

Magee PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Attendance: Principle R. Mirani Vice Principal Travis Bel, Mary Ma, Janice Bakas, Karena Kwan, Angie Zhang , Marzie Panagher, Vivian Miao, Shannon Ezekiel, Tiffany Lee, Helen Yu, Joanne Carman, Christina Baker, Joanna Zhang, Counsellor Danniell Lin+ over 40 parents

Absent: Sandra Cheng, Chen Yang, Hengda Liu, Linda Xiang

1. Land Acknowledgement

The meeting began with a land acknowledgment to honor the traditional territories of the Indigenous peoples.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes from December 3, 2024

- The draft agenda for the current meeting was reviewed. No changes were proposed.
- Minutes from the December 3, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Parent Information Sessions – Marzie De Pangher

- April 15 Presentation by Dr. Deborah MacNamara:
 - Focus on parenting challenges related to internet access, phone usage, and fostering independence in children.
 - Open to parents from neighboring schools, with priority seating for Magee parents.
 - Tickets will be distributed via email; early registration is encouraged.
- Parental Self-Compassion:
 - Emphasized the importance of self-care and supporting children's problem-solving skills.

4. Principal's Update

- Introduction of Vice Principal Travis Bell:
 - Welcomed Travis Bell as the new Vice Principal.
- Magee Stage Upgrade:
 - Critical Issues:
 - Structural safety concerns (e.g., unstable edges, damaged electrical systems).
 - Outdated lighting and non-functional equipment (e.g., projectors, soundboards).
 - Proposed Solutions:
 - Modular staging system to allow flexible use and safer performances.
 - Gradual transition to LED lighting over 5 years, with an estimated budget of \$200,000.
 - Temporary fixes for urgent electrical repairs.
 - Funding Challenges:
 - Current budget relies on ticket sales and ads, insufficient for major upgrades.
 - Parents encouraged to advocate for school board funding during budget sessions.

5. Nominations for 2025/26 PAC Positions

- Nominations for PAC executive roles will open at the April meeting.
- Available positions and details can be found on the PAC website:
<https://www.mageepac.ca/about>.

6. Gr.12 Grad Update

- Grad Committee:
 - New members welcomed; vendor partnerships for graduation events are being finalized.
- Post-Secondary Planning:
 - US Postsecondary Fair scheduled for April 30.

7. Vancouver District PAC (DPAC)

- DPAC initiatives include advocacy for district-wide facility upgrades and curriculum improvements.
- For updates, visit <https://www.vancouverdpac.org/>.

8. Counsellor Update – Dannel Lin

- S2 Start-Up & Course Planning 2025-26:
 - Online course planning guides and student support resources are available.
- SPARTS Program:
 - Achievements highlighted, including student performances and community-building initiatives.
 - Parent representatives requested for improved communication.
 - A survey will be distributed to gather feedback.
- Post-Secondary Sessions:
 - UBC Live sessions and other post-secondary workshops announced.

Additional Discussions

- Storage Space for Modular Stage:
 - Proposed use of under-stage areas for storage after cement reinforcement.
- Facilities Maintenance:
 - Concerns raised about limited involvement from school board facilities teams.

Next Meeting

- Date: April 1, 2025
- Key Topics: Budget advocacy, stage upgrade progress, and SPARTS program updates.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM.