

**Magee PAC Meeting  
21 February 2023  
-Summary-**

Position	Name	In Attendance
<b>PAC Co-Chairs</b>	Shannon Ezekiel	✓
	Sarah Jordan	X
<b>Treasurer</b>	Monica Tang	✓
<b>Secretary</b>	Mira Laza	✓
<b>Member-at-Large</b>	Janice Bakas (Event/Hospitality Coordinator)	✓
	Maria Hubinette (Past Co-Chair)	X
	Michelle Zhao (Chinese Parents Liaison & Translator)	X
	Sandra Cheng (Volunteer Coordinator & Fundraising)	X
	Stella Dyankova (Website Coordinator)	✓
	Stephanie Burns Tiffany xxx	X
<b>District Parent Advisory Council Rep</b>	Skye Richards	X
<b>Number of Parents in Attendance (including Executive)</b>	20 parents	
<b>GUESTS: Magee Principal</b>	Dr. Andrew Schofield	✓

**PAC Meeting Facilitators:** Shannon Ezekiel

**Meeting start:** 7:00pm

<b>1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement</b>		
<b>Shannon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Magee acknowledges that we are visitors to the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples: sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), sel̓l̓wítulh (Tseil-Waututh), and x̓m̓əθk̓w̓əy̓əm (Musqueam) nations</li> </ul>	
<b>2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes</b>		
<b>Magee PAC Meeting Agenda, 21 Feb 2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of Agenda (See Appendix 1 enclosed)</li> <li>Call for additions to agenda:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- None</li> </ul> </li> <li>Review of Minutes (See Appendix 2 attached)</li> </ul>	<b>MOTION:</b> To approve the agenda of Magee PAC Meeting, 21 Feb 2023 and the minutes of

<b>Minutes from PAC Meeting, 13 Dec 2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion... NONE</li> </ul>	<p>Magee PAC Meeting, 13 Dec 2022</p> <p>First: Mira Second: Cathy Vote: None opposed MOTION CARRIED</p>
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### 3. School Staff Updates

<b>Dr. Andrew Schofield Principal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <i>semester turnaround activities</i> (STA) aimed at tapping on student’s multiple intelligences beyond typical academic activities such as literacy, numeracy etc</li> <li>• Looking at the whole variety of activities offered, it was noticed that most students chose rock climbing skiing, visiting the Planetarium etc... Need to re-assess and re-organize.</li> <li>• Need to mandate some of the activities such as sexual exploitation (for both girls and boys) and other educational talks (i.e. impaired driving)</li> <li>• Going forward the school will redesign and create mandatory sessions</li>   <li>• <i>1 Days</i>... teachers connected with students who had low marks (~50% level) in an attempt to help them move forward...</li> <li>• For the future, teachers should invite students at all academic levels and encourage them to get better regardless of their marks. Also, the students should be encouraged to self-asses and determine themselves if they would like to try to improve their marks during <i>1 Days</i></li> <li>• Similarly, for FIT time, kids need to be in class and strive to get better, rather than spend time in the hallway... The administration will strive to re-organize these flexible time slots for the benefit of the students.</li> <li>• For next year we need to have all kids in class during FIT getting better at what they do</li>   <li>• <i>The general tone in the school</i>... We need to strike a balance between encouraging kids to have a happy time in school, but at the same time to straighten the rules around appropriate behavior, vacation time during the school time etc... The</li> </ul>	
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administration will create a documented trail of paperwork to be used in cases of severe inappropriate behaviour... referral to counselling and admin... School is not a dropping center for youth...

#### Positive Events

- Magee student organized a Clothing Swap as a part of her CLC 12 (capstone project)... ordering tables from VSB, getting table clothes, running the whole event... debrief with Principal to improve delivery of future events of this kind
- Jazz Show on Friday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Parents are encouraged to come forward with issues that need to be addressed in the school
- Black History Month ... too little done so far... just displays and class activities
- Misogynistic activities and hate speech are not accepted at school under any circumstance
- Staff Advisory Committee meeting - announcements should be kept at 4 min or less (Presently too long by ~1.3 sec :)...)

#### Q&A

- Q: How does the school promote and reinforce positive behaviours?
- A: Positive behaviour is the standard expected at the school ... Meaningful awards are offered to the children... Motivation is different for different children.
- Some unacceptable behavior cannot be tolerated at all: spraying bear-spray on school walls etc.
- Q: How can students get involved with activities outside of the class. How do they become aware of events that are happening in the school?
- A: Most SPARTS only get the morning announcements... best information in class or the last page of the newsletter... The school needs to get a better handle of presenting activities in the school calendar
- Q: How do we get students to search online information in the right way?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A: Difficult question... This is one of the 2 issues that the humanity faces right now, next to climate change</li> </ul>	
<b>4. Parent Education</b>		
	<p><b>“Vaping: Supporting Youth to Make an Informed Decision”</b></p> <p><b>Lauren Wilkinson</b>  Tobacco &amp; Vapour Reduction Coordinator  Vancouver Coastal Health</p> <p>Office: 604-675-3800 Ext 67449  Email: lauren.wilkinson@vch.ca</p>	

**GOOD NIGHT AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!**

**Meeting adjourned: 7:40PM (PAC Meeting)**

Appendix 1

**NOTICE OF MEETING – MAGEE PAC GENERAL MEETING**

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 PM

**Location:** Magee

**2022-2023 Magee Secondary Executive Members**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>PAC Co-Chairs</b>	Shannon Ezekiel Sarah Jordan
<b>Treasurer</b>	Monica Tang
<b>Secretary</b>	Mira Laza
<b>Members-at-Large</b>	Maria Hubinette (Past Co-Chair) Janice Bakas (Event/hospitality Coordinator) Michelle Zhao (Chinese Parents Liaison & Translator) Sandra Cheng (Volunteer Coordinator & Fundraising) Stella Dyankova (Website Coordinator) Tiffany Lee (Communications) Stephanie Burns
<b>District Parent Advisory Council</b>	Skye Richards (Past Co-Chair)

**AGENDA**

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm – PAC meeting

1. Land acknowledgement (1 min)
2. Approval of agenda and minutes (4 mins)
3. School staff updates - Dr. Schofield and counsellors (25mins)

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm – Guest speaker on “Tobacco and Vaping” from Vancouver Coastal Health

Appendix 2

**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)	On-line
	Sandra Cheng (Volunteer Coordinator & Fundraising)	On-line
	Stella Dyankova (Website Coordinator)	On-line
	Stephanie Burns Tiffany xxx	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)	
<b>GUESTS:</b> Magee Principal Gr 12 Counsellor	Dr. Andrew Schofield Daniel Lin	✓ ✓

**PAC Meeting Facilitators:** Shannon Ezekiel  
Sarah Jordan

**Meeting start: 7:15pm**

<b>5. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement</b>		
Shannon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Magee acknowledges that we are visitors to the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples: s̓k̓w̓x̓w̓ú7mesh (Squamish), sel̓l̓w̓it̓ulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and x̓w̓m̓əθk̓w̓əy̓əm (Musqueam) nations</li> </ul>	
Polling/Icebreaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents from each grade identified themselves by raise of hands</li> </ul>	
<b>6. Approval of Agenda and Minutes</b>		
Magee PAC Meeting Agenda, 13 Dec 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of Agenda (See Appendix 1 enclosed)</li> <li>Call for additions to agenda: - None</li> </ul>	<b>MOTION:</b> To approve the agenda of Magee

<p><b>Minutes from PAC Meeting, 11 Oct 2022</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review of Minutes (See Appendix 2 attached)</li> <li>● Discussion... NONE</li> </ul>	<p>PAC Meeting, 13 Dec 2022</p> <p>First: Mira Second: Monica Vote: None opposed MOTION CARRIED</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> To approve the minutes of Magee PAC Meeting, 11 Oct, 2022</p> <p>First: Monica Second: Janice Vote: None opposed MOTION CARRIED</p>
<p><b>7. School Staff Updates</b></p>		
<p><b>Dr. Andrew Schofield Principal</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Many thanks to all the parents in attendance</li> <li>● Gr 12... Graduation June 12, Dry Grad June 17 in Chan Center: better acoustics, bigger venue</li> <li>● New Semester starts on Friday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>● Feb 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> = 'I' days, for students who need to complete their work</li> <li>● "Semester Turnaround Experience" will take place on January 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; 31<sup>st</sup> and it will include a whole range of activities; dates:</li> <li>● <b>Liaison Officers</b> = 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 passes 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</li> </ul>	

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 flue, 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 Life Skills programs were mostly affected for this reason... some other teachers had been redeployed to these 2 programs... **FALLING BEHIND???** NO... against the law in BC... opportunities to catch up during FIT
- Jumping a grade, if kids are above the level of the class... accommodations through the school, with principal, counsellor, parents and students in conversation... some students in Gr 11 and 12 are doing university Math. Gr 8 Honours Math>>Math 9... For kids who want to move up, testing and moving up... Not necessarily best thing to graduate too early, as the kids mature socially during the 5 years of high school

#### **Q&A**

- Q: Clubs...very little info online, how is info communicated
- A: Already 60 clubs in the school... best for student to communicate with principal and/or counsellor to connect student with club leader... Parent to email school and express child's interest for a specific club. Principal can get schedule, but does not know



	<p>specifically the times slots... Do encourage kids to join clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Q: Can kids still join clubs now</li> <li>● A: Yes, never to late</li>   <li>● Q: Survey... semester system. Any new info?</li> <li>● A: VSB driven. School knows % of kids and parents who answered yes or No to the semester system... response in the new year...</li>   <li>● Q: Who will make the decision? Prof staff or trustees?</li> <li>● A: Decision made by professional staff most probably, then put it forward to the trusteeed</li>   <li>● Q: What time will the grad happen</li> <li>● A: Formal Graduation on June 12 possibly at 3PM... affects the cost of the event, as well. Prefer to use the money endowed to the school (\$60K available) to students, through scholarships</li>   <li>● Q: Police officers in the school will wear uniform?</li> <li>● A: No school based consultation as of yet. Three public meetings so far... some consultations with various organizations, parent organizations etc, but school board trustees preferred to decide themselves. HOWEVER, there is no reply from VPD yet</li>   <li>● Q: Status of Honours (H) classes?</li> <li>● A: No H classes available this year. If students are very proficient in a certain subject, they can move up a grade in that specific subject. It does not make professional education sense to create Honours classes for just few students, who can still use their abilities in a different way.</li> <li>● Does the school have the time and staff for H classes?</li> <li>● No. Therefore, the resources will go rather towards a larger number of vulnerable learners, instead of a small number of Honours students This approach makes more sense at Magee.</li> </ul>	
<p>Mr Daniel Lin, <b>Gr 12 Counsellor</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Successfully moving along towards the end of the first semester</li> <li>● Parent-Teacher interviews upcoming... 6 min each... should not necessarily be the only time to</li> </ul>	

	<p>communicate with teachers. Email the teacher of interest, and possibly meet before/after school and during FIT, if necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 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</li><li>● 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</li><li>● <u>Advancement to H courses is not an expectation for all students.</u> 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.</li><li>● 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</li><li>● General conversations with Gr 11 in terms of choosing their classes for next year... MyEdBC input directly</li><li>● Post Sec BC advertised in the school... advertised to Gr 10, 11 and 12... mostly Gr 10 and 11 students</li><li>● Had schools from all over Canada participate in info sessions with the students in Gr 10, 11 and 12</li><li>● 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.</li><li>● Various types of scholarships, mostly made available at the end of the year.</li><li>● <b>Goal:</b> <u>successful people on a long term.</u> However, they need to be balanced and happy in order to be able to keep up with the pressure on the long term</li><li>● <b>Grade 8 Dance</b> Jan 20 5:30-8:30PM &gt;&gt; Winter Wonderland theme</li></ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grad Council working on other Gr 12 events throughout the year</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q: Where is the info regarding graduation requirements posted?</li> <li>• A: Majority of info regarding post-secondary institutions in on Teams, but last doc on Website</li> </ul>	
<b>8. DPAC Updates</b>		
<p>Skye Richards <i>(Report submitted prior to the meeting)</i></p>	<p>4 discussion items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School liaison</li> <li>• Government Funding</li> <li>• Cold and flu</li> <li>• Participation in BCPAC</li> </ul>	
<b>9. PAC Exec Updates</b>		
<p><b>Direct Drive,</b> Monica, Treasurer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal: \$20K</li> <li>• Present: \$11,748</li> <li>• Only 50% of our goal was met as by the end of Oct</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Any feedback of Direct Drive? Are parents aware of it? Do parents have questions about where the money go?</li> <li>• Q: What would be the minimum amount expected to be donated???</li> <li>• A: Discussion and debate, since some people cannot afford... School accountant confirmed donations from less than \$20 to hundreds of dollars... Any amount is good</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Parking Update</b> Shannon</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to fix this situation (i.e. “creative driving”)... parents on the phone, U-turns etc...</li> <li>• Please respect the <b>No Stopping</b> zone... risk for our children to get hit by cars</li> <li>• Please move along as soon as you drop off the kids</li> <li>• Start a volunteer program... come to the office and take “No Stopping” sandwich boards, place them in front of the school</li> <li>• PLEASE work as a community</li> <li>• No sign-up sheet... if it happens to be here in the morning, it would be fine</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Parent Education</b> Shannon</p>	<p>Four sessions planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1. Jan – SACY (teen mental health &amp; wellness, technology, substance use)</li> <li>● 2. Feb/Mar – Post-sec info night prior to course planning for next year</li> <li>● 3. Apr – Sustainability</li> <li>● 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.</li> </ul> <p>All info on PAC website: <a href="mailto:pac.magee@gmail.com">pac.magee@gmail.com</a> updated by Stella. Pls ask by email if you have any questions or suggestions.</p>	
<p><b>10. Feedback from Parents</b></p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None in person</li> </ul>	

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**Meeting adjourned: 8:38PM**