

Agenda

George Jay PAC General Meeting

13 October 2021, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Zoom

Attendees

Executive: Mathew Payne, Leslie Rewega, Sam Albers, Steve Palmer (absent: Naomi Bartz, Andrea Walker Collins)

Caregivers: Myra James, Michelle Riley, Nicole Freesman, Karla Marshall, Kathryn, Meaghan Hoyle, Iaian McDougall, Sarah, Cara Gibson, Angela Carmichael, Melanie Cullins, Rebecca Freedman, Hannah Rellve, Cathy Fowlie, Therese Mukamusoni, Pamela Bethel

Staff: Sarah Winkler, Sanjiv Galhon, Leila Durzi, Ai Linh Trinh

New Action Items:

Action Membership: Sign up to lead or contribute to a PAC initiative. The PAC needs volunteers to run events, lead fundraising, apply for grants, etc. Email georgejaypacpresident@gmail.com to volunteer.

Action PAC Exec: Develop and circulate a full list of PAC sub-committees.

Motions

Motion to accept 2021/22 George Jay PAC budget - Passed unanimously.

Minutes

1. Welcome and recognition of traditional territories
 - a. *The George Jay Parent Advisory Council wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.*
2. Acceptance of Agenda
3. Acceptance of Minutes of the previous meeting

4. Reports on previous action items (n/a)
5. Naming Committee Report (Angela Carmichael)
 - a. Detailed report provided in advance. Background info:
<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/community/keeping-or-changing-the-name-of-george-jay-elementary-school/>
 - b. Phase 1 complete: Committee unanimously decided to recommend a name change to the school board. One committee member was absent.
 - c. Up next: Phase 2 - Discussion on potential names. Will review suggestions previously provided in community consultation. Will also seek input from school staff and students. Potential method, school-wide naming day. The goal is to have the name in place by next September.
 - d. For more information or to provide input, please contact George Jay Parent Rep angelacarmichael24@gmail.com and/or the SD61 Trustee rep Anie Hentze ahentze@sd61.bc.ca
6. Principal's Report (Sarah)
 - a. Music, STEM & new staffing - Unfortunately, the school was not able to hire a qualified music teacher this year. In consultation with school staff, they've decided to pivot to a STEM program. program this year. In addition to his Vice-Principal duties, Sanjiv will lead the STEM program. This is a fantastic opportunity for hands-on learning and for Sanjiv to connect with kids across the school. Matt Scott will take over Sanji's classroom teaching. The music position will be posted again in the spring and the program is expected to return next year. Beth Metcalf and Alex Smith have also joined the school.
 - b. COVID-19 - The school has had 2 clusters (i.e. presumed classroom transmission). Staff virtually supported isolating students. Reiterated the importance of daily health checks and washing hands. Praise to student resilience for the new mask mandates. Limited update on reusable mask donations.
 - c. Volunteers - We Will begin to welcome volunteers back in the building in targeted ways (i.e. library).
 - d. Parent-Teacher Interviews - Consistent with the school district, they will be virtual or phone calls this year.
 - e. Individualized Education Plans (IEP) - School participating in a pilot project shifting as a district away from deficit-based to competency-based plans. Celebrate what kids can do and how they will grow throughout the year.
7. President's Report (Matthew)
 - a. Zoom meetings until further notice.
 - b. Thanks to Kate and Hannah and the School Street team for another successful round of that event.
 - c. Call for volunteers: Tonight Treasurer Sam will present a budget and -spoiler alert- It is a little light on revenue. So this is a call for volunteers for projects.

Some possible projects are listed below. If there is something in that list that appeals to you, please email Mathew. We would love to adjust some of the revenue lines to read greater than zero. We do have to pass the budget so the executive has the authority to spend money on essentials and so the year can move along.

- i. Grocery cards (Fairway/Thirty Foods)
- ii. Soap exchange
- iii. Fall grab bags - 2 volunteers needed
- iv. 50/50 Raffle
- v. Silent Auction (hibid)
- vi. Purdy's Chocolates (We sell chocolates. Various thresholds-
- vii. Silent Auction
 - Campaign orders* between \$100 and \$499.99 get a **5%** profit cheque
 - Campaign orders* between \$500 and \$749.99 get a **10%** profit cheque
 - Campaign orders* between \$750 and \$999.99 get a **20%** profit cheque
 - Campaign orders* \$1,000 and above get a **25%** profit cheque

**before taxes and shipping charges*
- viii. Created by Kids (an art project)

8. Treasurer's Report (Sam)

- a. Review proposed 2120/22 budget
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16wCpijztK94ZlwTuFuGXNa-XYq9I1m8EmTLlzCuR_oE/edit#gid=5831320
 - i. PAC derives most funding from the BC Gaming Grant. We've used an estimate of 9K for the base funding because the total amount hasn't been awarded yet.
 - ii. Supplementary items are listed with a call for parent volunteers.
 - iii. Sobeys changed the program where PAC needs to pre-buy the cards and sell them to parents.
 - iv. Cara Gibson has suggested that we get ahead of the grant season. Has also volunteered to contact local suppliers to donate fruit and veggies to the school to offset the cost of the HAWK program (current budget \$4K).
- b. Motion to accept the 2021/22 George Jay PAC budget
Yes:17
No: 0
The budget passes.
- c. PAC closet
 - i. Suggest that we sell wrapping paper.
- d. White Hatter Event
 - i. Booked November 4th but may be postponed.

9. Member at Large Report (Naomi - sends her regrets)
 - a. Equity and Diversity Committee update
 - i. The committee is looking into booking parent education workshops related to bullying, gender diversity, and racism.
 - ii. They also hope to put out a brief survey soon regarding caretaker views on EDI issues within the PAC and the school - and areas of possible improvement.

10. School Streets Report (Hannah)
 - a. Thank you to volunteers and school admin for ensuring the event's success.
 - b. The 2-week initiative helped calm the street. Future events will need to address vehicles that drive past the blockade. The committee will need to think of creative ways to provide access to those who truly need it. The next event is planned for the spring but the committee is hoping to permanently eliminate parking on the school side of the street.
 - c. If you're interested in being a part of the Active Transport Committee, please contact Hannah millerhra@gmail.com

11. Call for Nomination for PAC Executive Vice-President position
 - a. No volunteers.

12. Adjourn meeting

The next general meeting is scheduled for 10 November 2021 at 6:30 pm