

**Jamieson PAC General Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019**

In attendance:

Executive members:

Grace Chan	Edwin Lee	Cindy Ling
Flo Lum	Janice Yip	Mei Ling Khong
Kim Lai	Kathy Tran	Steve Bartlett
Wanda Chow	Jacqueline Tiong	Natasha Miladinovic

General members: Anita Tam, H. Hailey Graham

*Grace calls meeting to order at 7:10 pm*

**Approval of Agenda**

*Mei Ling motions to approve agenda, seconded by Edwin, carried*

**Approval of Minutes of the January 17, 2019 PAC General meeting**

*Kathy motions to approve minutes, seconded by Edwin, carried*

**Chair's Report: Grace Chan**

Letter writing campaign has been good, about 30 emails sent to VSB re: Mandarin and strings programs, and copied to PAC. Everyone has used the template email so far.

Just received email from VSB responding to PAC's letter and was invited to meet with directors of instruction Magdalena Kassis and Adrian Keough (responsible for choice programs), on Feb. 28. Believe advocacy for Mandarin and strings is for the long haul. Strings program is an example of what we want schools to inspire in kids but falls under extracurricular so tends to fall by the wayside.

Propose to move May executive meeting to May 23 and AGM to June 5. Will be recruiting for several executive positions (Chair, Vice Chair, DPAC rep, Secretary).

**Principal's Report: Natasha Miladinovic**

Thank you to PAC for the lion dancers, there was lots happening in school for Chinese New Year. Mandarin classes attended Aberdeen Centre.

March 6 and 7 - student led conferences; Jess Dance - March 4 followed by March 14 performance at Churchill auditorium. Lots of field trips, including skating, thanks to parent drivers. Recent snow day closure went well. There are still minor deficiencies being addressed from the seismic project. Senior and junior boys basketball teams are still going strong.

School cash online system - moving to system so parents can pay for fees and field trips online, using credit, debit, and e-transfers.

Kindergarten offers were sent out yesterday, 6-7 on waitlist, then once finalized will proceed with Mandarin offers.

**Treasurer's Report: Kim Lai**

Spending on target. If spend all we budgeted would have \$75,000 left in bank.

**DPAC Report: Grace Chan**

Approved motion to submit resolution to BCCPAC calling for music education to be entrenched and province to provide adequate funding. These are items BCCPAC would decide whether to advocate for on behalf of all elementary schools.

**Old Business**

*Spring events: Grace Chan*

Junior concert May 2 in gym, senior concert May 15 at Magee; Spring Fair June 14; Staff Appreciation May 31; Any volunteer help would be greatly appreciated.

*Hot Lunch: Janice Yip*

Snow day hot lunch rescheduled to Feb 22. Saputo discontinued milk delivery service effective immediately, but Choices has stepped in and is charging less.

*Hamber seismic*

Grace: Hamber PAC met with George Heyman, area MLA, will meet with Mable Elmore, Vancouver-Kensington MLA, where many Hamber families live, and Michael Lee, Vancouver-Langara MLA.

Hamber PAC co-chair Stephanie Yada asks everyone to keep spreading the word. Not as many feeder schools are as engaged as had hoped, important that families understand this project will affect them when their kids go to Hamber. But it is not just Hamber affected, all other seismic projects will be affected. Next high school scheduled for seismic upgrade is David Thompson.

**New Business**

Flo Lum raised the topic of math club in intermediate grades, and asks why is it not being taught as extracurricular, instead of during school time, which takes time away from other subject areas. She noted that the math club involves several classes but not her daughter's class because it takes place during class time.

Natasha recommended discussing it with the teacher involved.

**Adjournment**

*Kim motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm, seconded by Edwin, carried*