

**Magee PAC Meeting  
11 April 2023  
-Summary-**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>
<b>PAC Co-Chairs</b>	Shannon Ezekiel Sarah Jordan	✓ ✓
<b>Treasurer</b>	Monica Tang	X
<b>Secretary</b>	Mira Laza	✓
<b>Member-at-Large</b>	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	✓ X X X X ✓ ✓
<b>District Parent Advisory Council Rep</b>	Skye Richards	✓
<b>Number of Parents in Attendance (including Executive)</b>	17 parents	
<b>GUESTS: Magee Principal Grade 12 Counsellor</b>	Dr. Andrew Schofield Mr. Daniel Lin	✓ ✓

**PAC Meeting Facilitators:** Shannon Ezekiel

**Meeting start:** 7:07pm

<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: sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish), sel̓ílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and x̓<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy̓əm (Musqueam)</li> </ul>	
<b>2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes</b>		

<p><b>Magee PAC Meeting Agenda, 11 April 2023</b></p> <p><b>Minutes from PAC Meeting, 21 Feb 2023</b></p>	<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> <li>● Discussion... NONE</li> </ul>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> To approve the agenda of Magee PAC Meeting, 11 Apr 2023 and the minutes of Magee PAC Meeting, 21 Feb 2023</p> <p>First: Sarah Second: Tiffany Vote: None opposed</p>
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**3. PAC Updates**

	<p>Urban Roots Fundraiser (Shannon)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pop-up plant nursery</li> <li>● 10% pre-tax purchases made in Kerrisdale during the month April will go back to Magee PAC</li> <li>● Ad on PAC website and PAC Facebook page</li> </ul> <p>Staff Appreciation Lunch (Janice)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sending info shortly: volunteering, food donations etc.</li> </ul> <p>Gaming Grant Applications (Sarah)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Proposals from school are put forward every spring to be funded through BC Gaming Grant</li> </ul> <p>Call for 2023-2024 PAC Exec Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Looking for any help that can be provided... back up secretary, treasurer etc.</li> <li>● Email PAC address or personal</li> </ul> <p>Music Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Very talented group of children</li> <li>● First trip in many years... expensive</li> <li>● Fundraisers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shredding event on May 6 by donation at the school</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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**4. School Staff Updates**

Dr. Andrew Schofield  
**Principal**

- Thank you to PAC and Music Society for everything they do
- One of the struggles brought about by the technological evolution is related to the new “language” that it brings
- Another major struggle of our times is climate change
- As parents and educators, we need to help our kids find a “language” to navigate the future; enormous impact that needs to be re-evaluated. Magee students do learn music and have high academic standards, but they also need to learn other aspects of the future
- Magee Newsletter – out today
- Impressive work done by the teachers

Daniel Lin

- Course selection done for next year
- Midterm marks done at the end of the month
- Assessments take place in different classes, therefore the level of stress is increased
- End of May: Parent -Teacher interviews
- Upcoming International and US University Fair on April 28 (Magee), April 29 (Vancouver Convention Center), and May 9 (US specific, high level sports -UBC Alumni Center)
- Students can come over earlier to the Magee event and talk with presenters
- QR code on advertising material connects to Canadian representative for one-on-one advice

Q&A

- Q: RE: Course selection...when is it too late if students change their minds?
- A: Different opportunities to change for what is available, both at the end of the school year and in the first weeks of the next. Hopefully not too many students make major changes
  
- Q: Any similar event regarding Canadian Universities
- A: Canadian Universities events... Google for info sessions
  
- Dr S: Challenge w young students (Gr 9) requesting high level classes (ex: Calculus 12) ... students must be given the opportunity to develop at their own pace
- Mr Lin: If students accelerate, by Gr 12 they may have social difficulties not being able to

## 5. Parent Education – Urban Gardening

**Skye Richards**

**Ian Marcuse &  
Victoria Buffalo  
Robe**

- Introduction and traditional song

**Urban Gardening and Food Network Presentation**

- Gardening pedagogy helps bring the education outdoors... gardens are a tangible way to connect with the land
- Benefits: play, joy, beauty, human interaction, communication, relaxation, integration, inquiry
- Investigate the cause & effect quality that builds resiliency in people
- Land based learning, environmental stewardship
- The art of noticing: scientific inquiry (identifying, classifying etc.), sensory observations (smell the flower, being mindful about its beauty...), use of technology (tools, medicinal role etc.)
- Relevance... learning moments: ecology, nutrition, self-reliance, home economics, social engagement
- Responsibility... responsive without being reactive, critical thinking
- Resiliency... going outside in a cold and rainy day
- Transmission of knowledge... experiential learning, story telling

Learning Opportunities

- Planning and Design: professional designers and landscape architects
- Carpentry: plant boxes
- Landscaping
- Exercise
- Indigenous knowledge and learning
- Healthy eating and nutrition
- Cooking with ingredients grown in the garden
- Beekeeping... potentially raising native bee colonies
- Herbal medicines
- Soil science... analyze the soil
- Entomology... looking for insects inside the soil
- Botany
- Composting rebuilding soil

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

**Meeting adjourned: 7:40PM (PAC Meeting) 8:46PM (Parent Education)**

Appendix 1

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

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023

**Time:** 7:00 – 7:30 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. PAC updates (5 mins)
  - Urban Roots fundraiser
  - Staff appreciation lunch in June
  - Update on gaming grant applications
  - Call for 2023-2024 PAC exec members
4. School staff updates - Dr. Schofield (20 mins)

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm – Guest speakers on “Food Security: Plants as Food & Medicine”

Appendix 2

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

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>
<b>PAC Co-Chairs</b>	Shannon Ezekiel Sarah Jordan	✓ X
<b>Treasurer</b>	Monica Tang	✓
<b>Secretary</b>	Mira Laza	✓
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<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

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## 7. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

**Magee PAC Meeting Agenda, 21 Feb 2023**

- Review of Agenda (See Appendix 1 enclosed)
- Call for additions to agenda:  
- None

**Minutes from PAC Meeting, 13 Dec 2022**

- Review of Minutes (See Appendix 2 attached)
- Discussion... NONE

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda of Magee PAC Meeting, 21 Feb 2023 and the minutes of Magee PAC Meeting, 13 Dec 2022

First: Mira  
Second: Cathy  
Vote: None opposed

## 8. School Staff Updates



Dr. Andrew Schofield  
Principal

- The *semester turnaround activities* (STA) aimed at tapping on student's multiple intelligences beyond typical academic activities such as literacy, numeracy etc
- 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.
- Need to mandate some of the activities such as sexual exploitation (for both girls and boys) and other educational talks (i.e. impaired driving)
- Going forward the school will redesign and create mandatory sessions
  
- *I Days*... teachers connected with students who had low marks (~50% level) in an attempt to help them move forward...
- 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 Days*
- 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.
- For next year we need to have all kids in class during FIT getting better at what they do
  
- *The general tone in the school*... 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 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

<b>9. 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>	

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