

POINT GREY SECONDARY

News & Events

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**Pink Shirt Day –
pledges to be kinder online!**

Emergency PAC Meeting

Tuesday March 5, 7pm

Point Grey Library

The VSB has released the draft Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP), they have identified 6 secondary schools that they may consolidate (ie close) in 2020. The VSB is looking at the feasibility of closing schools over the next few months. Point Grey is one of the schools that is listed for potential consolidation. The next VSB Facilities Committee meeting where we can have input is on March 13th - 5pm at the Vancouver School Board.

We as a PAC would like to meet to strategize on March 5th. We have NO answers, but we need planners, communicators, great speakers, letter writers to join us on the on March 5th. All we know is that they have planned a vote for April 29th on the LRFP, now is the time for us to act.

AND if that weren't enough - the Ministry of Education is in its final phases of changing the funding model from course based to student based. This could impact the off timetable programs that are offered - such as yearbook, choir, theatre, band, distance learning etc. We'll have more information at the meeting. There are links to both documents on our website: www.pointgreyparents.org

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Report to PAC on Point Grey grade 9 Blanket Exercise

On the afternoon of January 23, 2019 all grade 9 students participated in the Blanket Exercise. The Blanket Exercise was developed to foster truth, understanding, respect and reconciliation among all Indigenous and non- Indigenous people. Brandon Peters, Indigenous Teacher at Point Grey, arranged for Indigenous colleagues to help lead 3 groups of approximately 50 students each in the Exercise and Reflection Circle.

Then, thanks to PAC's generous support, we all enjoyed a snack of juice and fresh bannock with jam and becel.

Here are a few comments students provided in written feedback after the event: "interactive exercise was effective" "we all played a role" "really engaging...activities...easy to see struggles in the past" "we were actually a part of the activity" "very passionate" "appreciated stories from outside the script" "and heartfelt" "personality of speakers" "so much effort to come" "blankets were a good visual presentation" "symbolized the land well" "easy to understand" "good way of presenting" "blankets getting smaller had a big impact" "very insightful" "liked that we got to act it out" "Snacks were delicious" "a nice way to end the activity" "food and drink were very appreciated" "enjoyed the snack" "really good"

This afternoon was made possible by the active support and participation of Mr. Gill and Ms. Pante, and grade 9 teachers who supervised the groups. I hope grade 9 Point Grey students will continue to experience this exercise in the years ahead. After this first presentation, I see where some improvements can be made which will make this learning time even better!

Thank you again for your support and interest!

Catherine Lew,

School-based Resource Teacher & Blanket Exercise Coordinator

DPAC special meeting with VSB staff

Thursday, March 7, 6:30 - 8:30pm

1580 W. Broadway. Room 180

The meeting will be to discuss and ask questions regarding the draft Long Range Facilities Plan. All parents and guardians in the Vancouver school district are welcome to attend. Please contact chair@vancouverdpac.org or register with Eventbrite at least 48 hours ahead of time if you require childcare for this meeting.

Homework Club

Homework club is now being offered at Point Grey. It is every Monday and Wednesday in room 105 from 3:15-4:15. It is for students to come and get support with academics or do their work independently. There will be several peer tutors and teachers to support students with all subjects. Anyone is welcome. Snacks will be provided!

Upcoming Calendar Dates

- *March 1 – Term 2 Ends*
- *March 4-8 – International Women’s Week*
- *March 5 - Emergency PAC Meeting*
- *March 6 – 6:30-8pm VSB Facilities Committee Regular Meeting 1580 W. Broadway*
- *March 7 – DPAC meeting with VSB*
- *March 10 – Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward 1 hour*
- *March 13 – 5-7pm VSB Facilities Committee special meeting – LRFP 1580 W. Broadway*
- *March 15 – Last day of classes before Spring Break*

Weekly Newsletter submissions accepted until Wednesday 8pm pointgreypac@gmail.com

*More information to be found on ****NEW**** Point Grey PAC website*

<https://www.pointgrey.org>