

PAC General Meeting – October 30, 2023
Location: Weir Elementary Library Commons & TEAMS (Virtual Option)
Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Alex Yong – Chair	Winnie Yeo
Jackie Quiring – Co-Vice Chair	Nikki Rai
Kent Dai – Co-Vice Chair (virtual)	Iris Rodrigues
Isadora Lin – Treasurer (Virtual)	Amy Freeston (virtual)
Gloria Yong – Secretary	Audrey Low (virtual)
Denise Hayes-McCoy – Webmaster	William Lin (virtual)
Michelle Chien – Hot Lunch Leader	Hayley Chan (virtual)
Indu Bhagat – Book Exchange/Book Fair	Jeremy Liao (virtual)
Sharon Loi – Book Exchange/Book Fair	
Gloria Terry	
Grace Sangha	
Shannon Palm	
Jeff Chau	
Anshuman Mehta - DPAC	

PAC Executive Council Updates

Sun-Oka Fundraiser

- \$416 total funds raised
- 40 boxes of apples sold
- Thank you Isadora Lin & all parent volunteers for a great fundraiser

Upcoming Fundraisers & Events

1. Scholastic Book Fair
 - Fair Dates: Wednesday & Thursday Nov. 22 & 23
 - Reminder notice will be sent home with students and also published in the November PAC newsletter
 - Notice will include a permission stub to be filled out by parents to approve money coming to school with your child

2. Weir Winter Photoshoot
 - Tuesday Nov. 21 & Thursday Nov. 23
 - Tuesday Dec. 5 & Thursday Dec. 7
 - Purchasing is available via Munchalunch

Resolution #1: Extracurricular Activity Funds

- Presented & approved by PAC Executive
- Increase funding from \$10-\$20 for student field trips to cover cost of transportation (bus rental)
- Provide \$1703* to purchase new volleyball net
- Provide \$2300* to purchase new numbered jerseys for school teams
- Source of funds: Gaming grant
- Vote: Majority – yes (motion passed)

Resolution #2: Technology Refresh

- Presented & approved by PAC Executive
 - Provide funds to purchase 30 new iPads for use by students
 - Total expected cost \$20,000
- Previous PAC funded technology is outdated (6-7 years old) and to ensure consistent and equal quality of learning for all students, refresh is needed
 - Need is being magnified by reduced number of students able to bring their own devices
 - Higher needs also because there are more applications & software for students to use (cross-curricular)
- Vote: Unanimous (motion passed)

PAC Roadmap Planning

- PAC Executive will prepare multi-year project roadmap for fund allocation and sustaining support provided by PAC
 - Long term “wish list”
 - Convert playground woodchips to rubber/foam mats
 - Regular technology refreshes

Questions:

Why isn't the district paying for tech upgrades?

- They do provide some, but never enough for the needs of the students
- Ie. District provided 30 new iPads

Principal Updates:

Activity Fee -\$30

Tennis XL: January 8th-22nd

Kung Jaadee (Haida Storyteller) – February 29th

Gardening Program

Ride the Road (Gr. 6 & 7)

- Great accessibility: all kinds of different bikes for different mobility needs (ie. wheelchair; sit-down bike)
- Great feedback

- Students had a lot of fun
- Will alternate years so future students won't miss out

Killarney Street Construction Update

- ETA early December finish
- schoolactivetravel@vancouver.ca
- Parents are encouraged to email and voice our concerns and ask questions

Israel and Gaza Fundraiser

- Student initiated: must submit a proposal to Mr. McMitchell
- Students will make a video with information about fundraiser; charity of choice is Red Cross that will provide medical care to victims
- Riley will match all donations up to \$2000

Parent Questions

- iPad purchase – why not in phases?
 - Immediate need - more effective, maximize use
 - Tracking: one bulk package is much easier to keep track by teachers
- Are these purchases in bulk?
 - Yes, but minimal discount from Apple
- Can PAC funds be used for fieldtrips?
 - Discussed in 1st resolution – short answer: yes
- Can Weir put on a talent show?
 - Yes! Probably not until the new year
- Any fun grade 7 events? I.e. sleepover in the gym
 - Trying to stay away from overnight activities (liability)
 - Lots of fun activities in planning stages: R.O.G.A.I.N.E. (scavenger hunt on Granville Island), Playland, Camp Sasamat
- Parents doing drop off on 45th Ave (right in front of crosswalk, or on the corner) a major concern; Riley will address in communication to parents (newsletter)
- Funds: how to budget for future years
 - Need a long-term plan; upcoming planning meetings will take place

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57pm.

Next meeting: TBD