

Point Grey Secondary PAC Meeting Minutes

DRAFT of 19 November 2008

18 November 2008

7:15 pm Staff Room

Call to order. PAC Chair Carolyn Kennedy (kennedyg8@hotmail.com) presiding. Attendance: 18.

Approval of minutes from last meeting.

Carolyn introduced herself and solicited nominations for unfilled PAC positions, notably vice-chair, secretary, members at large.

Carol Prantner (carol@barista.ca) was elected vice-chair.

Julie Zhao (julie876@gmail.com) was elected member-at-large (joining Liliane Li, liliane.liyuan@yahoo.com.cn).

Self-introductions of all attendees.

Student Presentation: PGS grade 10 students Larry Lu and Alex Du, representing the grass-roots charitable organization *Tomorrow for Children* (contact: tomorrowforchildren@hotmail.com, web at <http://tomorrowforchildren.com/>) made a return appearance at the PAC meeting (we also heard from them at the October meeting). They spoke about their fund-raising activities on behalf of victims of the Sechuan quake. Fourteen members, all PGS grade 10 students plan to visit China (at own expense) over Spring break to deliver proceeds of their fund-raising. They raised \$800 at the craft fair. They are holding a fund-raising concert at PGS on 12 December at 7PM. They have contacted the Chinese consulate, who have given their efforts a favourable reception. Randy Clark spoke briefly about the ways in which the school supports the fund-raising process, but not, directly, the planned trip. The students are seeking help from the PAC in publicising their activities to the parents.

DPAC Report: DPAC rep. Alan Bayless (abayless@longviewcomms.ca) spoke briefly about the recent civic election, which involves a great deal of turnover- primarily COPE and Vision Vancouver candidates will take office next month. See the PAC website at <http://www.pointgreyparents.com/> for information on the candidates and their stated positions.

Craft Fair: Birgitta Cameron (bicameron@telus.net) reported that the 2008 Craft Fair and Book Sale held on 8 November was a success, generating an estimated \$15,000 net (estimated \$19,000 gross). She led a brief discussion about the questionable future of the event, which, while lucrative, is demanding of volunteer labour and is possibly fading in relevance. Alan Bayless suggested that time be set aside at the January meeting to discuss alternatives to the Craft Fair.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Scott Rose (smrose@telus.net) handed out and briefly discussed a financial statement prepared by outgoing treasurer Cynthia Dong Devine (cynthiadevine@shaw.ca). Randy spoke about the role of the PAC in supporting the school, and about the wish-list process for disbursing a majority of the funds, which, with gaming funds, amounts to \$50,000 - \$60,000 annually. There was also a brief discussion of the gift card program, which nets the PAC about \$1700 each bi-monthly cycle. The current ordering period closes 28 November.

Principal's Report: Randy Clark (rclark@vsb.bc.ca) spoke about the large amount of present activity at and around the school, including musical events, sports (many city champs this year!), *Tomorrow for Children*, et cetera. He reminds us that the term ends on 28 November, report cards are issued on 5 December, and parent-teacher conferences are on 11 December. He expressed kudos to the craft fair committee. It was agreed that people would contact craft fair co-chairs Birgitta Cameron and Linda Yorke (yorkeforbes@shaw.ca) with their ideas about alternatives or supplements to the Craft Fair, which would be discussed at the January meeting.

Next PAC meeting: 20 January 2009.