

**Pinetree Secondary School
PAC Minutes of the Meeting
September 20, 2010, 7:15 PM**

Attendees(10):

Mr. and Mrs. Monica Oh Lee	Lois Swanson, PAC Treasurer
Lisa Sinclair	Thu Tran Nishi, SPC / DPAC Rep
Mariella Ruddy, PAC Chair / SPC	Michelle Sather, DPAC Rep
Darlene Liboiron, PAC Co-Chair / SPC	
John Mccullough, Pinetree Sec. Sch. Pres.	
Nenilyn Valerio, PAC Secretary	

Opening Remarks:

John and Mariella, welcomes everyone most esp. Mr. and Mrs. Lee for attending the first PAC meeting. It is hoped to encourage more parents in PAC as the year progresses and everybody is welcome to attend and find out important facts and figures encompassing our child's education.

The meeting has been called to order and agenda discussed as follows:

CASH FLOW STATEMENT (Attachment I)

by Lois Swanson, PAC Treasurer

Wrapping up the budget is the statement of cash flow dated July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010. It indicates the funds from both the **General Account** (*a carry over from last year*) and the **Gaming Account** (*presently reduced from 28% to 14% or at \$20/student; and restricts spending of money on anything related to instructional needs or curriculum*).

The **General Account** Column.

While the fund amounts to \$6,249.53, the items under the cash outflow (money spent) totalled \$3,760.xx. Thereby, current money in the bank for the General Account is **\$ 2,489.53**.

The **Gaming Account** Column

While the grant received amounts to \$20,741.49, the items under the cash outflow (money spent), with expenses covering: After-Grad Committee and Celebration; Athletic's First Aid Kit; Automotive shears and batteries; Awards and venue rental related to Commencement;...list goes on (as clearly stated under the Description Column)...the total expenses amounts to \$12,865.84.

While the remaining funds in the bank indicates \$7,875.65, it must be noted that there is a budgetted spending in the amount of \$6,822.18. Thereby, the money in the bank under the Gaming Account is **\$ 1,053.47**

In **Summary,**

The sum of *funds available* is **\$ 3,543.xx**.

While discussions from Lois to Mariella and Darlene's further led to increasing the funds thru Open Term Investments (at least until April 2011) and Fund Raising (that

generates more money i.e. bottle recycling, car wash) there is a need for budget deliberations once Gaming Grant is released this Sept. 30, 2010 and the teachers have submitted their specific requests/needs to John. To note is that Lois will submit options for investment to Mariella and Darlene for deliberation too.

Thu, emphasized that **most parents have to be informed that** as early as September events such as the *Winter Sail, Dinner Dance, After Grad*, and even books or **most expenses are not covered by the government**. But expenses are instead covered by the **help from parents either by donations/collections or fund raising**.

Both Lois and Darlene added that parents and student involvement on all school activities i.e. After Grad Committees will become life experiences i.e. learning from the actual setting up of the stage, dance...; or parents explore or police the actual happenings on such school events.

In finality, Mariella explained the PAC and members decide and vote on how the funds are spent according to the limits set by the Gaming Grants and also participates on raising funds and school events.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

by John Mccullough, Pinetree Sec. Sch. President

Talked about Pinetree as most parents are interested in knowing what goes on in school while many have businesses at PAC to take care of.

Speaking of the first few days, it has not been a good start. Kids came to school, they could not get in to counselling; keep getting changes on their timetables; they didn't get the courses they wanted; some felt they are not wanted in their respective counsellors because the Grade 12s came in first and were handed out pink slips. Grade 9s most esp. didn't get a chance to get in the door until Thursday, September 15, 2010. This is due to the increase in registration of new kids in school. Pinetree's up 70 kids of projection, it's a hard time building timetables for kids. Even a hard time giving kids eight courses. So the kids keep having their courses moved around because there's no space for them. Decisions have been made as to which kids came first, with that including the international students also came first.

But as of September 19, 2010, two new teachers have been hired. This means building more sections in the timetable. As Mr. Bruneau have said, 320 kids were impacted because more sections were adapted to build the timetables. It means taking kids timetables and moved it to balance the number of kids in each course. So those kids got their new timetables and their parents have received letters from the office. Kids have accepted it politely although it is not to their liking. It has been explained to their parents why it happened and how the school is trying to accommodate the kids. For the most part everybody is going to get what they want, it will just take time. Second semester is wide open now for kids to come and see their counsellors in October to move some things around. It's been a struggle this year, unlike a year ago, when two teachers has been declared a surplus. The school did not have the students last year. So it has been a struggle to get it up and going.

Besides all this, the majority of kids are happy and things are now going along smoothly. John's big concern now is who will the teachers be, to come in to take the jobs because their coming up a recall. There are teachers that lost their job of low seniority and low experience. Can they come in and do the jobs that are left? As the school does not post

jobs. It is put out there and people are coming in. Fortunately, a gentleman who's going to teach Socials and English, Block3, is a graduate of Pinetree Secondary. He's at practicum and is teaching from the district, of and on for two years. So he has been chosen to do the job on English 10, English 11, and Social Studies 10. However, Math and Science 10 and 9 has no teacher and still waiting for a qualified instructor.

About the Grade 12s, each are getting a lanyard with a flash drive on its end. Its got a code GTEL with a video and would be a surprise, a must see. The Grade 9s will have a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Grade12s to welcome them to school. At the same time, as a welcome back to Grade 12s' final year in school is a BBQ get together plus Dole beverages sponsored by Pepsi.

Another event to make the Grade 12s remember their stay and leaving behind the school is the Seniors' Sail. It's a sail from Downtown Vancouver to the Indian Arm from 5:30-11:00. There are no events for the Grade 11s, mainly because September is really about the grade 9s and 12s.

At the first day of school, all kids have attended the assembly. John, discussed the Pillars of Pinetree. Pillars that are non-negotiable, sans absences, success a key feature of what to do to attain it. Refocuses that school is not about hanging out in the foyer or the park.

John mentioned too, that the Flu-bug is moving around. Students are encouraged on sanitizing. A Pro-D is upcoming at the Boatmill House in Rocky Point, Port Moody. Discussions will center on APL or Action Plan for Learning. A student council is on its way of getting new key members. Almost 138 applied for the council though only 30 is needed. Most applicants were from Grades 9, 10, and 11. It's encouraged to have more Grade 9s. A lock-down is also on its way. The involvement of Douglas and Pinetree Community is eminent. Pinetree of the month is also geared, though there are not enough sponsors this time around. Reformatting it is on the table.

Finally, John showed us a copy of the Pinetree Staff and student photos, requested from us to show him our kids, generally find out who our kids are. He is providing at least one copy of this years' photo mag to the PAC. Wrapping-up his report are cafeteria tokens for the kids of the PAC meeting attendees and a delicious treat of homemade cookies. Yum!

DPAC Report

By Mariella Rutty, PAC Chair

The DPAC Orientation is upcoming, registrations are available online, anyone may attend to get an idea of the DPAC's plans for the year. Last year's speaker was Tom Grant. Also, Family and support group for special needs kids is available, a copy of which shall be made available online thru Yvonne Chan.

An after grad committee needs volunteers. Nancy has posted the info at the bulletin for all parents. This is the best time for the Grade 11s to participate to gain experience for their own grad. Donations will be needed to make this affair happen. PAC gives out money to help and parents and grad counsels' help will make this a success.

PAC Health and Safety Representative position is open. The PAC is inviting an interested parent to join and help.

About the multi-cultural parents' meeting, Korean and Chinese Parents, PAC members would love to hear from each focus group. Thu inquired how it works as in PAC being

together in one meeting will bring forth more results. A question on translation to their respective language has been raised by one of the members, John replied by stating how years before, help came from Mina Kim who translates it back to the parents.

SPC Report

By Darlene Liboiron, PAC Co-Chair and SPC

Discussions on class size and composition, ie 29 classes of 30 kids per class is the standard. District requires no more than 3 kids of special needs per class of 30 kids. Todate, there are 5kids of special needs per class and 2/3s with assistants juggling 3 special needs students. Timetable is still being worked out by John where the 2-3 kids will be.

General Discussion

Ask the Librarian for a PAC shelf. Top 3 criterias for the budget. Next PAC meeting on OCTOBER 18, 2010.

Meeting adjourned 9:30PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Nenilyn Valerio", written over a horizontal line.

Minutes prepared by Nenilyn Valerio, PAC Secretary