

Jamieson PAC Annual General Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 27, 2019

In attendance:

Executive members:

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

Absent: Jacqueline Tiong, Alex Dow

General members: Anne Yu, Holly Lee, Roxanne Louie, Liz Yoon, Vania Ng, Anita Tam

Grace called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

Approval of agenda

Edwin Lee motions to approve agenda, Kathy Tran seconds, carried

Approval of previous AGM minutes – May 22, 2018

Lily Chang motions to approve minutes, Mei Ling Khong seconds, carried

Chair's report: Grace Chan

This was my second year on the PAC executive. Without the volunteers none of what took place could have happened. At one point I counted 70 volunteers. It's what makes the school tick. Even alumni parents and students, older graduated siblings, we rely on them a lot.

Got a new website for the PAC. Trying to do more translations of material. Volunteers have been invaluable for that.

PAC pays for a number of items throughout the year, including:

Student agendas (\$2,000), VSO field trips, Chinese New Year lion dance, Jess Dance program, two new stand-up bass instruments for strings program, library books (Ms. Alexander had been saving up her PAC funds to purchase library materials for once we were back at Tisdall site following seismic upgrade), \$250 per classroom for supplies, community events (welcome back coffee, winter social, spring fair).

This all comes from fundraising such as hot lunch (raising about \$30,000 per year), fall fundraising (almost \$10,000) such as sales of gift cards, meat sales etc.), and yearbook sales

Jamieson PAC continues to advocate for our Mandarin and strings programs.

This has been a great opportunity to serve the Jamieson community. With my kids graduating, I am leaving Jamieson. Also exiting PAC are Flo Lum and Alex Dow.

Principal's report: Natasha Miladinovic

Thank you to the PAC executive for all your efforts and to the additional volunteers who help out. Thanks to Grace, Flo and Alex for your service.

The recent strings concert was wonderful. Thank you to volunteers, with the event driven by Grace.

We are organizing staffing for next year. Now have just over 90 per cent of families are signed up for online payment system SchoolCashOnline.com.

Last track and field meet is tomorrow. Badminton wrapped up recently. Thanks to PAC for help with sports day which went well.

Technology makes up the main items on the wish list from staff. We were not successful in the highly competitive Best Buy grant application. The wish list has been given to PAC for consideration.

Still to come: Teacher Appreciation Day, Crazy Hat Day, junior strings concert, Gr 7 leaving ceremony, Volunteer Tea on June 13, field trips.

We are looking to purchase emergency earthquake bags for classrooms. We have had 27 large bags donated from Herschel for this, thanks to Grace.

I have only been here since January but it's been a great start.

Treasurer's report: Kim Lai

Spending has been mostly completed. As of the end of April our fundraising is netting about \$35,000. We will be taking contingency funds to repay some expenses when the term deposits mature. PAC funds about \$40,000 a year in items and initiatives plus \$11,000 from gaming grant.

Grace noted a need to wrap up and deposit cheques as quickly as possible to reconcile finances. We're spending as expected. Term deposit matures in July. Will roll over \$15,000 to keep as contingency fund. Any extra money would help fund up to \$3,500 for emergency backpacks; huge wishlist item is technology (laptops for intermediates, iPads for primaries, and library computers which were left behind at South Hill, which all totals about \$50,000). PAC will proactively fundraise for that, as it's the top priority, and is considering creating a separate fund for that to fund ongoing technology needs.

Kim recommended PAC should consider managing school's tech needs as an ongoing fundraising effort, potentially directed to a technology specific fund.

Election of 2019-2020 PAC Executive

Flo Lum motions to nominate the following as the 2019-2020 Jamieson PAC Executive:

Kathy Tran as Chair

Cindy Ling as Vice-Chair

Lily Cheng as Secretary

Kim Lai as Treasurer

Wanda Chow, Jacqueline Tiong, Janice Yip, Edwin Lee, Mei Ling Khong, Liz Yoon and Anita Tam as members-at-large

seconded by Kim Lai, carried

New Business

Grace: Mandarin program teacher Lulu Tan is leaving, it was announced last week. She has been at Jamieson for 20 years. The Mandarin Bilingual Program was established about 25 years ago. As a parent would like to acknowledge her work with a scrapbook from current Jamieson families with photos and comments from families touched by Mandarin program.

Anne Yu: Advocacy work around the replacement of Hamber secondary is still going strong. She encourages everyone to follow the Hamber PAC website for the latest developments on concerns over the seismic project including the lack of space for library, auditorium, and art space. Hamber's outcome will have a ripple effect on other schools and communities. Children of feeder schools most affected by inadequate secondary school building. We need to keep the pressure up. There were 5,800 signatures on the petition by the time MLA Michael Lee presented it in the Legislature.

The current ask is from VSB to province to increase the Hamber seismic budget. The government's response: it will consider if VSB will contribute funding too. VSB funding contribution is not a precedent, as Kitsilano Secondary's seismic project received VSB funding previously. In addition the use of the existing Hamber building as a swing space for seismic projects will save VSB a lot of money too. Calling on VSB to chip in something as a sign of good faith. Anne encouraged families to please write to the VSB and express your support.

Adjournment

Grace Chan motions to adjourn at 7:47 pm, Kim Lai seconded, carried