

PAC – PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Date: February 15, 2022, 6:30 pm
Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Minutes

PAC MEMBERS (by Zoom title): Anna Rucker, Lori Montgomery, Laurie McNeill, Annie Low Beer, Jaimini Thakore, Meng Mengl, Adam Rucker, Vince T., Shirley, Andrea Masse, Mabel Tan, John Brodie, Colleen von Dehn, Guen S., Nancy Li, Stephanie Willox, Annie Tran, Francia Marbella, Lynn Gosselin, Michelle Wiens, Veronica Solimano, Virginia Hong, Maria Mclean, Trevor Zeck, Doug Manarin, Sarah Lacombe

PAC Executive:

- Hope Walker, Chair
- Kemp Edmonds, Vice Chair
- Leslie Hoolaeff, Treasurer
- Claire Wilson, Secretary
- Maddy Kipling, Member at Large / DPAC

Administration/Teachers: Nancy Bourque, Principal / Ashley Kelly, Teacher

- **Welcome and Call to Order** – Hope Walker
 - Hope gave a land acknowledgment to start the meeting.
- **Approval of January 2022 minutes**

Moved Laurie McNeill	Seconded Annie Low Beer	Carried
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- **Administration / Teacher Report (Ashley Kelly & Kelly Lee):**

Nancy Bourque, Principal:

- February is kindness month at Wolfe and students have been involved in all sorts of kindness lessons and activities. Some of the activities include: a K class made hearts for the whole school; grade 3-4 students wrote a kindness letter for each adult in the school; grade 7 PA announcers have been including kindness poems and reminders daily in the announcements.
- March will be honesty month.
- Pink Shirt Day will be celebrated in class Feb. 23.
- February is also Black History month. Division 4 is leading the learning and have created a Periodic Table of Famous Black Canadians with QR codes in the intermediate wing. Older students are using their devices to look up the people and find out more about them.
- Thanks to the PAC, Saleema Noon will present Body Health grade group talks the first week of March for all students. The parent evening talk is on Feb 28th at 18:30 by Zoom.

- Grade 6 and 7 students will be going to a one- day camp this May. This is the camp that classes usually attend for 3 days, but unfortunately overnight trips are not allowed this year. A permission form will go home just before spring break with more info. A huge thank you to the grade 6-7 teachers for organizing the trip.
- Lunchtime clubs will start up again soon. Intramural basketball has begun.
- Q&A for Nancy:
 - Unfortunately, it is unlikely the school will book any skating trips this spring. Nancy thinks it's likely booked up. Other field trips may be possible, but they must be inclusive. Parent drivers are needed and some are not comfortable driving kids who may be unvaccinated. Teacher comfort level is also a factor. The school is not permitted to ask about vaccination status. Nancy is looking at bringing experiences into the school instead.
 - The lunch break is 12:05-12:52. The kids typically eat from 12:05-12:20 and then play outside. However, if a child is not finished eating by 12:20 an adult will stay with them inside. Families are encouraged to check in with their kids and let them know that they don't have to rush and that they can let the supervising adult know if they need more time to eat.
 - Mr. Mathewson is looking into whether he can do grade 6/7 band in the spring.
 - Stepping Up will take place in the gym. Nancy would love to have the grade six parents help with the event as traditionally took place in past years. It is hoped that capacity limits will be lifted such that parents may attend.

Ashley Kelly (Grade 6/7)

- Ms. Kelly is organizing the Stream of Dreams project to refresh the painted wooden fish on the fence around the school, which were made in 2006. All students will attend a 45-minute presentation about watersheds and will get to paint a wooden fish to be installed on the fence. The school received a \$4,000 grant, which partially covers the cost. Families are asked to contribute \$5 per student to cover the remainder. The fish will be installed after Spring Break. Ms. Kelly is seeking parent volunteers to assist.
- The PAC thanks Ms. Kelly for taking on this exciting project.
- **Chair Report and update –Hope Walker**
 - Purdy's Easter Fundraiser: This will run in March / April.
 - October 2022 Dance Plans: The PAC needs to sign a contract with the DJ if we wish to hire him for the October dance. There was a discussion of whether to secure DJ services or establish a committee of parents and kids to run the lights and music, and rent the equipment separately. There was a poll, and the majority wished to hire the DJ on the basis that it will be most convenient. Volunteers will still be needed to plan and supervise the dance. Anyone interested in leading this next fall should please contact a member of the Executive.
 - Clothing swap / community event idea: The Executive sought feedback from the PAC about an idea of Maddy's for a clothing swap and community event on a Friday afternoon in May or June, if circumstances permit. Parents could bring used clothing and place it on tables in the back field for browsing. We could make it into a bake sale and social event. The response to this idea was positive and so the Executive will pursue it. Please reach out to Maddy if you are interested in getting involved.
 - Outdoor classroom plans: The outdoor classroom committee met and put forward an idea for picnic tables and benches around the school. Given the very slow response time from VSB grounds during the pandemic, and the desire to create outdoor learning spaces, the Executive proposed requesting a quote from grounds for the maximum number of tables and benches (4 of each) in order to get the ball rolling. There is no obligation to commit to the quote. Once in hand, the Executive would return to the PAC for discussion and approval of the project before committing any funds from the capital account. One of the picnic tables would be dedicated to Susan Nichols, past principal of Wolfe, as promised upon her retirement. The majority of those in attendance voted in favour of obtaining the quote.
- **DPAC Update & Parent Talk Proposal – Maddy Kipling**
 - Maddy shared information regarding upcoming DPAC meetings and topics of interest, including facilities, VSB budget, Omicron and a new Musqueam Nation teacher toolkit available to all educators.
 - Anyone interested in discussing or forming a diversity and inclusion committee, please contact Maddy.

- Maddy proposed a parent talk by an Indigenous speaker on the topic of truth and reconciliation. She has reached out to Ta7taliya Michelle Nahanee of [Nahanee Creative](#) to ask if she would be interested and available in speaking to parents. Those in attendance were in favour of pursuing a parent talk on the topic of truth and reconciliation in parenting.
- Maddy also noted that she had been in touch with Nancy about ideas for bringing in Indigenous artists, storytellers or elders to present to students.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Leslie Hoolaeff
 - Leslie walked through the PAC budget to date. Many of the budgeted amounts show as unspent, however, Nancy confirmed that most, including the teacher discretionary and library amounts are or will be fully spent. Rosemary will provide a reconciliation in due course.
 - The budget will be amended to include revenue from the Purdy's winter fundraiser.
- **New Business**
 - The Executive shared the link to the PAC Indigo fundraiser and requested that families share it around: <https://indigofundraising.flipgive.com/teams/290767-general-wolfe-pac?fundraiser>. The PAC earns a percentage of purchases through the fundraising link.
- **Adjournment**

Moved Anna Rucker	Seconded Francia Marbella	Carried
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Next PAC Meeting is April 5, 2022