

Elgin Park Secondary

PAC Meeting Minutes



Annual General Meeting, May 19, 2021

Zoom meeting

Attendance: Susie Lang-Gould (Co-Chair), Jodi Soheili (Co-Chair), Simon Padgett (Treasurer), Meredith Laird, Nimira Anandji, Principal Jeff Johnstone, plus 10 other parents

1. **Call to Order** – Meredith Laird called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Agenda:** Agenda approved as presented by unanimous consent.
3. **Minutes of April 21, 2021:** Minutes draft was not complete in time for the meeting and will be brought to the September meeting of the PAC for approval.

4. **Reports:**

- a. **Dry Grad Committee Update**

The Chair of the Dry Grad Committee thanked the PAC for the donation of funds, which allowed their group to proceed with plans for the event and reported on other fundraising currently underway

- b. **BCCPAC AGM**

Meredith Laird shared an update on the changes to the constitution and bylaws as well as the resolutions passed in the all-day event held virtually. She shared that a large number of the resolutions were not able to be debated due to time limitations and that the assembly had called for an extraordinary session to be called to dispose of those motions. The executive will report back with a date and arrangements for an extraordinary meeting.

- c. **Treasurer's Report**

Simon Padgett updated the committee on the bank balances and transactions since the last report. He encouraged members of the committee to contact him at any time if they had questions or wished any further information.

- d. **Principal's Report**

Jeff Johnstone shared current enrolment numbers for the fall were still fluctuation, but expected to be approximately 1400 students, of whom 108 would be international students. He stated that he had been asked to schedule student classes under both a semestered and a quarterly system, and that the current understanding would be that academic year 2021/22 would proceed with a quarterly system again, pending future health orders. He stated that many teachers and many students seemed eager to resulte face-to-face instruction in the fall, and that the Board had advised there was opportunity to return to extracurricular and sports scheduling for the new year.

Principal Johnstone brought forward a request for funds from the garden club, and the motion to disburse an additional \$1200 to this group was carried.

The Principal answered questions from the committee.

5. New Business

a. Election of Executive

Susie Lang-Gould conducted the election for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer.

Acclaimed were:

Meredith Laird, Chair

Elaine Brooker, Vice-Chair, and

Simon Padgett, Treasurer

Notice of Election for DPAC representative and for BCCPAC representative would be brought to the September meeting of the PAC.

b. Constitution and Bylaw Amendments

Meredith Laird described proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws of the PAC, with the goal of bringing them in line with current practice as well as aspirations for the group. This was postponed for further consideration in the next academic year.

c. Call for volunteers for summer work groups

Meredith Laird requested volunteers to assist with translation of PAC documents into Chinese, for help planning welcome back events for families in the fall, and to start planning PAC expenditures. A number of parents volunteered and would be contacted to meet and perform this work before September.

6. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Please contact your PAC with any ideas, comments or concerns; we would love to hear from you!

E-mail your PAC Co-Chairs – Jodi Soheili and Susie Lang-Gould at elginpac@gmail.com.