

Jamieson PAC General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

In attendance:

Executive Members

Kathy Tran	Cindy Ling	Anita Tam
Wanda Chow	Mei Ling Kong	Kim Lai
Jacqueline Tiong	Janice Yip	Lily Cheng
Natasha Miladinovic	Steven Bartlett	

General Members

Holly Lee	Deanna Louie	Andy Liu
Roxanne Louie	Manson Chan	

Call to Order

Kathy Tran called meeting order at 7:13 pm

Approval of Agenda

Jacqueline Tiong motions to approve agenda, seconded by Cindy Ling, carried

Approval of previous minutes – April 18, 2019

Holly Lee motions to approve minutes, seconded by Anita Tam, carried

Chair's Report: Kathy Tran

- Kathy introduced herself as Jamieson PAC Chair
- This is Kathy's first year as PAC Chair; she has been at Jamieson for 9 years
- Welcome back coffee was well attended by parents
- Hot Lunch is our biggest source of fund raising; if parents are available to help with hot lunch, please contact Janice Yip
- PAC is funding earthquake kits which have been put together by Kathy and Janice; Hershel backpacks were donated by the company thanks for Grace Chan's efforts last year
- There are a minimal number of computers for students at school; therefore PAC will be purchasing 30 laptops and some additional iPads for the lower and higher grades to use

- Calendar of events will be similar to last year; we will have our usual events: Winter Social and Spring Carnival

Principal's Report: Natasha Miladinovic

- Natasha introduced herself as Principal, and Mr. Bartlett, Vice Principal
- September is a very busy month with school reopening and everything was very smooth
- This year, there are 21 divisions with 506 students total; there was not enough room to take all of district catchment students, as a result 13 students were turned away from Jamieson
- Cash on line system is working out well; only 6 students/families not signed up
- Natasha thanked Kathy and Janice for organizing earthquake bags, which will be available for all classrooms. The Herschel backpacks were donated by the company, thanks to Grace Chan's hard work
- The school had a Terry Fox assembly and the Grade 4/5 class ran the event successfully
- The Rock in playground will be incorporated into the playground; VSB will make it safe and take care of the expenses
- Natasha thanked PAC for sponsoring the VSO fieldtrips again this year
- Tennis XL has been arranged this year to provide tennis lessons to all Jamieson kids
- Goal setting conferences are next week with early dismissal on Wednesday & Thursday.
- Agendas were ordered in June and should have arrived in August, but this year the printing company did not fulfill VSB orders resulting in many schools not receiving agendas on time
- Primary agendas are supposed to arrive soon

Treasurer's Report: Kim Lai

Kim reviewed last year's budget from PAC (refer to pie chart)

- PAC funds - \$70, 574 in General Account, \$11,472 from Gaming, \$7,653 in Strings, \$2,246 from Grad Legacy and we have \$25,000 in Contingency
- For Fundraising, Hot Lunch continues to be the largest contribution, totalling \$26,820 last year
- Other fundraising events (silent auction, gift cards, plants, etc.) totaled \$10,037

- Parents are encouraged to “spread the word” for fundraising events
- Biggest spend is in music education
- Last year there was a surplus of \$10,000 which will be put towards technology

Kim reviewed the 2019-20 budget

- New this year:
 - Funds allotted for student volunteer celebration pizza day (\$300.00) to encourage student involvement
 - Technology & Innovations Ask - \$30 / student online ask to raise \$60,000 over 4 years for replacing and maintaining computer equipment
 - Food and safety course for parents who are interested in helping with hot lunch

New Business: Kathy Tran

PAC executives introduced themselves to the PAC members

Saleema Noon

- Hoping to book her this year; will be paid through gaming account

Technology will be big item for our fund raising this year

- Schools do not receive specific funding for computers for students
- Currently Jamieson only has 2 iPad carts with 30 iPads on each
- The iPads are currently well used, but aging as they were purchased in 2014
- Our goal is \$15,000 this year toward acquiring new laptops for students; Kathy drafted letter to families to donate \$30/ student
- Computers must be purchased through VSB to be supported by VSB, must follow VSB criteria for IT support

VSO field trips funded by PAC

- It is an excellent experience for kids
- For families new to Jamieson, the kids will enroll in our award winning strings program when they are in grade 4

Other fundraising events

- There will be similar fund raising events planned for this year, such as “Eat your meat” and gift cards, etc.

Adjournment

Andy motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Anita, carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm