

**Magee PAC Meeting (& Open house)
1 October 2024
-Summary-**

Position	Name	In Attendance
PAC Co-Chairs	Shannon Ezekiel	✓
	Tiffany Lee	✓
Treasurer	Sandra Cheng	✓
Secretary	Karena Guan	✓
Member-at-Large	Angie Zhang, Chen Yang, Christina Saunders, Helen Yu, Hengda Liu, Janice Bakas, Joanna Zhang, Mary Ma, Marzie de Pangher, Vivian Miao, Joanne Carmen, Linda Xiang	✓
District Parent Advisory Council Rep	NA	
Number of Parents in Attendance (including Executive)	Open house attendees over 100	
GUESTS: Magee Principal Magee Teachers	Raza Mirani	✓ ✓

PAC Meeting Facilitators: PAC Exec

Meeting start: 7:00pm

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement	
Tiffany/Shannon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magee acknowledges that we are visitors to the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples: sk̓wxwú7mesh (Squamish), sel̓ilwitulh (Tseil-Waututh), and x̣ẉṃə̣θḳẉə̣ỵəm (Musqueam) nations

2. Approval of Agenda		
Agenda for Oct.1.2024	Review (Appendix 1) Call for additions - none	First: Shannon Second: Sandra Approved

3. Approval of Minutes from last meeting		
Meeting minutes from Apr.16.2024	Review (Appendix 2) Call for discussion - none	First: Shannon Second: Sandra Approved

4. Meeting Minutes

1. Opening Remarks

- Co-chairs Tiffany and Shannon welcomed attendees and acknowledged the meeting on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

2. Performances & Introductions

- Magee Chamber Choir performed.
- Introduction of PAC executives, teachers, and administrative staff, including new Principal Raza Mirani and Vice Principal Brenda Dowle.

3. Administrative Updates

- Principal Mirani praised Magee's culture of excellence in academics, arts, and sports.
- Highlighted needs: replacement of aging laptops and upgrades to the auditorium.

4. Key Discussions

- Traffic Safety: Certificates awarded to traffic volunteers; more volunteers needed.
- Europe Trip: Two-week trip during spring break for Grades 10–12; contact social studies teachers for details.
- Grad Committee: Seeking volunteers for Grade 12 graduation planning.

5. Fundraising Goals

- Direct Donation Drive launched to raise \$76,000 for technology, uniforms, and student support (nutrition and resources). Donations eligible for tax receipts via School Cash Online.

6. Upcoming Events

- US Post-Secondary Fair: October 9, 6:30–9:00 PM, open to all VSB students.
- SPARTS Information Night: October 16, 5:30 PM.

7. Closing Activities

- Introduced parent group leaders (WhatsApp/WeChat) for each grade.
- School tour offered to attendees.

Contact Information: PAC inquiries at pac.magee@gmail.com or visit mageepac.com.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15PM



Magee PAC Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, October 1, 2024

- 1) Introduction to PAC Executive committee for 2024-2025
- 2) Introduction to Principal Raza Mirani, Magee Administrators and Teachers
- 3) Presentation of Traffic Monitor Volunteer recognition certificates
- 4) Performance by Magee Music students (directed by Mr. Gregory Quan)
- 5) Europe Trip for Gr.10-Gr.12 students – Spring Break 2025
- 6) Grade 12 Grad Parents' committee

Please email pac.magee@gmail.com by October 10th to join the committee

- 7) Magee Direct Donation Drive starting in mid-October
- 8) Q&A for Magee administrators, teachers, PAC
- 9) Door prize draw
- 10) Introduction to Parent Chat Group leaders
- 11) Magee school tours led by Gr.12 Peer helpers

12) PAC General meeting dates:	October 1 st	Open House
	December 3 rd	Meeting & Winter Social
	February 4 th	Meeting & Lunar New Year Celebration
	April 1 st	Meeting & Parent Info Session
	June 10 th	Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thanks for joining us for tonight's PAC meeting and Open House!

Appendix 2

**Magee PAC Meeting
16 April 2024
-Summary-**

Position	Name	Attendance
PAC Co-Chairs	Shannon Ezekiel	✓
	Sarah Jordan	X
Treasurer Assistant Treasurer	Sandra Cheng	X
	Sophia Wang	X
Secretary Assistant Secretary	Mira Laza	✓
	VACANT	
Member-at-Large	Janice Bakas (Special Events & Hospitality)	✓
	Tiffany Lee (Communications & Direct Donations)	✓
	Michelle Zhao (Translator & ELL Parent Liaison)	X
	Stella Dyankova (Website Manager)	X
	Joanna Zhang (Website Assistant & ELL Parent Liaison)	X
	Marzie de Pangher (Parent Education)	✓
	Stephanie Burns	✓
District Parent Advisory Council Rep	VACANT	
Number of Parents in Attendance (including Executive)	12 (?) parents	
GUESTS: Magee Principal Gr 12 Counsellor	Dr. Andrew Schofield Danniel Lin	✓ ✓

PAC Meeting Facilitators: Shannon Ezekiel
Sarah Jordan

Meeting start: 7:00pm

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement		
Shannon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magee acknowledges that we are visitors to the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples: skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), selíłwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam) nations 	
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes		
Magee PAC Meeting Agenda, 16 Apr 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Agenda (See Appendix 1 enclosed) Call for additions to agenda: - None 	MOTION: To approve the agenda of Magee

<p>Minutes from PAC Meeting, 06 Feb 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review of Minutes (See Appendix 2 attached) ● Discussion... NONE 	<p>PAC Meeting, 16 Apr 2024</p> <p>First: Janice Second: Marzie Vote: None opposed MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION: To approve the minutes of Magee PAC Meeting, 06 Feb, 2024</p> <p>First: Janice Second: Tiffany Vote: None opposed MOTION CARRIED</p>
<h3>3. School Staff Updates</h3>		
<p>Dr. Andrew Schofield Principal</p>	<p>Magee News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upcoming events: Mainstage “Hair”, jazz concert ● Artswork on display ● Art on <i>Charter of Rights and Freedoms</i> <p>Volunteering positions for students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opportunities displayed next to the Counsellor office <p>Mercury Rising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kimberly Foundation ● Legitimate organization that had been verified and interviewed by principal ● No gloom and doom, but rather how we can work together to make a better future ● Gr 8 to 12 students will be mixed up and informed together ● Meanwhile, the teachers will focus on the mid-term report cards ● Breakout session <p>School Fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working document distributed to participants 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal & Assistant Principal had reviewed and revised the fees in order to take into account the inflation; -Some fees have increased (Ex: art supplies, photography, ceramics supplies, culinary arts, textiles, engineering 11/12); -Other fees have decreased, as the books are increasingly printed in the school If students leave the school happy and content, then all is good 😊 <p>Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: Classes during Mercury Rising? A: No, as this info is just as important from an academic point of view. Teachers had adjusted their teaching to accommodate Mercury Rising <p>Asian Heritage Cultural Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many events take place in the school, but most of them are focused on Western traditions The Asian Heritage Cultural Event will focus on Asian (Chinese, Indian etc.) opera, dance, other live performances ... 	
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4. PAC Exec Updates

<p>Shannon Ezekiel, Sarah Jordan (PAC Co-Chair)</p>	<p>April 25th US Post-Secondary Fair: 3-5PM at Magee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to all VSB students In the Rotunda <p>Mercury Rising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 29-30th - Mercury Rising – 2 day immersive climate change workshop by Kimberley Foundation <p>AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 4th Discuss grants, distribution of funding, requests from teachers and staff are prioritized and fulfilled <p>Staff Appreciation Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June - date to be discussed <p>Mainstage Production “Hair”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 2nd, 3rd and 8th, 9th <p>PAC Exec Positions to Fill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 12 parents graduating PLEASE HELP! 	
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- Need Secretary... this is an absolutely needed position for Gaming Grants

5. Exploring Multisensory Learning at Magee

Marzie de Pangher
CYMH Clinician

- Looking at school environment and trying to make it work for everybody (Ex: some students are bothered by noise, by itchy labels etc)
- Sensory rooms have been available since 1970s for kids that need them... developed first in the Nederland, then in England, US, Canada (in the 1990s)
- Sensory rooms had become important for everybody not just for kids... compare with the environment hat you create at home to make you feel comfortable
- Some schools in BC use *Classroom Environment Scans* (form attached) that evaluate the classroom environment, trying to make it more comfortable for both students and teachers (Ex; student seating, sounds, lightning, work space, teacher's work space etc.)
- Try to develop a Multisensory Learning Package at Magee
 - Teachers will go through classes and try to figure out how to accommodate the space
- Ask kids what would be helpful for them in class
- Looking at the art displays in the school brings up awareness of areas that kids need to be improved
- The space design does contribute to the learning environment
- Sensory concerns are important especially for kids w ADHD, autism, stressed, tired
- Every kid is coping differently... try to normalize at school
- Need to consider the vulnerabilities that the kids come to school with: lack of sleep, lack of food, stress at home
- Some kids need Sensory Integration Rooms outside of school
- People use different senses: blind people hear better, deaf people observe more...
- Weighted blankets help ground the body
- Look throughout the house and try to make it more comfortable and calming
- Online event coming up on Tuesday, May 7th: *Connecting with Kids* by Kim Barthel, Occupational therapist... Info disseminated during meeting

- If parents have any specific questions regarding their own children, please come forward

Q&A

- Q: Not just for kids with designations?
- A: First, try to create a positive environment for all kids Ex: Culture change regarding fidget toys, headphones, smells (Foods class), noise (woodwork class)
- Q: Release stress?
- A: Becoming aware of what is bothering you (sound, light etc.) is very important... making light a bit softer... how much the kids sleep, when do they eat
- Q: How can we actually make accommodations at school?
- A: Try to make well know things available; fidget toys, light, sounds, headphones. Questionnaire to kids... they may not even be aware...
- AS: Teachers should try to stop thinking the way they did before. Realize that there is a multisensory aspect to teaching. Do not force kids into areas they are not feeling comfortable to.
- Q: What to do before a competition?
A: Practice mindfulness - the more senses you involve, the more relaxed you become; Arrive early to sink in the environment; One competition affects the results of the next (the body remembers)
- *Comment Re: Asian Heritage Cultural Event*
 - A variety of arts: opera, dance, etc
 - Need volunteers... will email PAC
 - Fundraiser: silent auction

Upcoming PAC meetings: June 4th (AGM)

GOOD NIGHT AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

Meeting adjourned: 8:45PM