

Jamieson PAC General Meeting January 17th, 2024

General Minutes

In Attendance

Jamieson Staff

Cathy Thomas Bryson Norrish

PAC Executives

Olivia Lau	Terence Chow	Andrew Kwan
Grace Hoffert	Jonathan Au	Winnie Mak
Michelle Leung	Wendy Man	

General Members

Annie Chiu	Anthony Tsui	Eduardo Ayala
Imee Marigza	Justin Leung	Justin Neufeld
Itti Ma	Maggie Lam	Mari Jimenez
Maureen	MC	Michelle & Regie Gatdula
Mikhail Shishlenin	Minh Ha	Myra Pau
Regine Zhang	Riza AA	Roberta Brandi
Sherry	Shirley Leung	Vania Ng
Vicky Leung		

Call to Order

Olivia Lau called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Land Acknowledgement: Olivia Lau

Approval of Agenda

Grace Hoffert motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Michelle Leung, motion carried.

Approval of previous general minutes - November 15th, 2023

Winnie Mak motions to approve the minutes, seconded by Terence Chow, motion carried.

Chair Report: Olivia Lau

- Hosted Staff & Teacher Holiday Luncheon on Dec 21 with hot Greek buffet
- Presented Ms Miladinovic with a scrapbook filled with parent notes
- Did significant advocacy work with the VSB Director of Instruction, Chris Wong and School Trustee, Alfred Chiang, to impress upon them the disruption of mid-year administrator changes. The Vancouver DPAC will continue to pursue conversations with senior management at VSB about how we, as parents and stakeholders, influence change in operational matters
- Fundraiser update
 - Photo fundraiser \$725
 - Purdy's fundraiser \$324
- PAC Funded Body Science presented by Saleema Noon:

- Jan 23, 30, Feb 1 & 2 with parent Zoom information session
- PAC Funded Dance program presented by Bugaloo
 - 8th February to Friday 24th
- Extra Curricular Choral Program:
 - Enrollment exceeded expectations: 50 junior participants & 31 senior participants
 - Jr: Wednesdays noon / Sr: Tuesday after school
 - Paid program: \$11/session

Principal's Report: Cathy Thomas

- Thank you for the warm welcome
- Enjoy getting to know the community
- Teacher and vice principal in London
- January 16th, Indigenous performer performed "How raven stole the sun"
- Junior and senior boys basketball practice started
- Saleema Noon body science session. Please come to the parent Zoom meeting to raise any questions you may have and get answers.
- Bugaloo hip hop on February 8th to 24th
- Early Dismissal on February 14th and 15th for parent teacher conferences
- Bryson Norrish
 - Worked in middle school for Coquitlam
 - Fraser academy in Kitslano
 - Enjoys music and Strings program with Mr. Colpitts

Treasurer's Report: Terence Chow

- December Expenses:
 - holiday appreciation lunch for Teachers and Staff
 - Body Science presented by Saleema Noon
- New GIC for \$20,000
- Fundraising \$1,907

New Business

- Talent Show
 - Plan to have it at Churchill on Thursday, April 11th
 - Poster will come out this week
 - Audition deadline on February 16th. Let parents know by March 1st on final performer list.
 - Wendy Man motions to vote for approval of \$500 for equipment rental and concession. Motion approved by consensus.
- Yearbook Photo Upload
 - Please submit photos to Jamieson cloud
 - Please submit higher resolution pictures
 - Label and place in right folder
 - Just school related photos, no personal photo
- Library Funding - Grace Hoffert motions to vote for approval of \$1,500 for additional library support. Motion approved by consensus.
- Hot Lunch absence Policy
 - Let us know if kids are absent, so hot lunch can be donated
 - For food safe, food need to be picked up by end of day or it will be donated by next day
 - Friday hot lunch will be donated by end of day if not picked up
- Q&A with Cathy and Bryson
 - Cathy - answers to popular questions from students

- Favourite colour is blue, like to hike, bought a trailer last year, enjoy provincial park, loves camping, has a 5.5 years old dog called Harry
- VSB clears the main side walk and pathway to school, parent volunteers cannot clear snow due to insurance. Looking for access point at back to be cleared by VSB
- Traffic and Parking
 - Still have people make illegal left turn on Tisdall and 49th or illegal double parkers
 - By law officers are ticketing offenders
 - Approval for 46th and Tisdall pedestrian cross walk, work might begin this summer
- Q&A
 - Itti Ma - two river specialty meat fundraising. Itti will run the fundraiser. PAC will assist with flyer and translation of flyer
 - Justin Leung -
 - Budget - from a limited time looking at the finance tables, finances YoY looks like we're slowly depleting the cash on hand (even after accounting for GICs), is fundraising not keeping up with income?
 - Best practice is to use up all funds the year we raise them. We have a big surplus of funds, even day to day has healthy cashflow, hot lunch is main source of revenue
 - How do activities get decided? Are there any visibility onto what programs/activities didn't make it due to funding or lack of volunteers etc?
 - We use the gaming grants for programs all students can attend. New this year is field trips. Teachers also given additional money for classroom "sparkle", ie. things to improve student experience in classroom.
 - Vania Ng - any plans for Chinese new Year?
 - Nothing planned but leave it for Cathy Thomas to decide
 - Annie Chiu - grade 7 graduation, other schools have set aside amount for grad banquet. Does PAC set aside money for grad?
 - PAC and grade 7 grads are separate, don't cross bank accounts. PAC cannot spend funds that doesn't support all students.

Next PAC Meeting

February 28th, 2024

Adjournment

Wendy Man motions to adjourn meeting, seconded by Michelle Leung, meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm