

# PAC – PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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**Date:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 6:30 pm

**Location:** General Wolfe Elementary School Library

**PAC MEMBERS (in order of sign-in sheet):** Harold Schellekens, Harvey Chiang, Kristin Rotte, Susie McRae, Cameron McLean, Claire Wilson, Kemp Edmonds, Serena Verma, Maria Mcclean, Katie Stevenson, Colleen von Dehn, Debbie Leboe, Libby Taylor, Suzie Polzin, Nicola Gubbins

## **PAC Executive:**

- Michael Nedelec, Chair
- Hope Walker, Vice Chair
- Jaimini Thakore, Treasurer
- Donna Rayner, Secretary

**Administration/Teachers:** Susan Nichols, Principal. Christine Oades and Debbie Emery, Teachers.

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

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

## **Approval of May, 2019 minutes**

<b>Moved</b> Serena Verma	<b>Seconded</b> Katie Stevenson	<b>Carried</b>
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- **Introduction of Ms. Nancy Bourque, new GWE Principal.** Nancy spent approximately 20 minutes telling us about her experience and taking questions from the parents. Some highlights:
  - Nancy feels lucky to be at GWE and she's looking forward to leading GWE through the seismic mitigation process. She has experience with three prior seismic projects, as both a teacher and vice-principal
  - Nancy trained as a math teacher and taught in Asia in the 90's.
  - Most recently she has taught in French immersion which is a dual track. She feels GWE will be a good opportunity to focus on learning outcomes and not just language outcomes as her prior roles have been.
  - Nancy has been at Hastings, General Gordon and Kerrisdale. This is her first assignment as a principal.
  - The seismic mitigation process is NOT business as usual. The first few months are an adjustment for the entire school community.
  - Nancy's likes are: working with many kids as an administrator (as opposed to one class); problem solving—being a math major helps with that. Her dislikes include discipline and behavior issues.
  - Nancy feels the change in administrator will be hardest on the GWE Grade 7's as they have a relationship with our previous principal.
  - In regards to the new curriculum, her biggest concern is supporting the needs of both the students and the teachers.
  - Nancy will co-teach with math classes.

- Nancy mentioned she has big shoes to fill. Susan is well-respected and well-known. Her goal is to have same or better Wolfe spirit when we return to Wolfe.

### **Administration Report—Susan Nichols, Principal.**

- It has been another great year of learning, with not long left! I would like to give a special thank you to the PAC executive for their time, and support -it has been wonderful to work with such a dedicated and talented group.
- The PAC has successfully carried out many successful fund and fun-raisers- the Silent Auction, Walkathon, The Casino night, frozen food sales, popcorn sales, and other events. The PAC has also supported the school in a myriad of ways-monthly fruit deliveries, Social and Emotional Learning activities, new kindergarten parent meeting, 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. And the community is the special element I would like to thank of the volunteers for-many can work with their own child, but it takes a special group to step in and volunteer their time to build community, which has such great rewards for all children.
- Our staffing is underway for next year. We have a temporary position we are interviewing for until Christmas for Ms. Goldberg, and Ms. Nafrey, Ms. Cheng and Van Vo will be leaving us. As well, Tony the wonderful building engineer is headed to Norquay. Ms. Guest will be returning from leave.
- Thank you to Francia for all her work on a year end volunteer event-hope to see you all here on Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup>. I have also met with her and Claire to check out the SH logistics for the welcome back event.
- The library move to South Hill went very smoothly thanks to all the work Ms. Cameron did to prepare the library-it looks great. I am continuing to work with the VSB and Sparetime to finish off the move. We have ordered the flip top tables and they should be ready for a September delivery-thanks so much to PAC for your support of this purchase.
- And finally I would like to say a huge thank you to Michael-it has been an absolute pleasure to work with him the past 5 1/2 years. He has always kept the bigger picture in mind, advocated for the community and worked to move the agenda of good things for kids forward. I am so glad he has agreed to stay on as part of the seismic team.

### **Teacher report – Debbie Emery and Christine Oades**

- Thank you letter from Wendy Cameron
- We had both a very successful track and field season and ultimate season. We had many athletes participate in the Swangard finals, and appreciate the coaches and sponsors work with the students. The grade 6 students returned as champions from the Ultimate tournament, and the 7's came second- a great showing. We are finishing off the floor hockey year with a few staff/student games.
- There are many fun year end events planned-we just want to say thank you in advance to all the parent volunteers.

### **Chair Report and update – Michael Nedelec**

- Need parent coaches for next year's GWE teams plus several committee leads
- Welcome Back Committee will be chaired by Harvey, Francia and Claire
- Thanked the Wolfe community, Ms. Nichols and the co-Exec for the opportunity to have been chair of the PAC

### **2018/2019 Budget and Treasurer's Report – Jamini Thakore**

- Biggest fund raisers:
  - Silent Auction = \$22,000
  - Walkathon = \$20,000

- 2019/2020 draft budget proposed (see attached)

<b>Moved</b> Libby Taylor	<b>Seconded</b> Kemp Edmonds	<b>Carried – Draft budget approved</b>
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**Secretary Report – Donna Rayner**

- Volunteer packers organized for next week. Thanks to all who have signed up!

**Adjournment**

<b>Moved</b> Harvey Chiang	<b>Seconded</b> Libby Taylor	<b>Carried</b>
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