

# PAC – PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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**Date:** Tuesday, November 20, 2018 6:30 pm

**Location:** General Wolfe Elementary school library

## Agenda

- Welcome and Call to Order - Michael Nedelec
- Approval of October, 2018 minutes
- **Administration Report, Susan Nichols, Principal of General Wolfe Elementary**
  - The big news here at the school continues to be the seismic project. Many thanks to everyone who turned out for the presentation by the architects. We will be having an open house, most likely sometime in December, for interested members of the neighborhood and community. As well, planning for the move is underway. Ms. Cameron and I have met with the head of material services, and we are starting the process of purging, recycling, organizing and packing. One of the areas that will need to be packed is the PAC room. I can arrange for boxes to be delivered-the sooner items are packed, the more helpful it is, as there are 6 schools moving this summer and as the space we are moving into is currently empty, the movers would like to start moving items that will not be needed for the remainder of the year in the early spring.
  - As well, the earthquake early warning system is just about ready to go-I was in touch with the installer this week, who is just in the final stages of trouble shooting to make sure it is up and working.
  - It was great to see such a high turnout at parent teacher/goal setting conferences in November, it is one of the many ways parents their children here support the school.
  - We had a highly successful 2 weeks of Gymsense at the end of October, which was enjoyed by all.
  - We will be having another Playday on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will start planning for the day with their classes shortly, and we are hoping for good weather. If anyone is having any appliances delivered, large cardboard boxes are always a prized item!
  - We have 3 Teacher Candidates from UBC here who are just wrapping up their fall practicums with Ms. Soper, Ms. Walker and Ms. Segers and will be with us in the spring for longer practicums. It is great professional development working with these beginning teachers.
  - Each year we are required to review the Code of Conduct. I have reviewed it will staff, and there were no changes except one type that was noticed. It is in compliance with the Ministry Expectations.
  - New K registration: This year the board has moved to an on-line registration process for kindergarten students, which is not really on line as parents still need to bring original documentation to the school, but it does give the Board a better overall picture of the district. Some schools in Vancouver have been designated as "Full". We are one of them-we are in Tier 2 of the designation. Tier 1 is when there is a concern that all in-catchment students cannot be accommodated, and Tier 2 is when there is a concern that Cross boundary students may not be accommodated. moving on to grade 8. I am happy to talk to parents individually where this affects their family and explain more.
  - **Teacher report-Kelly Lee and Amy Walker**

- Wolfe won the city soccer championships, and had a great day with good weather at the District Cross Country meet
- Our volleyball teams are doing well, thanks to all the parents for driving the teams and cheering them on, and a special thanks to parent and staff coaches and drivers
- Looking forward, basketball season will start in January-if you know anyone who has the skills to coach a team or ref at games, please let Ms. Nichols or Ms. Walker know.
- Skating is booked shortly, hopefully for the end of January, February and March-thank you also for your support of this activity.
- We are looking forward to a great winter concert in December-All of the grade 6 and 7 students will be performing as part of band, the choir will be performing, as well as all the kindergarten and grade 1 and ½ classes.
- A couple of Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes have started doing Story Workshops – this is where children are able to use raw materials (beads, stones, strips of paper, string, felt) and create an image or a structure. Through the Story Workshop the children are able to work on the Big Ideas from the BC Kindergarten Curriculum. 1.) Language and story can be a source of creativity and joy. 2.) Stories and other texts help us learn about ourselves and our families. 3.) Stories can be shared through pictures and words. 4.) Everyone has a unique story to share. In fact, one of the Grade One classes has been inspired by Story Workshops. They are studying ‘Community’ and students were allowed to create one using raw materials. They will soon have a chance to draw and then write about their project.
- We have three Grade ½ classes this year. The teachers are very collaborative and last week the group dissected owl pellets. The students were very excited to find bones and skulls in their owl pellets!
- Chair Report and update – Michael Nedelec
  - Seismic update: Seismic Committee being formed – volunteers needed. First meeting before winter break. Design, fundraising, etc.
  - PAC Exec outreach to tour recently upgraded schools and to gather learnings, “do’s and don’t’s”
  - PAC Exec to contact MLA Heyman to request “green dollars”—letter going out this week to request additional “non-seismic” upgrades, e.g. new windows, safe water and drinking fountains
- 2018/2019 Budget and Treasurer’s Report – Jamini Thakore
  - Final totals: Walkathon, Halloween Dance, Popcorn Sales YTD
  - Tax receipts
- Vice-Chair Report – Hope Walker
  - Nesters: Bagging – need a contact/committee head to work with Nesters to raise funds for kayaking next year and camping the year after that
  - Safeway points program – can we do something there? Need a volunteer to run that and/or Nesters program
  - Stepping up committee: Natasha Patton, Jen Kim, and Colleen Von Dehn.
- Upcoming Events & Fundraisers
  - January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Next PAC Meeting
- Adjournment