



PAC Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: September 18, 2017 @ 6:30pm.

Location: Dr. George M. Weir Elementary School Staffroom

PAC Members (in order of Sign-In Sheet): Derrick Kan, Karuna Mangat, Margaret Lam, Christopher Szeto, Yolanda Zeng, Katie Siomacco, Truong Nguyen, Angie Harianto, Lily Chung, Barbie Chuck, Vi Tram, Roxsy Kuo, Jeremy Liao, Michelle Chien, Winnie Huang, Veronica Lau, Comfort Aremu, Tram Pham, Sherly Heck, Melissa Kan, Jason Jew, Annie Leong, Patricia Com, Maxine Shiu, Thoa Ho, Robin Riddell, Sun Tai, Minh Prak

PAC Executives:

Chair: Hailey Wong

Co-Chair: Marsella Leung

Secretary: JoAnn Ng (absent)

Treasurer: Hailey Wong (Interim)

Administrators/Teachers

Principal: Ms. Gascoigne

Vice Principal: Mr. Prasad

Grade 7 Teacher: Ms. Lee

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Hailey Wong
 - a. Brief Introductions around the room
2. Agenda
 - a. Hot Lunch Committee – Angie Harianto
 - Current vendors: Papa John's Pizza, Subway, Riz Sushi
 - Occurs approximately once every 2 weeks
 - Cost at \$5/meal
 - 2017/2018 school year, there will be 19-20 Hot Lunches available
 - b. Book Fair – Mercedes Lee & JoAnn Ng (both were absent)
 - 2 book fairs per school year in October and April
 - Fall: October 26 & 27, 2017
 - Spring: TBA
 - 50% Book Sale will occur towards end of school year
 - Parent Volunteers are needed, 6 parent volunteers per shift
 - c. Fruit & Vegetable – Melissa Kan



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- Government funded program providing fresh local (when available) fruit and vegetables to students in BC, occurring twice a month
- Deliveries occur Mondays, distribution to classes on following Tuesday
- Volunteers are needed to wash and distribute on Tuesday mornings, forms will be sent home shortly.
- d. Dairy Program – Margaret Szeto & Winnie Huang
 - Government funded program in association with Dairy Farmers of BC providing Milk or Soy Milk to students in Grade K-5.
 - Distribution on Wednesday before lunch
- e. Strings Program – Chris Szeto
 - VSB has cut the funding to the school strings program last year.
 - PAC has organized a Strings program this year as a pilot program, opened to Grade 4-7
 - Students meet every Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:00am to 8:45am starting September 26, 2017
 - Currently there are 26 students enrolled in the program
- f. Media & Communication – Jo Neill (absent)
 - This year, PAC has created a website: www.weirpac.weebly.com
 - Subscribe to the email list to receive weekly newsletter of what's happening, upcoming events, reminders, meetings, etc at Weir School.
 - This is a new position for this year
- g. Fundraising – Hailey Wong
 - Direct Donation
 - 100% of proceeds goes to school
 - Gift Card Fundraiser in Nov/Dec
 - Frozen Novelties Fundraiser
 - Frozen cookie dough, pizzas, pies, etc.
 - Flower Bulbs Fundraiser
 - Movie Nights
 - Last year, Grade 7 classes sold tickets for 2 movies, proceeds went towards camp and grad ceremony
 - Concession was sold at the event, 60/40 split for PAC/Grade 7
 - Over 200 attendees total
 - School T-shirts
 - Read-a-thon?
 - Last year, it was a school event organized by the teachers
 - Carnival????
 - May/June
 - This event will require a lot of cooperation between the school, teachers, parents and students
 - Planning will need many volunteers to make this event happen

3. New Business



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- a. PAC Website is up and running. There are a lot of information to check out such as dates for the various programs, information on what the PAC is and does, PAC meeting and minutes and how to get involved.
 - b. Fridge Program Grant
 - With the increased number of students at Weir, the fridge we currently have in the kitchen for storing the milk and fruits/vegetables from the Fruit & Vegetable Program and Dairy Program, is not sufficient anymore. There is an available grant of up to \$1000, further notice will be updated.
 - c. Grade 7 Grad PAC Committee – New for 2017/2018
 - Fundraising for Grade 7 Camp
 - Principal – School board has defined ways for fundraising. This new Grade 7 PAC will be a sub-committee of Weir PAC. Group will work together with the PAC and coordinate so that there will be no interference with the general fundraising for the school. Last year, grade 7 teachers took on the task to fundraise for the grade 7s, and most of them burned out at the end of the school. The new committee is formed to alleviate the stress from the teachers to fundraise, and allow teachers to have more teaching time in the classrooms. The committee is off to a great start, selling freezies afterschool during the first 2 weeks of school.
 - Ms Lee (Grade 7 Teacher) – Grade 7 teachers for 2017/2018: Ms Hsu, Ms Kuban/Ms Behrenz (job shared), and Ms Lee. There will an open house on Thursday, September 21 from 6:30-7:30pm. A meeting for Grade 7s only will be held in the gym from 6:00-6:30pm.
4. Principal Update
- a. To New Parents: Welcome to Weir school. This PAC group is known in the Killarney area as the PAC to get things done. Many cross-boundaries students are turned away due to the large population of students moving into our catchment. They have provide all classrooms with either a smart board or projector, raised over \$40,000 for Technology. Our school was one of the pilot schools to launch the BYOD (Bring your own device) program for Grade 4-7, and even with the success in BYOD program, iPads are still in need in the primary classrooms and students without access to an iPad. The PAC has fundraised 3 carts of iPads available for all classes and have taken on the task to have new iPads for the school in a 3 year lease contract, costing about \$7000/year. Both playgrounds were built by the PAC. Each year, PAC has set goal of an operating budget of \$10,000 to provide funds to the classrooms, principal, vice-principal, sport equipment, etc.
 - b. Unusual start: As all may know, the Supreme Court has gone back to the teacher's contract established 15 years ago. There has been a huge increase need for teachers all over the province. Every district is struggling to fill positions in the school due to the shortage of teachers.
 - c. Staff Update: Ms. Nanda (Kindergarten), Ms. Chang (Grade 2), Ms. Murao (Grade 2) has left Weir school. New hire for Grade 1/2 is Ms. Faunt, new Kindergarten teacher will be hired tomorrow, new Grade 2 teacher posting will be up until Monday and hopefully able to find the suitable candidate soon.
 - d. There are 475 students and 20 Divisions for 2017/2018 School Year
 - e. Government is sending a new Student Learning Grant to the school at \$32/student. This grant will be used mainly on purchasing supplies and resources to help reduce costs to parents. Meeting with some PAC executives, we have came up with allocating the grant for the Activity \$20 and the Mathletics Licensing \$14.



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- f. Terry Fox Run is scheduled for Friday, September 29th, 2017. Remember to bring in a Toonie for Terry. The event is weather permitting.
 - g. There is an extra division this year bringing up a total of 20 Divisions.
 - Intermediate classes (Grade 4-7): Max 30 students/class
 - Grade 1-3: Max 22 students/class
 - Kindergarten: Max 20/class
 - h. Seismic Upgrade: No update, unknown when it will occur.
 - i. Report Cards: Ministry has change the format of Report Cards for the New BC Curriculum. More updates to come.
 - Communicating Student Learning
5. Vice Principal Update
- a. Link for Weir PAC website is on the school website
 - b. A new Soccer Team for Senior Boys (Gr 6/7) have been formed. There are 22 boys signed up for the team, instructions provide by parent Coach Dan. Practices are scheduled Tuesdays and Thursdays afterschool. 1st game is held at Tecumseh on Wednesday, September 20, 2017. Volunteer Drivers are needed for travel to all games. Please see Mr. Prasad, if interested.
6. Volunteer Orientation
- a. Parents are required to attend a Volunteer Orientation with the Principal, Ms. Gascoigne before volunteering at the school.
 - b. Orientations are usually held monthly. Please check the school newsletter for upcoming dates or visit the office for other arrangements.
 - c. A contract/agreement is signed at the end of the orientation. The contract is valid for the duration your child is attending Weir Elementary.
7. Suggestions?
- a. Guest speakers for Internet Safety

Meeting Adjourned 7:55pm