

PAC – PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Date: June 20th, 2023, 6:30 pm
Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Minutes

PAC MEMBERS (by Zoom title): Serena Verma, Tony, Carmen, Veronica Solimano, Kevin Longeran, Wyle Baoween, Maria McClean, Tasha, Adam Rucker, Jonathan Shea. Annie Low-Ber, Dorca & Gavin, Natasha Gordon, Hope Walker, Sandy Pang, Heidi Maron, Sophia Male, Mabel Tan

PAC Executive:

- Claire Wilson, Chair
- Kemp Edmonds, Vice Chair
- Lynn Gosselin, Secretary
- Maddy Kipling, Member at Large / DPAC
- Sameena Nahal, Member at Large

Administration/Teachers: Susan Dent, Principal,

- **Welcome – Claire Wilson**
- **Land Acknowledgement** - Claire Wilson
- **Approval of May 2023 minutes**

Moved	Annie Low-Ber	Seconded	Sophia Male	Carried

- **Call to Order – Claire Wilson**

Administration Report - Susan Dent:

- Final weeks of school. It's been a really great year as 1st year at principal of General Wolfe.
- Events –
 - Play Day – successful
 - Participation & Celebration Assembly
 - White Hatter Presentation on June 6 for parents – lots of great info, possibility a little too long and old school in style. Susan will keep researching resources for digital safety. Biggest take away is conversations need to be happening at home.

Coming up -

- Final Assembly on last day of school
- Stepping Up Celebration for Grade 7s
- National Indigenous Day – Div 3 led by Robin Anderson

- Staff –
 - Linda Andrews is retiring. Her position has been posted. The community will not be notified of the replacement until return to school.
 - Mr. Mathewson will be moving on to be VP at Fleming Elementary. His position has been posted as a full time position and Susan is hopeful for great applicants. He will be very much missed by the community. The position will likely not be filled until the summer. The community will not be notified of the replacement until return to school.
- Grounds –
 - coming together after all these years. Picnic tables, benches, bulk heads are in in. Waiting on a few benches.
 - Waiting on an estimate from VSB for a graffiti coat
 - Kids have expressed interest in eating outside, have been showing lots of responsibility in doing so
- Thank yous –
 - Clothing Swap – fantastic despite the rain
 - PAC + members – thanks for all the great events. It's been a lovely way to bring the community back together after Covid.
 - Leslie – thanks for all the great financial work
 - Claire – thanks for being a great lead, info and insights
- Questions
 - Shade Covers outside – VSB policy of not putting up shade covers. Susan will look into this but feels pretty sure it's a non-starter.
 - Harder or easier to fill full time positions – depends on applicant
 - Quality of install of benches – Susan inspected, was not happy, spoke to the installers and the situation has been fixed

Grounds Watering – Shannon Soper

Summer watering opportunities

The boulevard garden has been freshly plants and lovingly taken care of by the Grade 6 and 7 students. Volunteers are needed to sign up to water each week through the summer.

A google sign-up sheet was shared in the chat. Once you sign up, detailed information will be shared.

It's a fun experience as a family, Please sign up!

Don't loose the key!

Chair Report – Claire Wilson

- Thank yous –
 - To everyone here and parents in the community. Everything the PAC does would not be possible without all of you.
 - Susan – thanks for everything
 - Teachers – you are all so wonderful, you go above and beyond for our kids
 - Support Staff – thank you
 - PAC Exec – Kemp, Maddy, Leslie, Lynn, Sameena
 - Outgoing Grade 7 parents who have made a substantial contribution – Kristin Rott, Lori McNeil, Doug Manarin
 - Event Leads – Julia, Lynn, Lisa, Leslie Shoji, Cheryl Tyler, Lindsay Funk, Maddy, Stacey McEachern-Waugh, Ksenia, Miriam, Natasha Gordon, Helen Pang, Hope Walker, Sameena Nahal, All the class reps, Kelly Chan, Sophia Male, Sarah Lacombe, Emma Point, Kemp, Gita
 - Apologies if anyone was missed
- Board succession –
 - AGM to follow to elect Exec for 2023/2024
 - Looking for a DPAC rep (Maddy shared some info about the DPAC and role of the rep)
 - Natasha Gordon expressed interest in the role

- Looking ahead to 2023/2024
 - Welcome Back Party – September 7, 2023
 - Volunteer call out with be sent by e-blast in mid-August
 - Halloween Dance – October 27. 2023
 - Movie Night – TBA
 - Walk-a-thon – Spring 2024
 - Susan expressed interest in a technology sub-committee for next year who would work on ways to support the school with tech needs on a regular basis

Treasurer’s Report – Claire Wilson on behalf of Leslie Hoolaeff

- Shared financial report for this year
 - Highlighted Walk-a-thon raised \$20,047.50
 - Projected \$30,650 revenue, \$36,117.80 is actual revenue
 - Expenditures are on track
 - Will end up with a \$5000 - \$9000 surplus
 - Everything is in very good shape
 - Gaming funds are being spent which is good so we don’t lose them
- Question about spending of capital funds now that the Outdoor Classroom project is complete and whether the priorities set out a number of years ago when the funds were raised are still being honoured.
 - Concern that the priorities outlined originally should be honored rather than changing course
 - Suggestion that the community should be consulted as priorities may now have changed
 - Reminder that the Outdoor Classroom committee was only responsible for that project, not handling all the capital funds raised 3 years ago
 - Tech has been identified as a high priority, was proposed to the Exec and PAC and voted on
- Presented budget for 2023/2024 – previously discussed at the May meeting
- <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RXYqLOtryjNOzWSkfAcWTcABcCR3fljTFPuCSWdVYWU/edit#gid=11731849>
 - This budget reflects what the PAC and school go by to guide spending and fundraising goals for the 2023/2024 school year.
 - Teacher appreciation has been raised to \$1000 from \$700
- **Motion to approve 2023/2024 proposed budget - Claire Wilson**
Moved – Hope Walker Secoded – Annie Low-Beer
 - **100% yes (anonymous poll)**
 - **Motion is passed**
- **SEL/JEDI/TRC + DPAC** – Maddy Kipling
 - Sub committee works on resources and presentations for parents to help support mental wellness and community wellness.
 - Anyone can join
 - The committee has a schedule ready for 2023/2024 with newsletters, speakers and more
- **New Business** –
 - Trees and greenery around the grounds
 - Suggestion that maybe a Green sub-committee should be formed to work on this

• **Adjournment**

Moved Sameena Nahal	Secoded Sophia Male	Carried
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Next PAC Meeting in September 2023