

**DR. GEORGE M. WEIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**WEIR PAC GENERAL MEETING**

March 6, 2023 | 6:30-7:30pm

Location: Weir Library

**Minutes of March 6, 2023 PAC Meeting**

**In Attendance:**

PAC Chair: Hailey Wong	Treasurer: Marsella Leung
Secretary: Gloria Yong	Principal: Riley McMitchell
Vice-Principal: Nicole Behrenz	Denise Hayes-McCoy
Angela Delorme	Jesse Hamilton
Lisa Mah	Michelle Gonzales
Winnie Yeo	Amy Freeston
Quinzhou (Kent) Dai	Indu Baghat
Analia Perreira	Oleksandr Dolgopolyy
Isadora Goh	

**1. Welcoming Remarks from Hailey**

**2. Book Exchange Event - Indu**

- Event was a huge success! 1900 books were donated; far surpassed initial goal of 1100 books
- Books sent home: K-Gr. 2's – 6 books each, Gr. 3-7 – 4 books each
- Thank you to all the parent volunteers who signed up for shifts to help collect, sort and organize!
- Riley mentioned how happy and delighted the students were to be able to choose their own books to read; that some couldn't even wait until they got home. Weir is a very literate school where students really love to read!

**3. Purchase of Projector Screen**

- Quick recap from last PAC meeting where Hailey and Marsella had done some research of different screens & price points
- Criteria were as follows:
  - ⇒ **Portable:** able to be moved around and used in different areas of the school (ie. Gym, multi-purpose room, library, classrooms)
  - ⇒ **Lightweight:** light enough to carry from storage area to where it needs to be set up for usage
  - ⇒ **Ease of setup:** quick and easy setup

**Proposed Projector Screen: Grandview Cyber Series 92" Portable Pull Up Projector Screen (CBUX92)**

**Specifications**

Diagonal Viewing	92"
Format	16:9
Image Area	H x W: 45" x 90" (3.75ft x 6.5ft)
Entire Screen	H x W: 83" x 88" (approx. 6.9 ft x 7.3 ft)
Weight	8.8 kg = just under 19.5lbs
Storage	Screen retracts into its self-storage carrying case
Setup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Uses self- supporting arms</li> <li>- Extend supporting feet &gt; pull screen up &gt; finish set-up</li> </ul>
Cost	Vision Electronics - \$548 + tax Grandview Screens (local company in Burnaby – Boundary & Marine) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Original \$495 + tax</li> <li>● <b>Educational Pricing: \$445 + tax</b></li> </ul>

- 2 other options were presented: Tripod Stand Screen (30 lbs, \$100-\$200+ on Amazon & Inflatable screen (8.8 lbs) \$150-\$200+ on Amazon)
  - ⇒ Discussion: though a cheaper alternative, quality is not as good (heavier, not as easy to set up, inflatable won't work if a student punctures even a small hole into it, noisy electrical engine to keep the inflatable on)
- Put to a vote: unanimous yes from all parents in favour of the 1<sup>st</sup> option from Grandview Screens
- Hailey & Marsella will purchase as soon as possible and deliver it to Weir

**4. Weir Spring Carnival: Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 3:00-6:30pm**

- a. **Carnival Games:** Duck Pond, Fish Pond, Ring Toss, Bottle Knock Down, Tattoo Booth, Guessing Booth, Photo Booth, Mini Golf, Basket Toss, Mini Basketball, Water Bottle Flip, Bean Bag Toss, Bowling, Lollipop Pull, Dunk Tank
  - ⇒ Wristbands will be issued for unlimited play: price TBD
  - ⇒ Single tickets may also be available
  - ⇒ Parents in attendance were asked to take a poster board provided to help design posters for each of the game stations. Thank you volunteers!

- b. **Silent Auction:** work already underway in requesting sponsorship/donations from local businesses & organizations

Received:

- ⇒ 4 tickets to BC Lions regular home game
- ⇒ 2 tickets to Whitecaps at BC Place
- ⇒ Router worth over \$300 from Netgear
- ⇒ Children's birthday party package from The Hive

- Carnival Committee thought it would be a great idea to have each class be assigned a "Theme Basket" and have students & families voluntarily participate in donations of their choosing. ie. Division 1 students will bring in items for Date Night (ie. Movie tickets, restaurant gift cards, ice-cream gift cards, etc.)
- There will be a letter sent home after Spring Break to ask for donations. Students simply bring in their donation and drop it into a designated box in their classroom.

c. **Food & Treats**

- There will be a concession stand selling food & treats (ie. Hot dogs, burgers, chips, candy, frozen treats, juice, pop). Families are encouraged to pre-purchase using Munchalunch online. Prices to be determined, but pre-ordering will help the committee plan better for numbers and prices will be lower than purchasing the day of.

d. **Drawing Contest** – notices handed out before Spring Break, due date April 3

- What games do. You think there will be at the carnival?
- What do you wish to see at the spring carnival?
- April's PAC meeting – parents to narrow down to top 10 drawings from both the primary & intermediate grades
- Drawings from the top 10 finalists of both grade groups will get displayed in foyer
- All students get to cast a ballot for their favourite drawing
- Top 3 most voted from each group will receive prizes (ie. Wristbands & food coupons to be used at the carnival)

5. **Principal/Vice-Principal Remarks**

- Hip Hop Week – instructors from Boogaloo were so impressed with all the students (manners, talent) & all students had a great time!
- Book Exchange – students so excited to see so many books & enthusiastic to read
- Student-led conferences went really well: was nice to see so many families back in the building

- In May, there will be a one day “Release the Rhythm” workshop for the school; an excellent program previewed by Mr. McMitchell & Ms. Gascoigne last year at MacCorkindale
- Enrollment: “Intent to return form” was sent out electronically from the office; please reply asap
- Catchment change due to Carleton’s boundaries being redrawn to MacCorkindale, Weir & Cunningham – Weir’s new building has accounted for a possible increase in enrollment due to this
- New speed limit on Kerr St. between East 44<sup>th</sup> & 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue: starting March 27, speed limit will change from 50km to 40km (from the city)
- Construction on Killarney Street: will be a pull in lane, finish date TBD
- Hopscotch designs paint job: 4 corners & 3 hopscotch games will happen as early as Spring Break, but painters need 4-5 days of continuous dry weather so that the paint will dry properly
- Fencing will be put in around the school, as well as a flag
- A group of students approached Mr. McMitchell to ask what could be done to help the situation of Turkey & Syria, so there is a fundraising campaign with the goal of raising \$400 and Mr. McMitchell will match every dollar raised. All the funds raised will go to the Red Cross, and after Spring Break, there will be a call out for donations such as blankets and supplies.

## 6. Q&A from Parents

- What are the Grade 7 year-end activities?
  - ⇒ 2<sup>nd</sup> full day camp mid-June at Sasamat
  - ⇒ Playland
  - ⇒ R.O.G.A.I.N.E. – scavenger hunt games take place at Granville Island
  - ⇒ As in years past, the Grade 7s will be polled to see what other activities are preferred
- What is the sign referring to that is posted on the school fence that reads “Childcare Renovation (in Progress??)”?
  - ⇒ The new school build money comes from the Ministry of Education, and they requested a space within Weir for the purposes of childcare. The daycare is run by YWCA, and Weir has no say in the pricing for families. Ministry of Education will inform the school when the sign can be taken down.

## 7. Adjournment – 8:00pm

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Monday April 24, 2023 at 6:30pm in the library