



## PAC meeting Minutes November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007

### **1 Communication: several areas were asked about. Explanations were as follows...**

- (a) International fair money last year; *Allocated to Training room and minor donation to the garden. Training room upgrade was a slow process to plan and order - things have been ordered and due to arrive by Dec. Garden - have had a landscape gardener in, has some quotes but not enough money, need to decide whether to go ahead.*
- (b) Embezzlement investigations/report; *Two letters sent home from Kobayashi and Ohashi. Two parents contacted to me after the letters. Shimamura sentenced in criminal court this June, 6 years in prison. Civil court proceedings still in progress to recover money from his assets, but banks have first claim over property sales. The incident was referred to in the report of the open PAC meeting in the Educator of Dec2, 06.*
- (c) APAC decision, question re parent involvement; *With the appointment of Jim Schell as APAC director in addition to his BM role, (due to the fact that we were looking at an expanded APAC of 12 schools of 2 leagues), we had the opportunity to really look at what impact the APAC program has on our school program, our teachers and the community. Gwyn did suggest that perhaps we should inform the parents that we were looking at our involvement, but that was not wise on three counts, (1) it could have damaged our position in APAC had we stayed in APAC as the information would have leaked through to the other schools in no time at all, and (2)- there was no time as the timing of this decision was crucial for the upcoming meetings that had been planned, and (3) it was very much a decision that has to do with the needs of the student program and the implications for the school. Of course we have valued APAC for the many good things it brought to our school and students, but the reality is that it has just grown too big and we cannot sustain it. Asking for parents opinion will have affirmed the good things, highlighted the difficult things, but, respectfully, overall would not have been enough for us to make any other decision.*
- (d) PTA progress for this year- classroom reps; *At the end of the year we called for nominations for the PTA committee, none were received and I called a meeting of parents on Jan 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss options, a questionnaire was sent home, 78 responses were received, and the majority of them wanted classroom reps alphabetically allocated each year, with one being Int. Fair rep, and the others being general PTA reps .Karin will meet again with the parents next week, and maybe they can decide that they will have a different structure than the traditional one- perhaps have a couple of subcommittees.*
- (e) International Fair; *I believe that preparations are going well, the International fair committee which includes reps from most classrooms, meets regularly, there have been notices in the Educator, and it seems that all is in hand.*

**2 PAC web link- report and questions;**

*John and Graham have both received spam to/from their PAC addresses. We have had no such problem. It is time to remind parents that PAC can be contacted through this address, and Gwyn pointed out that this information is available on the school website.*

**3 Calendar for PAC meetings- closed and open forum:** *The need to set dates well ahead of time was discussed. Also, we really need to have an open meeting once per trimester. A date was set for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, (actually in second trimester but we will count it as the first). A notice to go out in next Friday's Bulletin regarding the meeting, and ask for agenda items, which the PAC members will then approve.*

**4 Continuing membership/ New member/ chairperson;** *We discussed the membership of this group, how long do people stay on the PA? Is everyone currently on PAC willing to stay for another year?*

*Given that Michael Ebert has now gone, we need to appoint another person, Karin will work with admin and approach a person to replace Michael.*

*We need a Chair for the group, John kindly succumbed to pressure. Graham will be co-chair.*

*Karin will contact John regarding message for the Bulletin.*

**AOB-(any other business)**

**Meeting closed at 9pm.**