

**Magee PAC Annual General Meeting
14 June 2022 - In person
-Summary-**

Position	Name	In Attendance
PAC Co-Chairs	Skye Richards Maria Hubinette	✓ ✓
Treasurer	Monica Tang	✓
Secretary	Mira Laza	✓
Fundraising and Volunteer Coordinator	Sandra Cheng	✓
Communications Coordinator	Sarah Jordan	X
Social Coordinator	Shannon Ezekiel	✓
Communications (ELL Support and Translator)	Raine Yu Liu	✓
Website Management and Tech Support	Johnny Liu	X
Website Design and Fundraising	Stela Dyankova	X
Member-at-Large	Janice Bakas	✓
District Parent Advisory Council Rep	TBD	X
Number of Parents in Attendance (including Executive)		12 at start
GUESTS:		
Magee Principal	Dr. Andrew Schofield	✓
PAC Liaison	Ms Susan Pearson	✓
Counsellor	Ms. Lynn Lercher	✓

PAC Meeting Facilitators: Skye Richards
Maria Hubinette

Meeting start: 7:05pm

1. Welcome and Introductions (Skye Richards)

Acknowledgement of Territory (Skye Richards)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magee Secondary acknowledges that we are visitors to the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples: skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), sel̓l̓wítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) nations 	
First Nations Roots (Skye Richards)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cedar, white sage, blue sage, sweet grass, mix... cleansing exercise • Drumming exercise... the Water Song • Magee PAC AGM Presentation 2022 by Skye Richards (See Appendix 1) • UN Declaration of Rights • BC Tripartite Education • June 21st – National Indigenous Peoples Day 	
2. Agenda and Minutes		
2021 Magee PAC AGM Minutes Approval (Skye Richards, PAC Co-Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of 2021 Magee PAC AGM Minutes (See Appendix 2) 	<p>MOTION: To approve the minutes of 2021 Magee PAC AGM</p> <p>First: Skye Richards Second: Sandra Cheng Voting by show of hands: majority in favour MOTION CARRIED</p>
2022 Magee PAC Meeting Agenda (Maria Hubinette, PAC Co-Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Agenda (See Appendix 3) • Call for additions to agenda • Add motion to change in Constitution at the moment of new PAC Exec voting 	<p>MOTION: To approve the agenda of 2022 Magee PAC AGM</p> <p>First: Skye Richards Second: Sandra Cheng Voting by show of hands: majority in favour MOTION CARRIED</p>
3. Magee PAC Accomplishments 2021-2022 (Maria Hubinette)		

<p>2021-2022 Summary of Accomplishments</p>	<p>Building Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o PAC general meetings o Monthly Lions' Lot Café (Next date: June 24th) o WhatsApp Parent Chats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Parents & Caregivers o Luncheon <p>Parent Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Climate Courage</i> presented by Dr. Linda Thyer from Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) <p>Advocacy & Connection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o DPAC, BCCPAC (District and Provincial)- Thank you, Skye o School Community Local Focus o Seismic o Road Safety and Traffic o Rebuild website <p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Gaming Grant o Direct Donation – thanks to the parents who had donated to the school o FlipGive o Bottle Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Translation of by-laws... Thank you, Raine 	
<p>4. School Team Presentations</p>		
<p>Susan Pearson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many thanks for supporting the teachers through fundraisers and in many other ways 	

<p>(Teacher-PAC Liaison)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Magee Library Learning Commons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laminated Bookmarks for Gr 8 and 9 from the library ● Introducing www.GoodReads.com website for all students.... All Gr 8-12 have an account ... setting a reading challenge... organizing the books by date, author etc.... adding preferred genre... keeping track of all books read, stats etc ● Cross-literacies embedded in the website ● Q: Could students see each other's reads? ● A: Yes. Students cannot link w Social Media, but can invite friends... when book finished, it pops up on friends' account ● GoodReads app also available... helps with book clubs etc. ● Kids have access to electronic resources through Magee Library Learning Commons... https://library.vsb.bc.ca/ ... excellent resource for different areas of expertise: infectious disease, other sciences etc ● Magee library originally started with 3 books in the Fiction/Non-Fiction collection... many more now... ● Biography section... many new titles ● Students use the library for studying during FIT times (as many as 150 students at a time) ● Library club – student volunteers collectively spend ~ over 1,000 hours in the library... help the teacher librarian: checking books out, labeling, shelving books etc ● Parties for the students are also hosted in the library with different occasions: Halloween, Christmas etc 	
<p>Lynn Lercher</p>		

<p>(Counseling Department)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Counseling Department strives to provide the students with a safe and welcoming space in the Counseling Suite <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 8-12 Social Events ● Core Competencies ● Course Planning ● Anti-Racism/Anti-Bullying ● Mental Wellness ● Graduation ● Ms. Lercher will be retiring at the end of the year ● Several years ago Magee had 5 counselors (one per grade). This was an excellent option for following up with the students throughout their entire high school experience, from Gr 8 to 12 ● Budget cuts: 3.5 counselors left... ● Major struggle, particularly during and after Covid-19 pandemic, which caused serious mental health issues... Situations of major concern that used to be raised seldomly in the past, are now occurring on a regular basis. At the same time, specialized help is not available immediately, but rather after waiting for 4-6 weeks ● Hard to lead the connection with kids in absence of field trips or other face-to-face activities ● For the school year 2022-2023, Magee will have 4 counselors ● Grade 8 support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In the past this was the “easy” grade... now there is much more support needed... peer counseling (Gr 12) helps ● Grade 12 support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social events were still organized this year: Grad breakfast, Grad BBQ, Matchmaking, Graduation ceremony etc ● Course Planning 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Timetable under construction presently ● Graduation... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Challenging, as the school year ends at the very end of June, rather than at the beginning of June... ● Most stressful Gr 12 ever... ● June 15th at 7:45AM Grad rehearsal, and convocation in the afternoon... ● June 17th at 7 PM Graduation Ceremony (students arrive at 5:45PM)... ● June 18th - Dry Grad <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Organized by parents ● Some teachers will be attending ● Very fun event with hypnotist show, tatoos, photo booth, food etc ● Location: at school, overnight ● Thank you for the community... not like this in every school... we all work together: counselors, staff, faculty, PAC 	
<p>Dr Andrew Schofield (Principal)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thank you for advice and directions ● We need to do more on all levels, support the teachers to support the kids... inspiring the next generation ● Vision: anti-racism and diversity... kids need to feel safe and secure ● Major Challenge: prepare the kids for the future focusing on the challenges that they will be facing (i.e. climate change, social injustice etc.) ● Mental health challenge is huge ● The impact of financial cutbacks is very significant as the issues are increasing in number and intensity ● Intergenerational gap observed between Gr 8 and Gr 12students in terms of social media exposure, as well as other aspects 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need to advocate for every kid in the system, keep people aware that kids are going through challenging times ● Need to maintain core values ● Kids are amazing at Magee... they support each other ● Due to financial cutbacks only 1 (instead of 2) vice-principal position will be maintained in the school ● Next 10 years will be increasingly challenging, but the kids will be fine ● Thank you to PAC ● Q: What support would be needed from the school community? ● A: Consistent and militant dialogue regarding any issue (racism, bullying etc) is absolutely needed. Educational debate on the principles of social justice.... ● Q: What challenges do you think affect the school system as a whole? ● A: Magee cannot offer students as many courses as they could because of declining enrollment. This is a common issue among secondary schools in the city (800-900 students at Magee, as well as in the schools around)... Drama, Arts, other electives are at risk every year... ● DPAC is opposed to school closures, so there is a lot of advocacy needed to explain the potential advantages that closing schools might possibly bring on the long term ● <i>2022-2023 Standardized General School Fee Schedule (See Appendix 4)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The fees were discussed and a MOTION* was considered. However, since this document is standardized and required by VSB as such, Magee PAC felt that there was no need to vote on the fees, but rather to acknowledge them. 	<p>*PAC decided against putting up a MOTION to</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: What is the graduation fee used for if not for Dry Grad? The parents organizing the actual Dry Grad event at Magee do not have access to these funds. Could grad fees be decreased from \$100 (presently)? • A: No, the graduation fee cannot be decreased. This usually covers for the rental of the space where the graduation ceremony is taking place. In 2022 the event was hosted in the school (i.e. no cost for the rental of the building), however, the price for lights & sound was very high (approx. \$10,000)... Next year the graduation ceremony will take place at the Chan Center at UBC... Presently only ~198 students out of 220 had paid the graduation fee... • 34% absenteeism among Gr 12 students in the last several days of school (i.e. because of Covid-19 or other reasons) 	<p>approve the schedule of fees, as they are standardized by VSB</p>
<h3>5. Updates (placeholders)</h3>		
DPAC Rep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM Registration - Meeting June 23rd - looking for DPAC Rep with time commitment of 4 hrs/mth to attend DPAC meetings and PAC meetings 	
Volunteer Area Rep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Rep from each grade (PAC Exec Members at Large) • Parent liaisons from music, drama, sports, art shows, updates (Reporteres) 	
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working together to help fund departments and extracurricular programming - How can we plan more together? Work with other parent teams, like those in the music, drama, sports departments • Please make a direct donation or join the Magee FlipGive Team. By making online purchase at many popular stores you help build funds 	

Website Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeps parents informed and community spirit high; increase web traffic and create a dynamic site. Need to coordinate with others in the executive so that they are aware of what is going on and to make sure that the calendar and pages are current. Strong communication is key to information transferring effectively. Executives use <i>Slack</i> channels to coordinate 	
6. Treasurer's Report (Monica Tang)		
PAC Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The treasurer's responsibility is to maintain transparency in how the money are received and spent The major sources of funding for Magee PAC throughout the year are: Direct Donations (DD) and Gaming Grants (GG) Direct Donations are received mostly from parents, who prefer that money are spent during the school year when the donation was made Gaming Grant allocations are based on the total number of students enrolled in June of each year (\$20/student) PAC executive meets and reviews all applications in order to decide how much money is allocated to each teacher/project proposed The teachers and staff are advised not to spend the money until confirmation of receipt <p>2021-2022 Annual Review</p> <p>Revenues: \$27,798.43</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaming grant→\$18,380 General acct→ \$883.43 Direct donation→\$8,535 <p>Expenses: \$27,262.91</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum enrichment →\$5,200 	

- Equipment→\$6,000
- Technology→\$493.66
- Clubs & Programs→\$14,572.37
- PAC Operating→996.88

Current cash positions:

Vancity operating acct→\$1,209.34

Vancity gaming acct→\$21,502

VSB PAC donations→\$14,294.36

Proposed 2022-2023 PAC Budget (See Appendix 5)

Revenue: \$27,500

- Gaming grant \$19,000
- Direct donations \$8,500

Expenses: \$25,500

- Curriculum enrichment→ \$12,500
- Equipment→\$1,500
- Technology→\$2,000
- Clubs & Programs→\$6,500

Surplus proposal: suggestion to hold \$2,000 surplus to put toward a Cyclorama purchase. This would be capital fundraising priority. (PAC + Magee Music Society + other fundraising)

Q&A

- Q: Does Magee generally try to keep a surplus?
- A: It is good practice to keep a 5-10% buffer for price changes and emergencies. Try not to hold back large amounts of money as parents prefer to have their money spent on their own kids while in school, rather than on future generations... If there is a desire from PAC to save a certain %, we can do this... In the

	<p>past large amounts of money were held, and parents were unhappy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: Are there fundraising events organized by the school? • A1: Yes, there had been in the past, before Covid: Music Society Market Fair, Bottle Drive, Shredding... • A2: Other fundraising events would be possible if PAC agrees: Fundraising dinners, silent auction etc. • Q: Could parents donate for a specific area? • A: Yes, with School Cash Online parents can specify... Magee does not have a “wish list” ready... Possible equity issue: some schools are underfunded • Q: Does money donated through School Cash Online go directly to school??? • A: Yes. Specify “Magee PAC” • MOTION for budget approval 	<p>MOTION: -To approve the 2022-2023 Magee PAC Budget including proposed Gaming Grant expenditures</p> <p>First: Skye Richards Second: Mira Laza Voting by show of hands: majority in favour MOTION CARRIED</p>
<p>7. 2022-2023 PAC Executive Nominations and Election (Skye Richards)</p>		
	<p>Proposal for a Motion Received by PAC from a Magee Parent</p> <p>Background information: It had been recently decided that one of the two Vice Principal positions at Magee will be cut for the upcoming school year, due to budget constraints and enrollment allocations for staffing. Consequently, Magee will be left with only one Principal and one Vice Principal administration positions.</p> <p>Discussion</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each administration position within VSB is equivalent to 7 blocks (i.e. 1 admin=7 blocks... 3 admin=21 block) • The same block system is used for academic activities, therefore, in order to “build” admin positions, the blocks would be taken away from teachers • VSB only took away 1 block from Magee due to a lower student enrollment, therefore it would have been more difficult to build back a 3rd admin position • There are many schools who have just 2 administrators... To keep 3 admin positions, other classes would need to be cut: counseling, electives etc... • It was decided to rather give back 6 blocks to the teachers... • Nevertheless, the school will suffer the loss of one very capable and appreciated Vice Principal: Mr. Pospisil <p>What Can Be Done Now?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 potential strategies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Approach the provincial government and ask for more funding 2- Advocate with VSB to re-consider the threshold of 900 students, particularly in the context when the issue of school closures is off the table, and consequently the enrollment numbers will continue to decline. <p>Observations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need advocacy for overall funding, not just for one person/situation • Cannot advocate for this particular issue, without considering the domino effect (i.e. the lost of other classes) <p>MOTION forward</p> <p>PAC Executive 2022-2023: Nominations and Voting</p>	<p>MOTION: To renew PAC advocacy work for extra resources and funding for areas including but not limited to counseling, academic support etc</p> <p>First: Stephanie Burns Second: Maria Hubinette Voting by show of hands: majority in favour MOTION CARRIED</p>
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	<p>Officer Positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Co-chair: Shannon Ezekiel ● Co-chair: Sarah Jordan ● Treasurer: Monica Tang ● Secretary: Mira Laza <p>DPAC Rep: Skye Richards (past co-chair)</p> <p>Members at Large:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sandra Cheng ● Janice Bakas ● Stela Dyankova ● Stephanie Burns ● Maria Hubinette (past co-chair) <p>MOTION: To accept 2022-2023 Magee PAC Executive slate as proposed above</p> <p>Potential teams for Roles and Duties Descriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communications ● Assistant to the Treasurer or Co-Treasurer: Potential Position ● Assistants to the Secretary: Potential Position ● Website Manager ● Volunteers ● Fundraising ● Other volunteers (unelected support roles) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Johnny Liu (Web Manager - Calendar) 	<p>MOTION: To approve the PAC Executive 2022-2023 as nominated</p> <p>First: Maria Hubinette Second: Monica Tang Voting by ballot: unanimously in favour MOTION CARRIED</p>
8. PAC Meeting Wrap-Up		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thank you for everybody's participation ● Be mindful and remember the good things 😊 	

Meeting adjourned: 9:44pm

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1: Magee PAC AGM Presentation 2022

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1OkimPJ094TQQmDK8T1CYQHJ_ladPEx9e/edit#slide=id.p1

Appendix 2: Magee PAC AGM Minutes 2021

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xMny2kancI8iMbiC5iSAX9ScepUGm6bC/edit#heading=h.1fob9te>

Appendix 3: Magee PAC AGM Agenda 2022

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p26f_SgGMRvh8p8z-AqbeIyxj4B-BIrJ/edit#heading=h.gidgxs

Appendix 4: 2022-2023 Standardized General School Fee Schedule

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1EbqwOHiRXSZlu0DBL2_iKQvppzLkecZq

Appendix 5: 2022-2023 Magee PAC Budget (including proposed Gaming Grant Expenditures)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mbtWEBRcBuzI1wj1UnMFIEpdLOGgLChk/edit#gid=1424210260>