

King George Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting (Via Zoom) – October 9, 2024

PAC Executives in attendance: Julia Kaplun, Catherine Reid, Kateryna Visotskii King George (KG) Administration in attendance: Tyler Evans, Denise Clark

Participants: 46

Minutes

- 19:30 Welcome Recognition of unceded lands Catherine
- 19:35 Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes September 11, 2024 MOTION: Julia and SECOND: Kateryna PASSED
- 19:37 Nomination for New PAC Executive Members and Members at Large Catherine
 - Nomination of Rahim Rayani as KG PAC Treasurer 2024-2025 school year.
 MOTION: Julia and SECOND: Kateryna PASSED
 - Nomination of Michelle Webster as KG PAC Secretary 2024-2025 school year.
 MOTION: Steph and SECOND: Kateryna PASSED
 - Nomination of Cindy Perez Bocanegra as KG PAC Design and Marketing 2024-2025 school year. MOTION: Julia and SECOND Michelle - PASSED
 - Nomination of Julia Kaplun as KG PAC Fundraising 2024-2025 school year.
 MOTION: Steph and SECOND: Kateryna PASSED
 - Nomination of Krista Lee Hanson, Bonnie James, Vidula Gaitonde, Amber McElroy, Francesca Murray and Kateryna Visotskii as KG PAC Members at Large 2024-2025 school year. MOTION: Steph and SECOND: Michelle - PASSED
- 19:45 Treasurer's Report Rahim Update:
 - The PAC welcomed Rahim as newly appointed Treasurer to present on the KG PAC Accounts to date
 - Rahim introduced himself and outlined that his first assignment as PAC Treasurer was to manage the BC Gaming Grant and funding requests from the school
 - BC Gaming Grant is a Community Gaming Grant applied for and awarded to BC public schools to promote extracurricular activities, each PAC is eligible for \$20 per student per year



- BC Gaming Grants are to be used for school clubs, field trips, sports equipment and to fund any community building activities. For high schools, specific events like graduation, outdoor projects and artistic collaborations can also be considered
- KG was awarded a BC Gaming Grant of \$12,720 this year
- KG school request totalled approximately \$30,000 this year
- KG PAC decided to commit \$16,970 based on available funds
- Financial spreadsheet was presented to outline program requests, amounts, totals for each club, and what KG PAC is prepared to contribute given available funds with comparables to last year's contributions (spreadsheet will be posted on the school website with today's minutes)
- Last week, PAC Executives passed a vote to support any club that approaches them who
 want to do their own fundraising, with a fundraising plan within \$150-200 start up funds
 towards fundraising supplies
- More financing might be available to a few programs pending further explanation of support requests
- Leaves a balance in the KG PAC account of approx \$2,200 moving forward
- Fundraising activities are being planned to increase this account for unforeseen expenses and a second round of school requests in the Spring
- Based on fundraising totals from last year, approx \$5,000 can be raised by the KG PAC
- Direct appeal is another funding option for the KG PAC where donations can be made directly through the King George School Website with the added benefit of a tax receipt for donations. Donations by December 31, 2024 can be claimed for this year
- In conclusion, more fundraising and donations this year would directly help the KG PAC to support more activities for the school
- Julia added that the biggest money maker last year was the Direct Appeal deposit, and a special letter promoting the direct deposit process will be sent out in the coming weeks
- Parents commented on the clear and concise presentation and gave positive feedback regarding the outline of funding goals and expectations for the coming year with many thanks to Rahim for providing this information

20.00 Principal's Report - Tyler Update:

• Tyler thanked Rahim for the KG PAC financial presentation to properly introduce the parents to importance of the KG PAC mandates and procedures



- Stated that he was encouraged at how conversations about KG PAC supporting initiatives in the school and connections to the community align with the KG school's three essential goals this year:
 - 1) to connect students to curriculum and to connect them to their course work;
 - 2) to connect students to their community through athletics, clubs, volunteerism, and/or leadership; and
 - 3) to support the increase of indigenous knowledge and awareness
- Reported that it is great to see the connections with the KG parent and guardian community to the school
- Reported that KG had fantastic school participation in the Terry Fox Run. A great thank you for Scott Derganc (KG Counsellor, Grade 8/10/11) and Paul De Groot (KG Physical Education Teacher) for organizing this event
- Regarding new school hires, Ellis Zhang had joined the RISE Team. One teaching position remains open
- Interim Reports are posted on Friday, October 11th. Denise Clark, Vice Principal, will help parents to navigate the report card process
- Athletics have started in full force with volleyball and open gym practices to help support students to be physically active. Introductions have been made to staff member coaches and community volunteers who are helping to build athletic skills in sport specific areas
- Student Council hosted a clubs day and classes went through the displays in the afternoon to learn more information about any clubs that they would like to join
- Vancouver School Board (VSB) Career Programs hosted two presentations involving career programs to help students individualize their course work in their Grade 11 and 12 year

20:10 Report Cards 101 - Denise Update

- The PAC welcomed Denise Clark, Vice-Principal, to provide an outline of the coming interim report card grading system and upcoming student assessment reports
- First informal learning update, officially called interim reporting, will be published on Friday, October 11, 2024
- There are 6 reporting reporting events over the course of the school year including written and informal reports and parent teacher conference



- BC Curriculum guidelines can be found on curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/reporting/K-12-student-reporting-one-pager-for-parents-and-caregivers.pdf
- K-12 Student Reporting Information for Parents and Caregivers can be found on curriculum.gov.bc.ca/reporting/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers
- letter grade and percentages are shown at Grade 10-12 (MYP also at Grade 8-9). Mid-year reporting for grade 10-12 outline credits required for Graduation.
- The October 11, 2024 interim reports are to provide descriptive feedback
- If teachers have noticed that a student is facing challenges in some areas, they may ask them to attend FIT for extra help and may be communicating with parents via email
- For any questions regarding the interim report, please contact your child's classroom teacher directly. Additional support can be provided through school counsellors or RISE block assistants.
- Upcoming parent teacher conferences are booked appointments via microsoft teams
- MYP (Middle Years) assessment practices are not seen in this reporting period, and an overview of the MYP process will be addressed at the November PAC meeting

20:30 Meeting Conclusion - Catherine

- Many thanks and great appreciation to Rahim, Tyler and Denise for sharing their time and expertise to outline PAC initiatives, provide school updates and clarify academic reporting guidelines
- Next KG PAC meeting is Wednesday, November 13, 2024

20:35 Meeting Adjourned