

Dr George M. Weir Elementary School  
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**Minutes for Monday, February 22, 2021 PAC Meeting**

**Date and Time:** Monday, February 22, 2021, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

**Location:** Virtual PAC Meeting via ZOOM Conference Call

**PAC Attendance:** Brian Yip, Ashuman Mehta, Lisa Mah, Yulanda Ng, Laila Ma, Iris Rodrigues, Karen Wong, Gloria Yong, Fernanda Rodrigues, Jeremy Liao, Isadora Lin, Anonymous (Name as appeared in zoom)

**PAC Executives:**

**Chair:** Hailey Wong

**Co-Chair:** Maxine Shiu

**Co-Treasurers:** Marsella Lim, Isadora Lin

**Secretary:** JoAnn Ng (not in attendance) – Minutes prepared by Marsella Lim

**Administrators:**

**Principal:** Heather Gascoigne

**Vice-Principal:** Riley McMitchell

1. Call to Order: Hailey Wong, 6:30pm, Welcome
2. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
3. Old Business:
  - Spirit Wear Fundraiser
    - Remaining items from last year's spirit wear fundraiser is posted on Munchalunch
    - Sold approximately \$480
    - Some items are sold out, some items available are blue pullovers, red and black T-shirts. Sizes are limited.
  - Gr 7 Mask Fundraiser
    - Fundraiser ended February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Funds raised are to support Gr 7 year-end activities
    - Sold 141 masks. Approximate funds raised is \$400
    - Order has been placed with vendor and will be available 1<sup>st</sup> week of March. Masks should be going home before Spring Break. Stay tuned for email updates

#### 4. Principal/Vice-Principal Updates

##### Seismic Project Update

- Demolition has taken place. There will be 1/3 of the whole school remaining, the east wing will remain and not part of the replacement.
- Child Care Renovation sign is up on the fence. Before/After school child care will be available once the school is completed in the Multi-purpose room located on the West of the school where the old parking lot and library were situated. This room will be made available for use for the school during school hours.
- Colour boards for carpets, bathroom, tiles and wall are in discussion
- Due to the advocacy of parents and administrators, there will be an approved undercover area along the multipurpose room of the new school
- Stay tuned for updates on the progress of seismic project through school newsletter

##### COVID Safety Protocol

- Process of notification of cases remain the same
  - School follows a strict protocol outlined by the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) for handling exposures at schools
- Last week, School District has invested in the purchase of 3 layer masks with 95% efficiency has been distributed to staff and students
- Heather stated 95% of Weir students do wear their masks inside the school and outside. We should be proud.
- Ministry of Education has a new App to download to check for symptoms (information in newsletter)
- Revised Daily Health Checklist is also available

Q: Parent asks what should one do if there is a child that is sick? Should it be reported to the teacher?

A: Teachers/Administrators will call and notify parents that their child is sick or show symptoms on the health checklist and will need to be picked up. Most often these kids are sent home

#### 5. Q & A

**Q1:** With Weir split into 3 sites, how is a music program/course being offered to students? What would the safety measures be for the playing of musical instruments such as the recorder?

**A1:** Music is taught by Mr Dodds at Killarney and MacCorkindale in the classroom. No instruments are being used since beginning for September. Fine Arts is set as part of the curriculum by the Ministry and includes but not limited to music, drama, arts.

Musicplay App is purchased by the school and is available for the current school year. This app is suitable for students in Gr K-7, and includes pandemic-safe activities of art, drama and music

**Q2:** Are there still a lot of Weir students staying at home under the option 4/transitional learning? If these students decide to remain at home until the end of this school year, how will they transition back into school?

**A2:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 is the last set date of return. A form is sent to Option 4 families one week before return for decision to return. After March 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be no set date, however if students would like to return to in-person learning, they can notify the school on any Thursday for return on the following Monday. Option 4 will end in June.

**Q3:** Are there any plans of holding this year's sports day with all the Weir students?

**A3:** Ministry of Education as Safety stages for sport events. Stage 1 – No sport allowed. Currently in Stage 2 – activities in cohort groups, no face to face interactions, no game-like sports, no spectators. As of now in stage 2, sports day will not be held

**Q4:** Are there any engagements between Weir Students at all 3 sites?

**A4:** Weir Wednesdays, Recognition Assembly (virtual) held monthly hosted by a specific Division class, sharing of student work, student achievement awards, school-wide read-a-loud with diversity and inclusion focus (this month's focus Black History and Pink Shirt day). Due to privacy rights, these videos may not be shared with parent community or children in transitional learning. Interaction with Option 4 students, classes will be initiating a pen pal program, where in-person students will send letters to their remote learning classmates. Remote learners also has opportunities to participate in certain activities ie library/gym during in-person.

6. Adjournment 7:28pm

7. Next PAC Meeting TBA