

**Magee PAC Meeting
13 December 2022
-Summary-**

Position	Name	In Attendance
PAC Co-Chairs	Shannon Ezekiel Sarah Jordan	✓ ✓
Treasurer	Monica Tang	✓
Secretary	Mira Laza	✓
Member-at-Large	Janice Bakas (Event/Hospitality Coordinator) Maria Hubinette (Past Co-Chair) Michelle Zhao (Chinese Parents Liaison & Translator) Sandra Cheng (Volunteer Coordinator & Fundraising) Stella Dyankova (Website Coordinator) Stephanie Burns	✓ ✓ On-line? On-line? On-line? On-line?
District Parent Advisory Council Rep	Skye Richards	On-line
Number of Parents in Attendance (including Executive)	48 parents (24 in person, 24 on-line)	
GUESTS: Magee Principal Gr 12 Counsellor	Dr. Andrew Schofield Daniel Lin	✓ ✓

PAC Meeting Facilitators: Shannon Ezekiel
Sarah Jordan

Meeting start: 7:15pm

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: sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and x̓^wməθk̓^wəy̓əm (Musqueam) 	
Polling/ Icebreaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents from each grade identified themselves by raise of hands 	
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes		
Magee PAC Meeting Agenda, 13 Dec 2022	<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 PAC Meeting, 13 Dec 2022 First: Mira Second: Monica Vote: None opposed MOTION CARRIED
Minutes from PAC Meeting, 11 Oct 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Minutes (See Appendix 2 attached) • Discussion... NONE 	MOTION: To approve the minutes of Magee PAC Meeting, 11 Oct, 2022 First: Monica Second: Janice Vote: None opposed MOTION
3. School Staff Updates		

Dr. Andrew
Schofield
Principal

- Many thanks to all the parents in attendance
- Gr 12... Graduation June 12, Dry Grad June 17 in Chan Center: better acoustics, bigger venue
- New Semester starts on Friday, Feb 3rd
- Feb 1st & 2nd = 'I' days, for students who need to complete their work
- "Semester Turnaround Experience" will take place on January 30th & 31st and it will include a whole range of activities; dates:
- **Liaison Officers** = uniformed and armed VPD police officers, introduced in high schools over 40 years ago to resolve any issues of concern. The School Liaison Officer program had worked effectively in the past, but in April 2021 it was terminated as some of the students and their families felt negatively impacted (both physically and mentally) by the presence of uniformed police in their schools. With new local elections, a motion was passed to send a letter to VPD to reinstate the police officers in the schools. No reply had been received yet, but the new School Liaison Officer program could look different than in the past... no uniform, no weapon etc. VSB does not have a budget for this...
- **Helping Fund** = money from the Ministry of Education were sent to each school to help families in need... the principal contacted the families and discussed their specific need for funding. If any family missed the message, **please come forward.**
- **Indigenous graduation requirement for students graduating in 2024...** the school decided that all Gr 11 students will take English First People 11, instead of English 11... identical outcome in terms of English ability, plus learning about the indigenous aspects of our culture. For future generations, this requirement can be taken in Gr 10, 11 or 12. Preferred in Gr 10 or 11, as Gr 12 English is used for admission to university all over the world... to prevent confusion
- **Absenteeism** due to flu, Covid etc... anticipated since August, the school was warned by the Ministry of Health, since 2 years wearing masks etc... up to 23.5% students absent from flu... similarly, teachers had been sick... support w teacher coverage... shortage of SSA (support) workers (600 across the district)... Learning Experience and

Mr Daniel Lin,
Gr 12 Counsellor

- Successfully moving along towards the end of the first semester
- Parent-Teacher interviews upcoming... 6 min each... should not necessarily be the only time to communicate with teachers. Email the teacher of interest, and possibly meet before/ after school and during FIT, if necessary.
- Over the winter holidays prepare for last push for end of semester... final assessment will be a challenge for some of the students. Parents, please support the kids
- Planning for next school year: In Jan counsellors will talk with students about courses for next year... classes of interest will be discussed in English classes (last 2 weeks of Jan or first 2 weeks in Term 2)... determine the best course of action
- Advancement to H courses is not an expectation for all students. Families should not feel at a disadvantage for not taking advanced classes. Advancement could be a good solution for some students, but not for all.
- There is a lot of advantages for students to stay in their cohort. Unfortunately, some students are very disappointed (even crying) for not being able to take advanced summer classes... Please consider using the summer time for other fun activities... many students are already burnt out trying to go to university as soon as possible. There are other important skills necessary in life other than the academic advancement. Be slow and systematic and try to gain non-academic skills during high school
- General conversations with Gr 11 in terms of choosing their classes for next year... MyEdBC input directly
- Post Sec BC advertised in the school... advertised to Gr 10, 11 and 12... mostly Gr 10 and 11 students
- Had schools from all over Canada participate in info sessions with the students in Gr 10, 11 and 12
- Make sure that students have all info regarding admission and scholarships. Some students from Gr 10 and 11 have already approached Gr 12 Counsellor regarding scholarships... new document will be published on Magee website.

4. DPAC Updates		
<p>Skye Richards <i>(Report submitted prior to the meeting)</i></p>	<p>4 discussion items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School liaison ● Government Funding ● Cold and flu ● Participation in BCPAC 	
5. PAC Exec Updates		
<p>Direct Drive, Monica, Treasurer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Goal: \$20K ● Present: \$11,748 ● Only 50% of our goal was met as by the end of Oct ● Direct Drive 2.0 would help with increased funding at school; create a ‘cushion’ for next year... If each family would donate only \$20, we would exceed the goal. PLEASE participate... not necessarily large amounts, but just participation would be great... If donations will come in Jan, tax receipt for next year ● Any feedback of Direct Drive? Are parents aware of it? Do parents have questions about where the money go? ● Q: What would be the minimum amount expected to be donated??? ● A: Discussion and debate, since some people 	
<p>Parking Update Shannon</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need to fix this situation (i.e. “creative driving”)... parents on the phone, U-turns etc... ● Please respect the No Stopping zone... risk for our children to get hit by cars ● Please move along as soon as you drop off the kids ● Start a volunteer program... come to the office and take “No Stopping” sandwich boards, place them in front of the school ● PLEASE work as a community 	

<p>Parent Education Shannon</p>	<p>Four sessions planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1. Jan – SACY (teen mental health & wellness, technology, substance use) ● 2. Feb/Mar – Post-sec info night prior to course planning for next year ● 3. Apr – Sustainability ● 4. May – Capacity Café – teens from Hamber Secondary will come to talk with parents at Magee about their teen-related challenges. Parents from Hamber will listen to students at Magee. <p>All info on PAC website: pac.magee@gmail.com updated by Stella. Pls ask by email if you have</p>	
<p>6. Feedback from Parents</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None in person 	

GOOD NIGHT AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

Meeting adjourned: 8:38PM

Appendix 1

NOTICE OF MEETING – MAGEE PAC GENERAL MEETING

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Location: Magee + Zoom (NOTE - virtual component will be limited to listening to updates only)

2022-2023 Magee Secondary Executive Members

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PAC Co-Chairs	Shannon Ezekiel Sarah Jordan
Treasurer	Monica Tang
Secretary	Mira Laza
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District Parent Advisory	Skye Richards (Past Co-Chair)

AGENDA

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Refreshments / parent social
(optional) 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - PAC meeting

1. Land acknowledgement (1 min)
2. Approval of agenda and minutes (4 mins)
3. School staff updates - Dr. Schofield and counsellors (20 mins)
4. DPAC updates (10 mins)
5. PAC exec updates (10 mins)
 - a. Direct drive
 - b. Parking Update
 - c. Parent education
6. Feedback from parents (any feedback needed from PAC?)

Appendix 2

**Magee PAC Meeting
11 October 2022
-Summary-**

Position	Name	In Attendance
PAC Co-Chairs	Shannon Ezekiel Sarah Jordan	✓ ✓
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Secretary	Mira Laza	✓
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District Parent Advisory Council Rep	Skye Richards	✓
Number of Parents in Attendance (including Executive)	45 parents (27 in person, 18 on-line)	
GUESTS: Magee Principal Magee Gr 12 Counsellor SACY Program SACY Program Safe & Caring Schools	Dr. Andrew Schofield Danniel Lin Carmen Kaufman Ted Holkestad Niamh (Neeve) Ryan	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

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7. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement		
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- Many thanks to all the parents in attendance
- Magee Secondary is a safe school that has zero tolerance for harassment, bullying, racism etc... If any of these issues arise, they are dealt with immediately, but not in a punitive way... empathy and respect for each other's differences are strongly encouraged
- Many new students with Canadian citizenship started at Magee in September 2022... new blocks of courses had to be made available, and balancing of classes was challenging... some classes had too many students, while others had very few... consequently, some students had to change classes after school started
- The school does not have any control over course names (Ex: AP European History)
- If enough students select/request a course (~27 people), then the school will offer it, otherwise it would not make financial sense (*Note: 12 students are not enough for a course to be offered*)... Similarly, there is a maximum cap on the number of students per class: 30 students for most of classes... 28 students for English, 26 students for Foods... Class composition is also important to balance (i.e students with special needs etc.)... semester system applies even more pressure on balancing classes and sorting them out...
- The school encourages and appreciates feedback from students, parents and PAC
- Other important themes at Magee are: reconciliation, respectful diversity and climate change

Q&A

- Q: Are there any activities aimed at welcoming and integrating Grade 8s into the school?
- A: Yes. *Grade 8 Show* on October 7th (Block 4), upcoming *Grade 8 BBQ* and other events...
- Q: Parents are concerned about the student safety at drop-off and pick-up
- A: Indeed, the school is concerned about students' safety, as well... parents had been advised in numerous occasions to drive carefully and respect rules and traffic signs around the school... also, the principal himself is often present in front of the school at drop-off and pick-up trying to encourage parents to

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- Presently, about a quarter of Semester 1 has already passed
- Interim reports will be provided soon to students and parents, in different forms: direct discussion, email, letter etc. related mostly to student work habits and other comments
- Course changes for Semester 1 would be very difficult to make at this point time... form to be signed by student, parent, counsellor and admin ... it is preferable that students keep the courses that they presently have
- Postsecondary institutions are starting to visit secondary schools... students can ask questions
- New information is constantly published on Gr 12 TEAMS regarding scholarships, academic visits to the school etc.
- This info is not always sent to parents, as well... need a certain level of accountability and motivation from students...
- U Vic will visit Magee on Friday, October 14th at noon... Grades 11 and 12 are invited...
- For students from other provinces/countries, please do reach out to school counsellors to confirm graduation requirements
- Grade 8 BBQ is scheduled for October 25 during FIT and Block 2... organized by Peer Counselling... celebration of Grade 8 students built in Magee culture

Q&A

- Q: Grade 11 parent asked about sports/ academic scholarship... are there any opportunities at Magee for visits from schools abroad?
- A: All postsecondary information had been posted so far for Grade 12 students only, as many of these opportunities are specifically directed to them (i.e. students cannot sign up for these events earlier than Grade 12)... Info about Career Fare event at West Point Grey Academy was posted for Grade 12 only... Upcoming sessions talking about postsecondary opportunities for Grade 11 and 12 Magee students will be scheduled during FIT time... For BC, deadline Dec 1 (earliest), for US Nov 1 (for most schools)...
- Q: Would it be possible to add Grade 11

11.PAC Exec Updates

Treasurer,
Monica Tang
*(Report submitted
prior to the
meeting)*

Year end 2021-2022

- All payments due to reimburse the school for costs carried in the last academic year have been paid.
- Total: \$26,266.03
- \$21,427.00 (from the gaming grant)
- \$4,839.03 (from direct donations).
- All gaming grant money has been spent within the 3 year timeline requirement.

Current year 2022-2023

Account balances as of October 7th, 2022:

- Vancity Gaming Acct: \$18,520 (\$20 x 926 students)
- Vancity General Acct: \$2,950.78
- PAC Direct donations: \$9,628.55
 - Carryover from last year: \$5,438.55
 - New donations: \$4,190 (\$2,240 online + \$1,950 school office).
- Gaming grant report for 2021-2022 has been submitted.
- Presently PAC has access to \$31,099.33 in revenue (note there are still two outstanding cheques to clear totalling \$328).

Treasurer's Comments:

- At this time we are in a decent position for our current year because we have not incurred any expenses. The big expense transfer happens at the end of the school year.
- However, we have only hit **49%** of our direct donation goal for the year (\$4190 of \$8500). Our current comfortable financial position is entirely due to carryover donations (\$5,438.55) from the last couple of years. This occurred as a result of COVID and less expenditures being possible due to reduced extra-curricular programming-- however these will ramp up as pandemic conditions recede, and the remaining funds will probably be spent this year.
- Therefore, if direct donations do not pick-up, we will be in a severe school support cutting position when budget discussions begin in the

12.SACY Update (Supporting and Connecting Youth)

**Niamh (Neeve)
Ryan**

Safe and Caring Schools (SCS)

- New VSB program providing individual intervention and prevention
- One SCS rep in each school
- More info in the next months
- While in school:
 - Makes sure that all students are feeling safe
 - Raises awareness
 - Acts in best interest of students
- Magee rep:
Neeve Ryan
nryan@vsb.bc.ca
Available: Mon & Wed

**Carmen
Kaufmann**

SACY

- VSB program focusing on substance use prevention and brief intervention
- Helping with transitions for youth
- Focusing on “at risk” youth, but reaching out to all school community
- Creating opportunities for parents and teens to communicate with each other through various events (Ex. *Capacity Café(s)* which are organized at individual secondary schools on a rotating basis)

Ted Holkestad

Youth Stream:

- Magee rep:
Ted Holkestad
tholkestad@vsb.bc.ca
604-349-0106
Available: Friday (in class or individually)
(Ted is a SACY youth resource for 3 schools)
- Plans to organize *Capacity Café* at Magee in the near future – evening gathering where youth from other schools talk to parents at Magee about their life experience as teens.

Parent Stream:

- Magee rep:
Carmen Kaufmann
ckaufmann@vsb.bc.ca
604-690-9261
Available: by phone/email
(Carmen in a SACY parent coordinator for 8 schools)

13. Discussion on Parent Needs/Requests/Engagement for 2022 -2023

- PAC would like to hear from parents in terms of their interests for parent education and social opportunities... Please fill the forms or speak up 😊
- Grateful to be present at the social last week... more social experiences with Grade groups would be welcome
- Parent social opportunities (i.e. walking, biking, visiting each other...)
- Create new traditions... grade socials or other events hosted by senior classes for younger students (i.e. hikes, bike rides, team sports, dinner etc.)
- Gr 12 parents would be interested in events related to preparation for postsecondary education (i.e. applications, deadlines etc.)
- PAC could organize postsecondary meetings, inviting local universities, gap-year folks etc. to talk with parents and students
- Parents are grateful to teachers and counsellors who are very dedicated to their craft, but do not have the resources to organize this type of events. Therefore, **PAC would get involved in hosting a postsecondary event a.s.a.p**
- Q: Can parents get info regarding the postsecondary event hosted on October 6th by West Point Grey Academy?
- A1: Unfortunately, Magee no longer has a postsecondary dedicated Career Counsellor, therefore it is hard for the school to follow up with all postsecondary events that are happening around town
- A2: Magee PAC encourages all parents to participate in the upcoming Vancouver civic elections and VOTE for those school trustee candidates who will support increased funding and new resources for public schools
- Q: When would parents prefer to meet and socialize... daytime, evening or weekends?

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Meeting adjourned: 8:31PM