

GES PAC meeting via Zoom video
(link provided to all parents to participate)

May 5, 2020 7 p.m.

Present: Deb Small, Deborah Luporini, Sandra Squires, Jane Seyd, Martial Guillaud, Angie Dixon, Lorena Ruth, Pammila Ruth, Christina Crosby, Barry Janyk

1. Open mic: there were no topics raised.
2. Adoption of agenda. Debbie Small first, Sandra Squires second. None opposed.
3. Approval of minutes from March 3 2020 PAC meeting. Debbie Small first, Angie Dixon second, none opposed.
4. Reports:
 - a.) Principal's Report: Deborah Luporini provided a verbal report
 - Teachers have settled their contract.
 - Principal has weekly check in with teachers to find out how things are going during COVID. If there is anyone who teachers have not heard from for a week, a plan is put in place to contact the family. There are usually about 6 students/families per week who fall into that category. Sometimes families are in crisis. Other times they have decided to home school a different way. Teachers and staff contact families by text/phone first.
 - iPads have been loaned to families without tech devices and those with multiple children.
 - School assessments of kids (for special needs, learning challenges etc.) are going ahead at school.
 - School is beginning to think about how to move more 'vulnerable' kids into the school as kind of a practice to see how more kids in physical schools could work.
 - Deborah is not generally hearing a lot from parents.
 - b) Treasurers Report: Deb Small -see Gibsons Elementary PAC Account Banking as of May 5, 2020
 - Debbie has not had any more conversation with parent who might be able to sub in as a treasurer next year because things are so uncertainty. Debbie said she will not leave us without a plan in place!
 - Sandra suggested we could hire a bookkeeper as a backup plan if needed.
 - We will discuss the treasurer position again next month.
 - c.) School Store: no report

- Kayla and Marnie will be discussing which Grade 7 families need to be contacted about balances they pre-paid for school lunches. We are able to give refunds to families who request them or carry balance to next school year.

d.) Trustee report: Pam Ruth reported but there were technical difficulties hearing her report.

- A child and family mental health town hall will be held via Zoom on May 21 at 11 a.m.

e.) DPAC report: Lorena Ruth

- The next meeting is happening via Zoom for anyone interested

5. New business

a.) Discussion of spending surplus PAC funds for 2019/2020 school year

- Debbie Small presented a report indicating we have between \$3,000 and \$4,500 of this year's budget which will not be spent as intended because of the suspension of regular school. This includes about \$1,600 in the gaming account, which can only be spent on specific things.
- There have been a few proposals, including yearbooks, which are being ordered for all students and staff at the school this year at a cost of approximately \$5,000. Several teachers also voiced interest in having a class set of books bought for students. The cost of providing that for each class would be about \$2,500.
- There was discussion of both proposals, including uncertainty around what school will look like next year, what needs will be, and what PAC's ability to fundraise will be. General feeling is that hot lunch program, fundraising events and perhaps gaming grants will all be impacted.

Motion: To give \$2,500 to school towards purchase of yearbooks for students and teachers this year. First: Lorena Ruth. Second: Barry Janyk. None opposed.

b.) Teacher appreciation

- There was a suggestion we give gift cards this year. There are about 40 staff in total. Suggestion was to give each teacher and staff member a gift card worth \$15.

Motion: To spend up to \$600 on gift cards of \$15 each for staff and teachers for teacher appreciation. First: Lorena Ruth. Second: Barry Janyk. None opposed

c.) There was a question about continued rental of musical instruments in light of the suspension of in-person music lessons.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next PAC meeting (likely via Zoom) will be June 2, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Any GES parent who wishes to take part and doesn't have the Zoom link can obtain that by emailing principal Deborah Luporini or PAC president Martial Guillard.