**JO PAC Meeting – September 20, 2017**

***Present:*** Anne Montgomery – Past PAC Chair, Tracey Santos – Treasurer, Ramandeep Kaurminhas Co-DPAC Rep., Jo-Ann Gordon – Secretary, Pedro da Silva – Principal, Mr. Francom and 55 parents

The meeting began at 7:00 pm with parents introducing themselves and sharing what grade(s) their child(ren) are in.

***1. Principal's Report:***

Pedro da Silva, Principal - Gr. 8

Lindsay Reynolds, Vice-Principal - Gr. 9 and Gr. 10

Damien Wilmann, Vice-Principal - Gr. 11 and Gr. 12

Teresa Minato - Office Manager

Sengpat - Receptionist

**Counsellors** - all have one Grade and they share the Gr. 8's

Mr. R. Edge - Gr. 9 and Gr. 8 (A-C)

Ms. A. Alvares - Gr. 10 and Gr. 8 (D-J)

Ms. S. Birkenhead - Gr. 11 and Gr. 8 (K-P)

Mr. A. Steinruck - Gr. 12 and Gr. 8 (Q-Z)

**School Update -**

- 1112 enrollment (up about 40 students from last year) - includes 231 Grade 8's

September 21 - 6:00 pm - Gr. 8 Info Night

September 28 - Terry Fox Run

September 29 - Orange Shirt Day (Aboriginal)

October 4 - Grad BBQ

October 13 - Photo Re-take Day

October 19 - Interim Reports (sent home before first report card)

**Fall Sports -** season is beginning for Boys Soccer, Girls Volleyball and Cross Country

**Communication -**

- download "JO Agenda" from App Store or Google Play onto iphone (about 500 students on it so far; would like all 1100 students on it)

- WAGG (week-at-a-glance) - parents weekly agenda - only sent to Primary email for family - if you haven't received this then contact the office - it means either your email is missing or the Primary email needs to be changed

**BC's New Curriculum -** new Gr. 10-12 curriculum will be starting next September 2018 -

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

**School Plan -** need to create a new 3 year school plan

**Course Selection -** revisit the course selection process - more guidance will be given to students next year

**District -** revamping school websites (much needed)

**Report Cards -** how we report grades to school is changing

**Long Term Facilities Plan -** JO need to be seismically upgraded or brand new school

**Teacher shortage -** JO still needs to hire 3 teaching positions (District has hired over 400 additional teachers this year)

Check out more information on website - **jo-online.vsb.bc.ca**

***2. PAC Meetings:*** (Jo-Ann Gordon)

Dates for the 7 PAC meetings are -

Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 22, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Apr. 18, May 23 (last meeting)

No meetings in December 2017, March 2018, or June 2018

Lara is arranging for guest speakers for each meeting, on relevant topics to build our knowledge of John Oliver clubs, departments (music, athletics, etc.) and parenting issues/concerns/skills.

***3. Treasurer's report:*** (Tracey Santos)

There is about $4,000 carried forward in the *Gaming Account* from last year. Every April apply for grant, which is received in October the same year. It will be approximately $22,000 this year. Gaming Account covers 1/3 of the money needed to run clubs, sports and music in the school. Fundraising by the PAC is needed for the shortfall.

*Legacy Account* (from 100 year anniversary) has about $15,000, which is being saved for when the new school is built. A scholarship comes out of the account.

*Consultative Committee Account* (from fundraising, group donations) has about $6,600 - money for Teachers' lunch, and other requests if we run out of Gaming Account funds.

***4. Voting for PAC positions:***

*PAC Co-Chairs* - Ramandeep Kaurminhas, Sheril Gelmon and Sukhminder Guru

*Co-Secretaries* - Jo-Ann Gordon and Wendy Sinclair

*Treasurer* - Tracey Santos

*Co-Fundraising Coordinators* - Jennifer West and Sheri Wiwchar

*Communications/Social Media* - Lara Spence

*DPAC Rep/Advocacy* - volunteer(s) needed

- District PAC Representative to attend meetings (up to 2/month) - at the VSB Broadway & Fir building (7pm)

*DPAC Liaison* - Anne Montgomery

***5. DPAC:*** (Anne Montgomery)

DPAC is hosting a forum for Trustee candidates on Tuesday Oct. 3 at 6:00 pm at John Oliver Sec. school (volunteers needed to help). If interested contact annemontgomery@yahoo.com. Thursday Oct. 14 new Trustees are voted in. Here is a link for more information -

<http://vancouver.ca/your-government/candidate-profiles.aspx>

***6. Maker Mobile:***

Farrell Segall's Maker Mobile was vandalised this summer. Donations are needed to re-build it.

[Click here to support Repair and Restore MakerMobile organized by Farrell Segall](https://www.gofundme.com/replace-and-restore-makermobile)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. with the next PAC meeting to be held **Wednesday October 18,** 2017 at 7pm in the Library. Clubs and Teachers will present requests for funds from the Gaming Grant. Parents will vote afterwards. Depending on the number of presentations, this meeting may go until 9pm.

To stay in touch and help learn about/share the happenings at John Oliver, please:

 ‘like’ the **John Oliver Facebook page** (<https://www.facebook.com/John-Oliver-Secondary-School-1081121061932130/?fref=ts> ), the **Twitter feed** (<https://twitter.com/jo_school>),or (if in Mini) ask to join the **Mini School parents FB** (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/620874101402791/>)

You can also check in on the **John Oliver PAC blog** (<http://jo-online.vsb.bc.ca/pac>).