

Osler PAC General Meeting
Nov 29, 2022 7:15 pm
via Zoom
Minutes

In attendance

PAC Execs

Joanne Lee, Harpreet Sall, John Young, Alicia Williams Young, Melanie Leung, Jessie Yu, Sonya Sangha, Sandy Chan, Ginny Chiu

General Members

Lucie Chan, Val Con, Diana, Donna, Peggy Poon, CY, Jennifer Lui, Dan Chan

Welcome/Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm.

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of Agenda

Joanne motions to approve the agenda, seconded by John, motion carried.

Approval of past General minutes - Sept 27, 2022

Joanne motions to approve the minutes, seconded by Harpreet, motion carried.

Principal's Report

- Please see attached notes below for the Principal's report received post-meeting as Ms. Thomas couldn't make it to the meeting.
- (reported on behalf of Ms.Thomas). Schools are open tomorrow unless the VSB decides to close all their schools. This information will be decided at 7:00 am. and will be on the VSB websites and on the news and radio stations.

Chair's Report

- Saleema Noon workshops went well and is a great program that PAC hopes to offer annually (depending on our budget).
- Spooktacular was a success. We raised \$1000. Thank you everyone!
- Purdys! Thank you again. We raised \$535! Pick up was today and 6 families still need to pick up.
- Hot lunch: Had communications issues with Fuel Up as they are hard to get a hold of. Hope this will get better as they have a great menu selection.
- Term 2 extra-curricular activities will be up for registration this week (on Facebook and school email). Register by Dec 16th. Classes begin the second week of January.
 - Monday - Steam4Kids
 - Tuesday - Young Rembrandts
 - Wednesday - Arcade Fun Coding
 - Thursday - Creative Art intermediate art
 - Friday - Hip hop & breakdance
 - Wed/Thurs morning - choir (DPAC). Waiting for registration details. Will pass on the info once we receive the info from DPAC.

- There will be a robotics class in Term 3, but we will wind down with other programs and resume in September.

Other Business (Current and Upcoming Events)

- School-wide coding program (GoIT) School-wide coding program is on and will begin in January. 4 divisions will be participating (teacher-based participation). It is a 7hr program (over 7 weeks). Students will work to find a solution to a world-wide program (ie recycling) and produce an app and present in a “Dragon’s Den” style. Promotes entrepreneurship and coding skills.
- Tech direct drive is ongoing. We will keep accepting donations to reach our goal. We hope to reach out to class parents to remind all families about the drive.
- Financials update: please see below.

Some points to note:

- Thank you to Dragon Fire Charity Foundation for their \$5000 donation!
- Tech Drive: Currently at \$5425 out of the \$20K; we have made arrangements with the school to move forward with the laptops and the school will use overage funds to cover and PAC will pay over this and next school year.
- Our budget for this year is good though we did not fulfill all of the wish list items and we can’t offer as many free events. We are hoping to raise more funds to prepare for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Our direct drive fundraising will help us out a great deal.

	\$ 30,710.00	\$ 5,380.00			
Expenses	General	Gaming			
Teacher Stipends	\$ 3,630.00				
Grade 7	\$ 2,000.00				
Laptops (14) @ \$700 each	\$ 10,000.00				
iPad Replacements (24) @ \$500 each	\$ 12,000.00			Breakdown	
Saleema Noon	\$ 367.50	\$ 1,207.50		General	\$ 20,285.00
Churchill/Hamber	\$ 200.00			Charity	\$ 5,000.00
	\$ 28,197.50			Direct Drive	\$ 5,425.00
Wish List				Total Bank	\$ 30,710.00
Carpet x 2		\$ 1,300.00			
Science	\$ 200.00			Gaming	\$ 5,380.00
Cooking - (ask for donations)					
Tables	\$ 1,350.00				
Stand Up desks	\$ 2,000.00				
Bluetooth Speaker - (ask for donation)	\$ -				
Playground Sports Equipment		\$ 1,300.00			
Osler Team Jerseys (30)		\$ 210.00			
	\$ 3,550.00	\$ 4,017.50			
Total expenses	\$ 31,747.50				
Field Trip Subsidy	\$ 500.00				
Xmas Drive/Hamper	\$ 200.00				
In-School Events	\$ 500.00				
Purdy's	\$ 535.00				
Hot Lunch	\$ 2,087.30				
Spooktacular	\$ 1,000.00				

- Pancake breakfast will be on December 5 at 8am in the activity room. The last time we hosted this was in 2019! Still need a few volunteers! Please let John know.
- Communications/Class Parents- most divisions now have Volunteer Class Parents, but we are still missing a few classes. If you know of someone in Ms. Tayler's or Ms. Papagiannis' class, please reach out.
- Would still like to have someone be a Communications Liaison (to help send PAC emails, announcements, updates). Please consider volunteering.
- DPAC meeting update: DPAC not in favour to reinstate student liaison officers into the schools and prefer that individual schools have the right to choose, but motion has been approved to reinstate. DPAC will further this discussion at future meetings. Other information about Queen Elizabeth Annex updates in upcoming DPAC meetings.

New Business

- Multicultural potluck (slotted for Feb 16). We will like someone to help coordinate this (set up email, organize dates, etc). Please let PAC know.
- There will be a program/workshop for the next 2 Pro-D Days (January 16, February 17). Details to follow.

Joanne motions to adjourn meeting, seconded by Ginny.
Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Principal Report #2

Tuesday November 29, 2022

We have seen all types of weather from the beginning of the school year, with drought like conditions, a downpour of two, balmy temperatures and now freezing conditions and snow. As always our dedicated building engineer continues to ensure the site is well maintained and safe. Osler will be ready for all types of weather! I would ask that parents ensure that they remain vigilant when driving children to school to drive for the conditions and park only in designated parking zones.

We have moved from eating in the classrooms to eating in the Activity Room. This new procedure has transitioned well and continue to fine tune the process especially with our hot lunch providers. This seems to be going well at the moment. The time spent outside has decreased as eating lunch now takes place during this period. This means that the time in class can now be dedicated to instructional minutes. Teachers are also cognisant that students may need a body break in the afternoon.

The Student Family Affordability Fund allotment given to each school dependent on the school size has been brought forward to the PAC co-chairs as well as the staff. This money will go towards opportunities for all students to participate in such as presentations and fieldtrips. It will also be used to support families in need.

Teachers continue provide students extra opportunities within the school, such as sports and leadership. Mr. O'Hara's volleyball is coming to a close, while Mr. Ogilvie will be starting up basketball in the coming weeks. The Leadership Team continues to support school spirit and causes such as Covenant House and Vancouver Food Bank. This year, like in the past, they will be holding a Christmas craft sale. Please see upcoming Friday letters for updated information.

We welcome Mr. Scott Jensen to the Division 4 ExSEL program as Ms. Welwyn has gone on maternity leave. She had her baby girl last week. Congratulations Heather and we can't wait for you to bring the baby over to Osler!

Please continue to read the Osler Friday Letters to stay current.

Kindly,
Rosemary Thomas