

PAC – PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Date: Tuesday Sept 19, 2023, 6:30 pm

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Minutes

PAC MEMBERS (by Zoom title): annatitomyr, Annie LB, Awab Batterjee, Claire, Jesse Halperin, Jessi Saucy, Natasha Gordon, Nathan, Reihane, Stacey McEachern, William Gallagher, Yana Saffer, Jessie nijjar, Sarah Carnegie, Nathaniel Funk, Serena, Cheryl Tyler, Dorcas & Gavin, Guen, Hope Walker, jenny, Amy Au-Yeung, 4-P1, Maria McClean, Daddy, Mikaela _, Iphone 172, Sandy Pang, Helen Pang, Rachel Kielb, Tony's iPhone, mwiens, Veronica Solimeno,

PAC Executive:

- Kemp Edmonds, Chair
- Leslie Hoolaeff, Treasurer
- Sophia Male, Secretary
- Wyle Baoween, Vice-Chair
- Maddy Kipling, Outgoing Vice-Chair
- Lynn Gosselin, Member at Large

Administration/Teachers: Susan Dent, Principal

- **Welcome – Kemp Edmonds**
- **Land Acknowledgement** - Maddy Kipling
- **Call to Order – Kemp Edmonds**
- **Introductions of New PAC Exec – Kemp, Lynn, Sophia, Leslie, Wyle**
- **Maddy – Introduction and thanks to outgoing Chair Claire Wilson.** Explains she is leaving to Simon Fraser Elementary and introduces Natasha Gordon who will be taking over her DPAC role and explains the DPAC is for district wide news and involvement from our school

- **Principal's Report** – Susan welcomes families to Wolfe and introduces herself. Explains it has taken extra time to sort out classes due to continuous movement of students from different schools. Currently sitting at 365 students, but the numbers keep changing. We added a new division this year so there are now 17 divisions. Explains some classes are still awaiting teachers and announces teachers who are leaving. It was difficult to place children in classes and she took note of input from parents and can't move kids if they are unhappy.
- Grounds update – grounds are complete but benches need to be painted. Waiting for graffiti paint. No more crossing guards at crosswalk before and after school since it's not the SSWs (School and Student Support Workers) jobs and students need to know how road safety.
- The Welcome Back party was a success
- Lost & Found – last year there was too much and it was disorganized, working on a system to keep it organized. Asks parents to please label their kids items so they can be returned to them.
- National Indigenous Day assembly coming up since Sept 30th is National Truth and Reconciliation Day.
- Parents of Kids in grade 7 can apply for district programs, and next week Grade 6/7 will be going to camp. This Friday is a PD day.
- We need new lunch bins for Hot Lunch as some need to be replaced
- **Questions from PAC to Susan:**
- Q: Has Wolfe lost SSWs (School and Student Support Workers)?
A: Yes we have 3 this year instead of 5. The district assigns them as needed. We still have lots of supervision at recess and lunch with supervision aids, and Susan.

Chair Report and Update – Kemp Edmonds

Mini visual presentation on what the PAC Does explaining raising funds, supporting the school, where the money goes. Lunch hour clubs. How the Spacenet was a PAC initiative in the playground. How we created the outdoor classroom and organize the teacher appreciation lunch. Most funding comes from the parents and looks like 40k budget this year. We do direct drives and fundraisers like Purdies. We have parent fun events like the silent auction and kid fun events like the Halloween dance.

- **Question from the Chat Susan answers:**

Q: Who is Mr. Mathewson the music teacher's replacement?

A: We have a new teacher named Jennifer Nguyen who is actually going to be doing more music with the kids than Mr. Mathewson by one day. All divisions will get music. We are not sure if she will be doing a choir or band since that is up to her.

We also have a new teacher Charlene Wall working as the early literacy teacher helping kids in kindergarten and grade one and she is replacing Ms. Lee who has moved to another district position.

We have a new area School Counselor Kate Goodwin and Wolfe has increased its counseling by a half day since last year. So we now have 2 days with a Counselor. If parents think their student could use counseling please contact Susan.

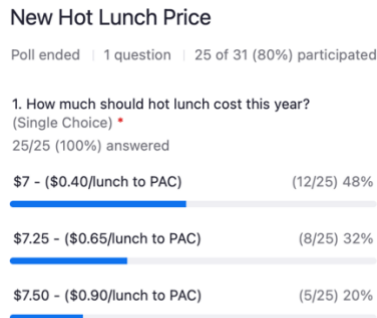
We have a vacancy for one supervision aid.

PE is doing dance this year as it's theme

- **Hot Lunch Program Update by Helen Pang**

Starting Hot Lunch next week which pretty much runs itself. Also there is a Fruit and Veggie program in the school. Since the Hot lunch program is a fundraiser, we are deciding whether to increase the PAC donation amount on each hot lunch. Current Cost is \$6.60 and we are launching a poll for parents on the call to vote whether to increase it by 40 cents to \$7, 65 cents to \$7.25 or 90 cents to \$7.50

Poll as follows:



So hot lunch PAC fundraising amount will be increased by 40 cents to \$7.00

- **Question from the Chat Susan answers:**

Q: Can we donate hot lunches to students in need?

A: There is money from the board for students in need given to the school. She hasn't done the call out yet this year. It's hard to have extra meals in terms of food going to waste.

Last year Hot Lunch raised over 1936.00

We had a good relationship with Nesters at some point and can reach out to them as well for donations Annie LB will do that

Helen says we do get donated meals too from the Hot Lunch program

Back to Kemp:

After school programs will be on the website

Capital Projects – there is money in the budget for capital projects like a sports court or people can suggest ideas

- **Halloween Dance Update**

Lindsay and Chery are heading it up again, will do a callout for volunteers to do stuff like make popcorn, run the craft room, photobooth etc. There will be two times as last year for K – 3 from 6 to 7 pm and then grades 4 – 7 will be 7:30 to 8:30 pm

- **Treasury report by Leslie**

Leslie reports that we had a surplus last year of \$9,734 and that we currently have \$27K in our capital reserve funds currently and \$71K in our general account. Since our operating budget for the year is only 40K, Leslie proposed moving \$30K from our general account into Capital Reserve Funds.

Helen makes the motion
Approved

- **Approval of last AGM meeting last school year June 20, 2023:**

Moved Sophia Male	Seconded Claire Wilson	Carried

<https://www.generalwolfepac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/PAC-AGM-Minutes-June-20-2023.pdf>

- **Community Events / SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Sub Committee Update – Maddy**

The SEL is a volunteer sub committee bringing resources to parents, for example the upcoming parent talk for Orange Shirt day Tuesday Sept 26th

Maddy also organized the Family Movie night last year so will need people to take that over

Maddy organized the Clothing Swap last year so will need people to take that over, not a lot of work just asking Susan for some tables and to order the clothing racks.

Question from the Chat which Susan answers:

Q: Can we be informed of the school lockdown drills as they scare some kids?

A: We have to do 2 a year and parents are notified in advance.

Q: When are team photos taken?

A: End of the year.

End of Meeting

Next PAC meeting Oct 17, 2023.