

Dr. George M. Weir Elementary
2900 East 44th Avenue
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Minutes for Tuesday, October 29, 2019 PAC Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 29, 2019, 9:10am-10:10pm

Location: Dr. George M. Weir staffroom

PAC Attendance (in order of sign-in sheet): Katie Siomacco, Anshuman Mehta, Lena Ng, Danya Totzke, Grace Lo

PAC Executives:

Chair: Hailey Wong

Co-Chair: Maxine Shiu (absent)

Treasurer: Marsella Lim

Secretary: JoAnn Ng

Administrators:

Principal: Heather Gascoigne

Vice-Principal: Cindy Neufeld

1. Call to Order: Hailey Wong, 9:12am, welcome

2. Financial Update:

- Book Fair: October 17-18, 2019 - over \$1400 in books for the school and cash for PAC was raised from the popular event.
- Movie Night: October 24, 2019 - 161 tickets were sold for a well-received showing of "Monsters, Inc", which was run by both the PAC and the Grade 7 Grad Committee. The PAC made \$303.03 from pre-ordered food and concession sales, and the Gr. 7's made \$262.00 from ticket sales. The cost of the Movie License is \$450.00, the cost of which is split between the PAC and the Grade 7 Grad Committee.
- Direct Donation Campaign: ongoing - as of Oct. 29, 2019, \$805.00 has been received via cash or cheque, and \$70.00 has been donated online.

3. Old Business:

- *Update:* Casino Grant Money - as agreed to at the June 2019 AGM, \$10.00 per student will be available to teachers to help offset field trip costs.
- *Update:* Lengthening of students period of eating during Lunchtime - parents had raised concerns that their children had less time to eat their lunches this year and were coming home having hardly touched lunches, and hungry. Lunchtime this year is 10 minutes earlier, but Ms. Gascoigne has made sure that the students have the same amount of time to eat as last year. Eating time is from 12:00pm to 12:20pm and students are allowed outside to play until 12:47pm.

4. New Business:

- Special Local Parent Education Night: November 28, 2019 @ MacCorkindale elementary - Killarney Community Schools Team has invited parents of 7 area elementary schools to attend this meeting (200 seats available). Information about this meeting has been emailed to Weir parents by the secretary. The topic of the meeting is "Keeping Your Kids Safe On Social Media". The KCST have asked the school PACs to promote the event, and also to help by either providing a gift card to use for door prizes, or supply light refreshments. A Motion was raised to donate a \$25 Starbucks gift card to this event. The Motion was passed unanimously.
- Spirit Wear Clothing fundraiser: PAC will be offering T-shirts in red and black, and Hoodies in red, black, and navy blue, with the Weir Wolves crest printed on the front in white, in youth and adult sizes. Sample sizes will be made available to try on, and PAC hopes to have them ready before the Winter Break.
- Movie Afternoon: Weir's first Afternoon Movie is being planned! The movie would be held on a Friday afterschool, most likely at 3:15pm to 5:00pm? (depending on movie length). Parents would be welcome to watch the movie, but they could also choose to pick up their child(ren) at the movie's conclusion. Perhaps Grade 7 volunteers could escort K-Gr. 2's to the gym when they are dismissed from class at 3:00pm. Further details will be made available.

5. Principal Update: Ms. Gascoigne

- The "Purge" of the school is on-going -Teachers are very busy getting ready for the move next spring. They are deciding what they will need, what can be put into storage, and what to purge.
- The Terry Fox fundraiser was very successful, exceeding the school's goal to raise \$1000.00 for Terry. Mr. Eves was a man of his word, and shaved off his beard at the conclusion of the Terry Fox assembly, much to the excitement of the students.

- Parents are invited to watch the Halloween Parade at 9:10am on the main floor on October 31, 2019. A school assembly will be held after recess.
- November 8, 2019 is the next Pro-D day.
- Kindergarten registration opens on Friday, November 1, 2019.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences are next week.
- There will be a Winter Concert in December.
- Spring Concert status is unknown at this moment.
- Next Spring there will be meetings that will allow parents to visit the schools that will be hosting Weir students during the Seismic Upgrade. Bus transportation sign-up will also occur in the Spring.

6. Open to Floor:

Q: Will Weir be making a Time Capsule to put in the new building, once it is complete?

A: Ms. Gascoigne: No, Teachers were asked about this, but they said they were too busy teaching, and getting ready for the move to take on this project. However, if parents wished to take it on, they could. It would also be necessary to ask the planners if it is possible to find a place in the building design that a time capsule could be placed and also retrieved, once it was time to open.

Q: Does Weir celebrate Diwali?

A: Ms. Gascoigne: not currently as a school-wide event, but some classes may.

Q: What other fund-raising will PAC be doing?

A: Hailey: We will probably not be doing gift cards this year because there is very little return for the amount of work it takes to do. Purdy's chocolates have a very high minimum order (\$1000.00) which we barely reached last year, so we won't be doing Purdy's this year. We may do White Spot gift certificates again, and we will continue with Direct Donations in the new year.

7. Adjournment: 10:10am

8. Next meeting: **Monday, November 25, 2019 @ 6:30pm in the staffroom.**