

# PAC – PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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**Date:** Tuesday, May 8, 2018 6:30 pm

**Location:** General Wolfe Elementary school library

## Agenda

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** - Michael Nedelec

2. **Approval of Apr. 4, 2018 minutes**

<b>Moved</b> L. Taylor	<b>Seconded</b> K. Rotte	<b>Carried</b>
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3. **Administration Report** - Susan Nichols, Principal of General Wolfe Elementary

- A big thank you to the PAC executive and the Silent Auction committee for the wonderful event last week. It was a really fun evening with many great auction items. Thank you so much for all the hard work that went into make the evening a great success.
- The VBE budget is a different process this year, and it will not be passed until the end of May. We are expecting a balanced budget with no layoffs. That being said, last year we were staffed over provincial ratios in our non-enrolling staff, and this year we are down 0.5 teachers. As always, I expect there will be some natural movement on the part of the staff (it is a great time to apply to work closer to home) so I am hoping not to have to declare anyone surplus. We will have 18 divisions again next year, with limited choices for how we organize as the organization must meet contract. As always, the organization is dependent upon parents accurately letting us know their plans. All organizations include multi-grade classes except for kindergarten.
- Class placements begin in June. In the last newsletter I mentioned if you have information about class placement which I do not know you may let me know in writing- letters naming teachers will not be considered. Final class placement is up to the teachers, and, ultimately, me.
- We had a great pro-d on April 23<sup>rd</sup>-staff worked on the Core Competencies, new curriculum and Communicating student Learning. We also finalized our calendar for next year, which I will share as soon as it is approved.
- School fees for next year will be the same as this year: \$25 school supplies, \$7 agenda, JUMP books at \$10 each (if the teacher is using them), \$5 performances, and a probable \$10 activity fee for Gynsense and/or tennis (we are trying to set hem both up).

- Our seismic early warning system is still at the install stage-the units were just manufactured this spring, and the communication is ongoing about the final stages. We had a successful Big One at 2 last week, with our Search and Rescue team fully participating in a mock search activity. Many thanks to the parents who help us practice the controlled release.
- Regarding Seismic: we expect the next decision will be made in Nov. At that time we will find out whether we will have a new school, renovate the current building, or a combination of both.

**Teacher report-Debbie Emery**

- 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 7th. Badminton just wrapped up a fun season, and the Ultimate team is practicing in anticipation of their tournament at the beginning of June.
- I would like to thank Ms. Walker and Ms. G for organizing sports day, and Harvey Chiang and his team of sports day volunteers. We have quite a few Wolfe alumni returning to help us this year, and we are hoping for good weather.
- We are all looking forward to our performance by Bramwell Tovey-please note that the date has been changed to June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**2018/19 Draft Budget and Treasurer’s Report – Jamini Thakore**

1. Draft budget presented by Jamini.
2. Planned expenditures approximately \$50,000.
3. Jamini also acknowledged a corporate donation from Victoria Gold Corp of \$2000.
4. New requests/additions to the budget include:
  - \$7,000 for new curriculum
  - \$10,000 for technology
  - \$1,500 for Social Emotional Learning
  - Performances
- Removed items include Drama, Chess, & Choir Clubs. Also removed \$3500 in revenue from Casino Night because we currently have no committee lead.

Motion to approve 2018/19 budget:

<b>Moved</b> L. Taylor	<b>Seconded</b> K. Rotte	<b>Carried</b>
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4. **Chair Report – Michael Nedelec**
  - Parent Survey to go out in next few weeks, possibly early Sept.
  - **PAC Exec Openings for 2018/19 and beyond – we are looking for a Vice Chair for 2018/19 and several vacancies will exist after next year. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT CURRENT EXEC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WHETHER IT’S FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR OR BEYOND.**
  - Many thanks to the Silent Auction committee who raised over \$25,000!
5. **Vice-Chair Report – Kristin Hanlon**
  - New Committee Leads needed for Casino Night & Welcome Back party

6. Upcoming Events & Fundraisers

- Next PAC Meeting and AGM: Tues. June 12th

7. Motion to Adjourn:

<b>Moved</b> L. Taylor	<b>Seconded</b> K. Rotte	<b>Carried</b>
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