

Magee Parent Advisory Committee General Meeting December 2nd, 2025 @ 7 PM

Meeting Start Time: 7:03 pm

Meeting End Time: 8:45pm

Meeting Chaired By: Tiffany Lee

1. Magee PAC Executive Committee Update for 2025-2026

Position	Name	In Attendance
PAC Chair	Tiffany Lee	✓
Treasurer	Sandra Cheng	✓
Secretary	Bindy Kang-Dhillon	✓
Special events	Christina Saunders and Helen Yu	✓✓
District Parent Advisory Council Rep	Paula Temrick	✓
Parent Education	Marzie de Pangher & Angie Zhang	✓✓
Volunteer Coordinator	Vivian Miao	✓
Traffic Leader	Stephen Yang	Not able to attend
Translation & ELL Parent	Michelle Zhao & Katie (Yang?)	✓✓
Communication	Cherrie Lam	✓
Principal	Raza Mirani	✓

2. PAC Meeting Minutes

PAC Meeting Minutes	Tuesday, September 2 nd , 2025
Passed	Christina and Helen

3. Principal's Update

Principal's Update	
Gratitude	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Principal Mirani stated that Magee is a remarkable place, and he often hears about issues at other schools and feels fortunate to be at Magee as we don't have concerns he hears about - Thanked parents for their heavy lifting
Sparts Intake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline for SPARTS application is 3 pm on December 18th, 2025 for the 2026/2027 school year - 70 students to be accepted - There will be 1st offers in mid-February, be 2nd offers before Spring Break - Existing SPARTS students have their place already; this is for new SPARTS students only; most are Gr.8s, a few in other grades
Theatre at Magee	There will be a theatre performance soon and details will be shared
New courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 new courses offered for 2026/2027 school year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Film 9 class with Mr Chan o Yoga 11/12 o Music Composition with Mr O
New course offerings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harder and harder to offer every class the school wants to offer - Ministry will only fund a course if 30 students are registered for it - Districts have different collective agreements which influences how classes are run - Sometimes there are 24 students (not the 30), so you have to find ways to build that class's interest and capacity
Selecting Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Counsellors will be seeing students at the end of January/ early February to discuss course options including electives - Important for students to consider what they will need to get into post-secondary programs they want to attend - Families should work with students to assess what they want to do, and then discuss options with their counsellors

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course catalogue will be finalized before winter break
Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HUB is the new name for the skills center - HUB is open to all Magee students and can be accessed during classes with permission from teachers, and during FITs - If students are struggling, it is important to seek help from course teachers and or go to the HUB for help - For example, if a student is struggling with Math, they may need to review/master foundational concepts first and they can do this in the HUB and work with peer tutors - Peer tutors can also help students with routine classroom work - Peer tutors are trained senior students, supervised by resource teachers: Mr James Scott, Mr Vincent Chan and Mr Gordon Thrift
End of Semester 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - End of semester 1 will be very busy - Lots of pressure as students wrap up courses - Turn around days will give students a bit of extra time to complete and submit missing assignments
Racism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unfortunately, staff have noticed an alarming number of racist language and or writing such swastikas on desks, on paper, and in the changing rooms - This is not unique to Magee - It is important to note, that students may not realize what they mean or what the impact of such language and symbols/writing can have - Magee and the VSB are working on cultivating a more anti-racist culture and waiting for direction from the district and what supports they can provide - If you hear about such incidents, you can report anonymously using 'erase bullying' app to report any type of bullying - https://erasereportit.gov.bc.ca/
AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is some interesting work being done around AI and education - How can staff use it and how can they detect use of it - How students can use it in ethical ways - Districts and schools will need to learn to work with AI as it is here - Often students who are using AI are doing it in a naive way, not realizing it is academic dishonesty - Important to note that if AI doesn't know something, it will create fake data and that is often how students are caught relying on AI

4. Treasurer's Update:

Treasurer Report	Delivered by Sandra Cheng
Direct Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anyone can donate to the Direct Drive at any time (always open) - Links on the PAC website on how to donate - Target for direct drive was \$50,000 - Any amount contributed helps immensely with school needs - Fund drive is used to fundraise for items that the VSB doesn't provide - VSB provides teachers and buildings but not much else - Example: new cameras for yearbook club - There's need for a new microwave

5. Grade 12 Graduation:

Update on Grade 12 Grad Dates	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 parts to the graduation celebrations - Ceremony: June 18, 2026 @ Chan Center - Formal Dinner and Dance: Friday, June 19, 2026 @ Marriott Pinnacle (downtown Vancouver) from 6 to 11 pm - Winter Formal: January 23rd @ Magee - Formal Grad Parent volunteers to be recruited after spring break - Parents will be have a meeting room to relax in during event

6. Sports Update

Magee Sports	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New athletic director: Ms Forbes - Current sports: basketball, ice hockey - More attempts by PAC updates to share when games are happening so more students can attend and cheer for Magee teams

7. DPAC Update

Paula	
DPAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Important to connect with DPAC as it helps to know what else is happening in the district - DPAC meetings are happening on Zoom - Encourage all parents to attend
Parent Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DPAC has a variety of parent education and resources - For example: University of Winnipeg Researchers were presenting on math testing and education with a focus on assessments - DPAC had a presentation about why to do assessments and why not to do them, so they try to offer parents both perspectives
Learning from Each Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DPAC discussed a critical incident that led parents to discuss the presence and absence of cameras - Parent was advocating for cameras outside bathrooms in schools (response to an incident) - Richmond has cameras outside of bathrooms, but Vancouver does not - DPAC has also asked each PAC to determine if having cameras would work at their school or not - Many principals and staff support having cameras outside bathrooms but the trustees are holding this decision back - Important to have parent voices to help build support for safety building processes and strategies - DPAC would appreciate Magee's involvement on issues
DPAC Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DPAC has no funding right now so cannot support any education events
DPAC Parent Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SACY has been offering parent education - DPAC chair: Melanie has been working with SACY on parent education - SACY has a series of parent education presentations they can do and we can offer space to host these at Magee - Paula will discuss this with DPAC chair: Melanie and SACY staff

8. Questions and Answer Period

Parent Questions	
Instead of PE 10, can students do Yoga 11/12?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No, students are still required to complete PE 10
Is there any idea how the job market will change with AI?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - While AI will impact jobs, it is unclear what jobs and how much impact it will have - Difficult for schools to anticipate what employers and post-secondary schools will be focusing on - Schools/education in general is usually a bit behind technology advances
January Provincial Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Numeracy 10 assessments will be completed in January 2026 - This is part of 3 provincial required assessments for the Dogwood diploma which include Literacy 10 & Literacy 12 - Assessments will take place at Magee - Typically, a pass or fail - A mark of 3 or 4 is exceptional; even a mark of 1 is a pass

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Post-secondary schools may look at it - 3-yrs to complete the assessments and can redo the assessments
Why is racism increasing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Much of the anti-semitic racism is coming from the International student population - Unlikely they know the gravity of using the swastika or doing the Nazi salute; there are Tik Toks about this - Needs to be more education/awareness & work around anti-racism
Engineering class for Grade 11 and 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - STEM program integrates physics and practical projects - Team teaching model with Mr Jay and Mr Robinson

9. Wrap Up

Housing Economics Game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guest: Ward brought in his Housing Economics Game - A few parents played the game after the PAC meeting was adjourned
Next General PAC meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lunar New Year Celebration and General PAC meeting: February