

Point Grey Secondary Parents Advisory Council Meeting

7:15PM 19 January 2010, staff room, Point Grey Secondary

Minutes prepared by Scott Rose

Attending: Carolyn Kennedy (presiding), Carol Prantner, Shirley Zhang, Scott Rose, Paul Skarsgard, Randy Clark, Karen Hemmingson, Elizabeth Chang.

Agenda approved.

Point Grey Mini teacher Paul Skarsgard spoke about the school plan. He's seeking input on two questions, listed in a printed handout. He has solicited input from all the departments, and has met with the student council. [RC: staff still does not attend the meetings.] We commit to providing a response by next meeting.

Minutes of Nov. meeting approved. (Carol Prantner took them).

Shirley Zhang presented the **treasurer's report**. In general, we are ahead of the game in terms of revenue and expenditures. There was some confusion about why the income from the movie didn't show up (~\$600). We also discussed the wishlist, which last year was \$21k spent.

Randy Clark presented the **principal's report**: Athletic seasons are truncated due to Olympics. Various music trips and activities. Mini to Manning at start of February. Hockey junior boys are doing well. 2nd term ends 5 March, as Spring break begins. Report cards arrive a week after the break. Winter Olympics are nigh; students are encouraged to enjoy but still attend their scheduled classes. Some students are raising Haiti relief funds to the Red Cross-- four different groups. Two Pro-D days loom: Feb. 15th, 19th. School board predicts deficit for year: \$17M-\$37M. Approx \$400M is total budget. Slop is due to uncertainty in maintenance, contractual pay hike. Province may stiff teacher's pension fund. 800 layoff notices went out today. Teachers with five years or less experience got a notice. There are 4000 teachers in the cohort. Will know in late April/early May what the tally is.

Carol Prantner on the **raffle**: presented printed report, breaking down by department. \$10000 profit. Departments get 50% of what they sold. This new income covers most of the gaming loss.

Carolyn Kennedy spoke on the reply from Coleman to our letter about the reduction in gaming funds to PACs. Low-income, disabled, at-risk, community health, public safety, etc: these are the new priorities.

New business: elections loom. Please consider standing. Carol Prantner will stand again. Carolyn Kennedy asked: could we meet less? Do more with the web. Discussion ensued of how the various events such as Craft Fair self-organize.

A decision was taken to skip the February PAC meeting, though perhaps we could have an exec meeting.

The 26 January speaker needs publicity. Randy Clark will distribute a flyer to all students-- needs it Wednesday for Thursday distribution.

Will the PAC allocate \$1000 to two student awards? One service, one aboriginal. Typically, we do. And we shall again.

“Thank you” notes from departments are trickling in.

16 March is next meeting. Potential speaker, a physiotherapist. Maybe she can't do the 16th.

The web: we could use a student with design interest. Randy Clark knows one.

Also: a communications parent. We can work up a sheet to go home with the report cards seeking volunteers.

Scott Rose will work up a means to solicit school plan input via the web.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, approved. 8:45PM.