

PAC – PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Visit www.generalwolfepac.ca



Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm
Location: General Wolfe Elementary school library

PAC Members (in order of sign-in sheet): Jen Kim, Stephanie Wilcox, Kristy Whittaker, Grant Brumpton, Gil Stav, Tamara Litke, Dennis Forsman

PAC Executive:

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

Administration:

- Susan Nichols, Principal
- Linda Andrews, 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 Jan. 10th, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt minutes:

Moved (D. Rayner)	Seconded (K. Stevenson)	Carried
--------------------------	--------------------------------	----------------

3. Guest Speaker – Elaine Leung, Marine Biologist, Sea Smart

- Sea Smart teaches kids about our oceans and empowers kids to become environmental champions
- Workshops, after-school programs, summer camps etc.
- Program proposed for Wolfe for Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons
 - Minimum 12 kids, maximum 20 kids. Grades 1-4.
 - \$240/student for 8 classes.

For more info please go to: <https://squareup.com/store/seasmart>

4. Administration Report by Susan Nichols, Principal, General Wolfe

As February is kindness month, Susan would like to thank the following groups and individuals:

- 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 so many ways.

Kindergarten Registration & Class Size Limits –

- Kindergarten and new student registration have been busy this month. We are a designated ‘full’ school.
- Susan will work with the Director of Instruction, Rob Schindel, and Associate Superintendent David Nelson, before accepting any Cross boundary students.
- Currently Wolfe has approx. 50 in-catchment kindergarten students, however some will opt for French or Mandarin immersion programs elsewhere.
- Wolfe is one of the overflow schools for Simon Fraser, which has 100 MORE kindergarten students registered than they have space for.
- The cross boundary process is also now underway, through February. If any students are accepted it will be done by a draw within their priority group, not by time of registration.
- Class sizes, number of divisions, etc. are a “work in progress” due to recent court rulings and other factors.

VSB News

- VSB calendar for next year will be passed at the next board meeting. **Please note that Christmas Break has been moved to start the Friday before Christmas (Dec. 22 the last day of school) rather than the initial proposed date of Dec. 15. This puts us into alignment with other districts.**
- The VSB will soon be entering the annual budget process. It may be a different process this year as there has been discussion of a 5 year budget with annual updates.
- The most recent update from the seismic office is The Planning Department at the VSB has mapped out a revised temporary accommodation plan to reflect the fact that no schools were approved for closure. The plan includes an option for the accommodation of Wolfe Elementary School students and staff while the building is being upgraded. VPO staff are working to confirm and cost this option in order to finalize the project definition report for General Wolfe.

Technology Update

- The school was loaned a Dell Cloudbook computer by the district which one of the tech savvy staff took home to put through its paces. It performed well, and at \$270 each they seem very reasonably priced.
- In an ideal scenario Wolfe would have 15 computers in each intermediate class, and a set of 24 for primary to sign out. We would be delighted to start with 10 in each class, and some of that could be accomplished by re-deploying some from the library.

Teacher's report

- Skating is on-going. Thank you to the PAC for their support of this event.
- Basketball season is well underway, many thanks to the teacher and parents who make this possible. Next week is the last week of the regular season.
- Thank you to the PAC for their on-going support of the school. Wolfe has received new sports equipment and an art supply order is on its way.

5. Vice Chair Report – Katie Stevenson

Upcoming Events & Fundraisers

- Casino Night – Feb. 18th at 7:00 PM.
 - Tickets available online for \$30 which includes first drink and \$100 in play money.
 - Get your tickets online at <https://wolfecasino.eventbrite.ca>
 - Theme: Casino Royale
 - This is a cashless event!
- Movie Night – Mar. 3rd 4:00-6:00 PM. What to bring:
 - Blanket and pillow
 - Money for popcorn and snacks
 - Movie title tbd, little kids activity area at the back of the gym provided for siblings
- Silent Auction – Apr. 20th 6:30-9:30 PM
 - Call for donations and volunteers- Wolfe parents: do you work for an organization that can donate a good or service? Do you have a personal or homemade good or service that you would like to donate? We want to hear from you! Contact Colleen Von Dehn vondehn@gmail.com
 - Want to get involved? More hands are needed to continue the huge success of this event.
 - Please contact Katie Stevenson Stevenson.kml@gmail.com to learn how to help
- Main St. Car-Free Day – June 18, joint promo with Freybe and Nester's to raise funds for Wolfe. More info coming soon.
- Gardening Committee needs a new lead. Tamara is retiring but very happy to get a new volunteer(s) up to speed.

Fruit and Veggie Program

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Natasha Patton for all of her hard work in supporting our healthy food initiatives in our school. All of our children have benefitted from your programs so thank to you for your guidance and efforts. We are currently searching of a new Coordinator for the Fruit and Veggie Program at Wolfe.

Job Description

There are about 1 dozen free produce deliveries to the school spread over the school year. Delivery dates are known in advance which makes for easier planning. The coordinator gets eight parents from a pool of volunteers to help rinse, sort & deliver the

produce to the classrooms. Start to finish, each morning delivery takes approximately 30 minutes. We urge a parent/s to step up as coordinator of this program so the students can continue to get Fruit and Veggies delivered to their classrooms next year. Please contact Natasha Patton njp.patton@gmail.com for more information.

6. **Playground Update – Michael Nedelec**

- The PAC Exec wants to raise an additional \$25-\$30,000 for playground. We have \$90,000 in the Playground Fund now.
- One more round of corporate donations will be asked.
- Due to the delay in building the playground there has been a price increase of about 5-7% vs. original quote.
- Time to build is 8-16 weeks depending on which proposal we move forward with.

7. **2016/2017 Budget and Treasurer's Report**

Jamini reviewed the current financial position of the PAC. A spending plan for the 2017-18 school year will be presented at the April PAC meeting, with a vote happening at the May PAC meeting.

8. **Seismic sensor**

Dennis Forsman, a Wolfe parent with a background in emergency preparedness proposed that Wolfe look into an earthquake early warning sensor (due to delay in seismic upgrade process). The warning can give valuable extra time for students and staff in the event of a seismic event. Additional info can be found here:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/the-race-to-get-an-earthquake-early-warning-system-in-b-c-1.3488206>

It was moved, seconded and carried to allocate up to \$1000 to buy a sensor system for Wolfe.

Moved (D. Rayner)	Seconded (S. Willox)	Carried
--------------------------	-----------------------------	----------------

9. **Adjournment**

Moved (D. Rayner)	Seconded (K. Stevenson)	Carried
--------------------------	--------------------------------	----------------

Adjourned at 7:35.