

**DR. GEORGE M. WEIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**WEIR PAC GENERAL MEETING**  
*January 30, 2023 | 6:30-7:30pm*  
*In the Weir Learning Commons*

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**MEETING AGENDA**

**In attendance:**

- PAC Chair - Hailey Wong
- Vice-Chair – Maxine Shiu
- Treasurer - Marsella Leung
- Secretary – Gloria Yong
- Fundraiser Coordinator - Emma Kedar
- Fruits & Veggie + Dairy Coordinator - Katie Siomacco
- Parents:

Denise Hayes-McCoyQin	Zhou Dai	Angela Delorme
Jackie Quiring	Mildred Torres	Gloria Terry
Alice Mak	Emily Lai	Joan Liu
Talitha Bui	Patricia Com	Will Lee
Oelesandr Doegopoegy	Indu Bhagat	Winnie Yeo
Karen Wong	Iris Rodrigues	

**Staff Members:**

- Principal - Riley McMitchell
- Vice-Principal - Nicole Behrenz
- Teacher - Brenda Fenton

1. Welcome

2. Committee Updates

1. Fruit & Veggie + Dairy

1. F&V

1. Had our first fruit last Tuesday, Jan 24th (Ambrosia apples)
2. Available for free for all students (K-7)
3. Takes place approximately every 3 weeks
4. Next F&V day: next week - Pears next Tues, Feb. 7
5. Other upcoming F&V: snap peas, mini cucumbers, cheese sticks, mini peppers, grape tomatoes

2. Dairy

1. Available for free for students from K-5
2. Unfortunately due to continued shortage of milk within the program, Weir did not receive our first shipment of milk last week
3. Next milk day: Wed, Feb. 8 – there will be a soy alternative

3. Thank you to Katie & her team of parent volunteers
  1. A pilot program – groups of Grade 5 students taking turns coming down to help present about the fruit/veggie for that day.

b. Hot Lunch

1. Resumed on the first Thursday back from winter break
2. New vendor for Winter Session: Sal y Limón (Mexican food)
  1. Burritos
  2. Quesadilla
  3. guacamole & chips
3. Working on another new vendor for Spring Session (pastas & burgers)
  - Fuel Catering (Surrey) – more info to come

3. New Business

1. Discussion & voting of video equipment purchases
  1. Projector screen
  2. Microphone stands & clips – all in favour to purchase (passed)
  3. Podium – all in favour to purchase (passed)

<b>Proposed Equipment Purchase</b>					
<i>To be discussed &amp; voted on at January 30, 2023 Weir PAC Meeting</i>					
	<b>Unit Cost</b>	<b>Tax</b>	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>Qty Needed</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<a href="#">Option 1: Projector Screen (quick stand)</a>	\$2,402.11	\$288.25	\$2,690.36	1	\$2,690.36
<a href="#">Option 2: Projector Screen (easy stand)</a>	\$1,359.99	\$163.20	\$1,523.19	1	\$1,523.19
<a href="#">Microphone stand &amp; microphone clip</a>	\$62.13	\$7.46	\$69.59	2	\$139.17
<a href="#">Podium</a>	\$692.00	\$83.04	\$775.04	1	\$775.04
*Total Equipment Costs with Option 1 projection screen:		\$3,604.57			
*Total Equipment Costs with Option 2 projector screen:		\$2,437.40			

Quick stand – 180 inches

Easy stand – 135 inches

Discussion & Concerns:

- Cost – differences
- Springs/automatic mechanisms potentially not working in a few years
- Weight of it (who is in charge of carrying it? – not a student job)
- Portability – suggestion of maybe purchasing 2 so one stays in the gym and other in the multi-purpose room

Action Item:

Hailey & Marsella will do further research on different options and present at the next PAC meeting

b. Schoolwide Student Book Exchange – (parent suggestion)

- i. Goal: to promote literacy & the joy of reading
  1. Timeline
    1. Feb. 6-10: book swap notice sent home
    2. Feb. 27 to March 3: book collection & book sorting
    3. March 6 to 8: book swap
- c. Weir Spring Carnival - Friday, May 26, 2023 (tentatively from 3:30pm-7:00pm)
  1. Goal: to build community with Weir families & others in the area
  2. What: games, food, silent auction
  3. Will need a LOT of help to make this happen!
  4. To-do in the next month:
    1. Book dunk tank & bouncy castle
    2. Contact Legion for help with food
    3. Contact local businesses re: donations to silent auction
    4. Create games
    5. Recruitment of volunteers

Ms. Fenton's notes with other staff:

- Spring planters to "hook" community in
- Silent auction
- Class art auction (one project per class)
- Themed gift baskets to auction off (ie. Beach, books, coffee, etc.)
- Have a PAC parent assigned to each teacher for the themed baskets
- BINGO table
- Cake walk (probably not a good idea with Covid)

4. Principal/Vice-Principal Updates

- Gathering Place – (big piece of furniture on backorder) meant to be a place for families to gather. Looking for donations of bins, books, toys meant for pre-elementary school kids (email to come)

- Chess Club – Grade 5/6/7 sponsored by Ms. Kuban & Ms. Lee
- Homework Club – Gr. 3 + Tuesdays & Thursdays mornings (run by SSAs) – to start, students that need some extra help will be recommended by their classroom teachers
- Family Reading – (any age) in the library commons (more info to come)
- School-wide assemblies: run almost entirely by students - their input & ideas are integral to the process and have been very special to witness, especially the student recognition portion: Grade 7s read the names of the students receiving the certificate
- Pink Day Assembly for February – Theme: “Kindness Rocks”
- Old wing – intermediate classes now all have white boards that replaced green chalk boards
- Teachers in the old wing have an extra budget to purchase pillows, soft lighting, etc. to match aesthetics of the new wing; intermediate classes are in the old wing as the classrooms are larger to house the larger number of students in those grades
- Report cards – went home today (Jan. 30) – student voice is evident
- Next school year: back to 3 report cards (more info to follow)
- Basketball teams had their first couple of games – Weir hosted 1 last week
- Ways to improve grounds - Garden beds to be installed (most likely next Fall)

## 5. Q&A from Parents

1. Are any assemblies taking place this spring?
  - Every last Wednesday of the month – parents will be welcome
2. At the beginning of each school year we pay for school supplies/stationeries and yet my girls come home asking to buy erasers, markers, etc. They say teachers don't have new supplies or not enough. Kids have to share in class. I don't mind buying school supplies for my girls, if that's the case I would rather buy everything myself and not have to rely on the school. I'm hoping this is just due to the move and will be sorted out soon.
  - Riley will investigate and get back to parents.
3. Why are the children waiting outside before being allowed into the classroom in the morning instead of being allowed to directly walk into class?
  - Survey sent to children: they all liked teachers coming out to greet them; sense of belonging
  - SEL focus so important since Covid to ease children's anxiety - Morning Calm over PA at 9:05am every day is led by older students: soft music, breathing to set a calm tone for school to start the day
  - Principal's expectation is to maintain safety within the school at all times: if all families are allowed to enter in the morning, there is no way for Mr. McMitchell to manage that
  - Teachers report
4. What other Grade 7 activities will there be besides camp and Playland?
  - students will be polled for their input and their voices will play an important part of what year end activities will be

## 6. Announcements

1. Next PAC Meeting: Monday, February 27, 2023 | 6:30pm-8:00pm in Learning Commons (beside the library)
2. Student book swap - end of February
3. Sports Day - May 19, 2023
4. Spring Carnival - May 26, 2023

## 7. Adjournment – 8:15pm