

Westwind PAC Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2024 @ 6:30pm via Teams

Meeting called to order: 6:32pm

Welcome!

1. Approval of the Minutes from last PAC Meeting ([January 2024](#)): motion to approve moved Garmy, seconded Thomas, PASSED.

2. Chair's Report

- If you can, please turn your **cameras** on 😊
- The **Westwind Parent Dance** is no longer able to run as previously due to a recent change in SD38 policy forbidding the sales & distribution of alcohol on SD38 property. This will have big implications for PAC fundraising given that the dance brought in over \$10K last year. The district cannot separate themselves in terms of liability from events that occur on school property, and the risk has been deemed too great.

It's not realistic to pull something comparable together this year. Rupi & Kharmen have stepped down - thank you for your many years of service in organizing such successful parent dances!

We will try and organize 1 or 2 other events to minimize the loss, but it's unlikely we will come close to making up this **shortfall in fundraising**.

- Any parents interested in joining the **PAC executive**, please reach out! Drew & Shizuka's terms are ending, and we will need to elect a new President & Vice-President to keep the PAC going! The new executive will be elected at our PAC AGM in May.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Presentation of [January Financial Report](#).
- **Question** re: when income moves from budget to confirmed funds raised for specific initiatives (ie. Grade 7 farewell). Munch-a-lunch makes it tricky because we get an influx of funds at the start of the ordering period, but then must pay the expenses over the ordering period. Next firm update re: much-a-lunch funds raised will be at the end of March.

4. Club & Committee Updates

Fundraising Committee (Joe, Gina, Rachel)

- **Snack days** have been really successful, so we'll do a couple more of them. We have a **Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser** coming up, and a **spring plant fundraiser** is in the works.

Munch-a-lunch (Jessica)

- Volunteers for pizza days have been great, but we are **short on volunteers** for munch-a-lunch days – please come help!
- Jessica can be contacted via email at jesswchan22@gmail.com.

Parent Dance (Rupi & Kharmen)

- Thanks again for all your work, Rupi & Kharmen! We will miss this historic event.

Pizza Days (Jessica)

- Thank you to the Grade 7 parents that have been volunteering for pizza days! **More volunteers** are always welcome.
- Jessica can be contacted via email at jesswchan22@gmail.com.

Grade 7 Farewell Committee (Kristy, Kim, Kerri, Sandy, Rachel, Shelley)

- This Friday's movie night will raise funds for the Grade 7 farewell committee. McMath students will be volunteering!
- Anyone interested in joining the committee is most welcome!

Playground Committee (Lisa, Jamie, Rochelle)

- Still waiting on the grounds work from the SD38 maintenance crew – hopefully soon, but dependent on the ground conditions.

Yearbook Committee – (Meghan H., Christine, Meghan P., Mellissa, Shelley)

- More information to come soon!

If you're eager to volunteer, check the Westwind PAC facebook page or email drew.savage@shaw.ca and he will put you in touch with the right people!

5. Other Business N/A

6. Administrative Report

- **School Story** has been updated on the school website to include the 'wave of kindness' initiative, which is showing some good results among our students.
- **Basketball teams** are doing well. **SLSS feeder tournament** happening next week.
- **Band concert** coming up Thursday: afternoon performance for students & an evening performance @ 6pm for families.
 - In case you have children in divisions 9, 10 or 11, you may have heard that we will be playing a few ukulele songs at the afternoon concert. We will videotape the performance for parents! (Our school is so large now that with the band equipment, there is very little room for a parent audience in the gym).
- **Grade 7 transition:** high schools host a breakfast meeting with Grade 7 teachers & resource teachers to share information, followed by meetings to discuss each student to

ensure a smooth transition.

- **Traffic calming** on Kingfisher Drive: the city surveyed residents regarding measures to slow down traffic. Based on responses, the city is not going to move ahead with additional traffic calming measures.
- **Outdoor Education:** for current Grade 5/6 families – outdoor education for next year's Grade 6/7s is booked at **Camp Jubilee** from **Wednesday, October 9th to Friday, October 11th, 2024.**

Parent meeting will be on Monday, March 4th with the camp counsellor, including sample itinerary, payment schedules, etc. There will also be a student meeting at school.

The district mandates water safety certification for any student participating in water sports, so courses will be available to earn certification. Certain swimming lesson levels will be transferable for a small fee – stay tuned for details.

- **Learning updates:** timing has changed for Term 2 written learning update (formerly 'report cards') – it will come after Spring Break on April 25th.

Questions:

- If students want to apply for **cross boundary** to a different high school, how likely is that to be successful?

It's best to contact Central Registration to see if a school is full or not: 604-668-6000.

- The school drop-off zone in the **parking lot** is chaotic with folks stopping in all lanes and blocking traffic. What can be done?

Admin will put something in the newsletter, and maybe replace signage or create pamphlets to communicate expectations.

- What will the impact of the loss of the dance funds be in terms of PAC's projected spending?

Likely, this will mean that we won't be able to support all the programs that the admin team has asked us to fund, particularly in terms of additional asks since the budget was set last year. We should be able to fund most of what we had already committed to at our last AGM.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: moved Sarah B., seconded Garmy. PASSED. Adjourned: 7:47pm.

Thanks to all in attendance!

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 2nd @ 6:30 via TEAMS.