

PAC – PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 6:30 pm
Location: General Wolfe Elementary school library

PAC Members (in order of sign-in sheet)

Libby Taylor, Debbie Leboe, Pia Kak, Kate Martinez, Malcom Lesley, Sephaznie Peltz, Fichou Gwennan, Stephanie Wilcox, Virginia Hong, Kristy Whittaker, Zahra Khoja, Jeremy Stone, Luis Simao, Hafeez Jiwa, Anne Pearson, Michelle Wiens, Kiorrie Ann Aziza, Jennifer Coleman, Gil Stav, May Ke, Suyoung Cha, Kristin Rotte, Stasa Jones, Jen Kim, Amy Woods, Susie McRae, Cappone D'Angelo, Kathy Yoshida, Colleen von Dehn, Ziad Alam, Julie Nichols, Jennifer Downing, marks Tan, Marilyn Kynaston, Todd and Stephanie Lueck, Harvey Chiang, Monica Luu

PAC Executive:

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

Administration:

- Susan Nichols, Principal
- Wendy Cameron, Librarian

These minutes are reflected in the order of what was discussed.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm.

2. Approval of June 14th, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt minutes:

Moved (L. Taylor)	Seconded (K. Martinez)	Carried
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3. Administration Report Susan Nichols, Principal Report

Welcome to the first PAC meeting of the year. A big thank you to the PAC for all that has happened since school has started-Natasha Patton for a great Welcome back event, and for getting the fruit and veggie program up and running, Kristy Whittaker and her team are making plans for Walkathon, Deb Leboe for working on getting the PAC class

rep email list up, and Grant Brumpton has been working to guide us through the playground process. As well, I would like to say a big thank you to Michael for his work on all these projects, Harold and Jaimini for their work transitioning the PAC treasurer role, Katie Stevenson for taking on the vice chair position and Donna Rayner for taking on the role of PAC secretary.

Staff Update-delighted to say that Debbie Emery is back with in the Grade 1 position and Christine Oades has joined us in the other grade 1 class. Catherine Barski is here on Tuesdays while Ms. G finishes her masters in counselling practicum. Jaclyn Snider has joined us as the school counsellor, and Ms. Jassal has returned from her leave and we are delighted to have her back. We do have one opening for an SSW-Brandon has decided to leave the VSB to pursue other options, and hopefully a permanent SSW will be placed soon.

This year band is no longer sustainable within our organization. We are incredibly lucky that Mr. Mathewson has volunteered to run band off timetable; he will be volunteering 4 mornings a week, 2 for beginner band and 2 for advanced band. After Christmas we are hopeful that we can combine the 2 bands into one and perhaps add a jazz band. We are lucky to have an excellent music program here at Wolfe separate from band, with marimbas and Orf instruments purchased with support of the PAC.

The upcoming Pro-D day in September is a day that we will be working on the school goals in the morning. As the final format for the development and submission of school goals has not been finalized by the VSB, we will be on concentrating on developing our school based goals. In the afternoon Mr. Mathewson is going to lead us all in a marimba lesson. We are looking forward to this day.

Teachers are busy this year implementing the new curriculum. Depending on the subject, there are some big changes in some areas, where in other areas it is much the same. In science particularly there have been some areas of study that have moved to quite different grades, which will change the resources needed for study. As always, we appreciate your support in this area. As well, the VSB is looking at new methods of reporting to go with the new curriculum. I have been called to an Educational Change meeting at the VSB tomorrow to begin discussions on changes in reporting, and will be sharing information with staff and parents as it comes from the board. Our teachers have been busy over the summer looking at resources and the new areas of study, especially the applied skills curriculum which is quite new. As well, the addition of the personal competencies is new, but fits well with the approach to social emotional learning that Wolfe has embraced in the past.

We are planning the year's fire drills. Next month there will be an earthquake drill, and we are preparing for a lockdown drill this fall. If there is an emergency where we need to evacuate the school, we would assemble off site at General Brock School.

We had a successful Terry Fox run last Thursday-many thanks to the parents who came out and cheered on the runners!

Our Sports teams are up and running-we had enough soccer players to make two Sr.girls teams (there was not enough interest to have a sr. boys team). Teachers have started planning for the cross country season, which is always one of my favourite sports as students are all working towards personal bests. Stay tuned for more information if your child is in grades 3-7.

We are looking forward to seeing many parents at our 'Meet the Teacher' night tomorrow. It starts in our gym, where there is also the Scholastic Book fair for the next two weeks. Buying books at the fair helps support our school library.

Notices went home today about the purchase of Wolfe shirts. We use these shirts both for school spirit and as our jerseys for sports competitions. If you are interested in getting a shirt or sweatpants take a look in your child's backpack for the form.

A big item at the district level is the long range facilities plan. This plan contains the possibility of schools for consideration for closure. A link to the report was sent to parents today, and on Thursday there will be a committee 1/111 meeting of the VSB held in Tupper's gym at 5 pm where the report will be presented. Then on Sept. 26 there will be a full board meeting where the board will choose which, if any, schools are moved forward onto the public consultation process for closure. Should closure of any schools be considered, there will be public consultation meetings for each school community. It is important that all voices be heard by the board during this process.

My seismic upgraded update is that there is no update. I was in touch with Natasha Saksman at the VSB who is our project manager and the PDR continues, with hopes for an answer in November. A piece that is a bit of a wildcard is the school closure process, because if we are considered for renovation, we would need to be housed somewhere, and closed schools are part of that planning process.

Additional discussion points:

- Staff appreciated personalized invites to BBQ last week! Thanks to PAC.
- Book fair starts tomorrow. Supports library purchases, Wendy thinks \$1500 to be cut from budget, total budget approx. \$1500-\$2000.
- Laptops – 21 in use in the school, close to having a class set. Important for new curriculum. Grade 4-7 use them. Parent collection in the library.
- District update – school closures have been discussed for many years, none have been closed in that time. Need support for parent groups

4. Hot Lunch program update

Stephanie Wilcox gave the hot lunch program update. C'est Mon Café selected as provider. This company is already working with Brock and other schools. The operation is seamless with four options for lunch each day, \$5/lunch, with a veggie option. The minimum # of students is TBD. (In the past hot lunch use has been approx. 100 students.) We will need a few parent volunteers. C'est Mon is VERY flexible, and the company covers cost for kids in need. To begin hot lunch will be offered 3 days/week to start, on M/W/F. Check out their web site at <http://www.cestmoncafe.com/>, where there is a great Q&A. Parents can sign up even the day before, and cancel same day before 9:00 AM.

5. 2016/2017 Budget and Treasurer's Report

Jamini reviewed the Treasurer's Report and some key line items. Historically musical instruments have been Wolfe's biggest expenditure but those are mostly paid for now. Special mention was given to technology, with the suggestion that technology is next

biggest expenditure (as the new curriculum is centered around technology). Susan mentioned that the province has allocated \$6,000,000 for all BC schools for curriculum implementation, which is quite small considering the number of students and that it also includes training. There was a question which was can we get sponsors for technology?
A: yes but VSB has very specific rules, which Susan will share when we discuss further.

6. Playground status update

There was a presentation by Grant Brumpton regarding the new playground. A net structure was decided by kids last year when put to a vote. This structure is moveable if we need to and we may due to the looming seismic upgrade. It's not been decided if the playground will be built now or after seismic upgrade. It will take approx.. 12 weeks to build and must conform to VSB requirements although VSB funds nothing. If playground has to be moved after it's built, the PAC would have to fund moving existing playground either from seismic budget or playground budget. In terms of cost, four price points were requested and quotes don't include benches and landscaping. It does include insurance, warranty, installation, etc. An extensive discussion around how playground design was chosen, landscaping, etc. followed. A Request for more help on committees, esp. Community Committee

7. Upcoming Events & Fundraisers

The following events and fund raisers were discussed:

- Update on Walkathon by Kristy Whittaker (lead) – Sept. 30 from 8:30 – 10:30.
 - Largest fund raiser of the year
 - Co-lead is Jennifer Coleman
 - Still looking for volunteers. Grade 6/7's can get involved also.
 - K-3 go around Wolfe
 - Grade 4-7 go around Hillcrest
 - Kristy needs a snack lead.
 - Lori Stringer volunteered to get SunRype donations.
- Sept. 12 - Van Noort Bulb Sales, Grade 6/7 fundraiser for camp
- Sept. 12 – Oliver's Labels, Grade 6/7 fundraiser for camp
- Oct. 1 - Earthquake Kids, Grade 6/7 fundraiser for camp
- Oct. 17 – Purdy's chocolate sales, delivery Dec. 2016
- Oct. 28 - Halloween Dance, need lead for Dance, several committee members recruited
- Michael needs help on corporate fund raisers, popcorn parent volunteer needed

8. Adjournment

Moved (L. Taylor)	Seconded (D. Leboe)	Carried
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Adjourned at 7:35.