretary, and the rest of the PAC executive for all they have done again this year.

4. Treasurer's Report

Harold presented the highlights of the financial position as of June 7, 2015:

- Four laptops have arrived.
- \$56,000 in bank account. Will consider transferring excess to playground fund in September 2015 once all expenses for 2014/15 budget have been paid

All receipts for expenses to run any of the PAC sponsored programs should have already been submitted to Harold Schellekens.

Walk-a-thon raised \$18,826 – Thank you to Jen West and her team. There were many successes to celebrate:

- The most important one, from a community, was the participation of a new cohort of volunteers. More parents of primary students were involved and many expressed their delight with how fun the event was.
- 49 volunteers played a role in the success of the day.
- Great sponsorship from Nester's Market. Nester's manager, Steve, continues to be a very generous supporter of many Wolfe PAC events.
- Welcome to first time sponsor – Salt Spring Coffee to keep the parent volunteers fueled.
- 20% more laps completed by students this year over 2013 and almost 14% more funds raised. Way to go Wolfe Students and all their supporters!

5. Chair's Report

M. Nedelec thanked Cathy Thomas for her work with the students at GWE since her arrival. Ms. Thomas has been a strong supporter of athletics at Wolfe as well as encouraging an inclusive culture and community among the children. Her dedication to the well-being of the students and support of school spirit and humanitarianism will be missed.

Upcoming dates to note:

September 10, 2015 – Welcome Back Family Night

- Food, fun and catching up on summer adventures
- Display of potential playground options

September 11, 2015 – Terry Fox run

Walk-a-thon will be moved to October 2, 2015 (instead of a May event). It seems that many families are feeling activity and volunteer “burn out” by May of each year. The PAC is hoping that by changing the date for the walk-a-thon it will be a better balance of PAC fundraising events and easier to recruit parent volunteers.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Moved (L. Taylor)	Seconded (H. Chiang)	Carried
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