

GES PAC Meeting

Nov. 12, 2019 7 p.m.

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

1. Agenda adopted as amended to include discussion and vote on PAC budget: Lorena Ruth first, Sandra Squires second. None opposed.
2. Guest speaker: Patrick Bocking, superintendent spoke on the school district's new strategic plan and new website.

- Values in the strategic plan include affirmation of indigenous communities, inclusion, equity, innovation, respect.
- It also includes the goal that students' voices will be heard and acted upon.
- Other emphases in the plan include literacy, numeracy, mental health, care of the planet (this is new in this plan), digital literacy, and having students graduate with life skills to navigate personal future directions. The board is also working on an environmental education action plan.

There was also a walk through of the new district website and new school website. One of the new features includes a calendar that parents can subscribe to electronically. Schools registration and forms are increasingly moving online.

3. Open mic. There were no topics raised.

4. Teacher/staff grant presentations.

- There were two applications. One was to help fund recycling towers in each classroom to help kids get in the habit of recycling. It helps kids learn to separate types of recycling. Kids who are part of the recycling/sustainability club will be handling the towers and getting them out for pick up. In response to questions, we heard there would be no added costs for pick up. It will also cut down on garbage generated by the school.
- Library audio books and ebooks. Currently we do not have any in the school library. This is a pilot project that would try out a few titles to see if they help get kids interested in reading. There were questions about how books will be selected and if more than one kid can sign out at one time (probably not.) As part of the project, kids will get education about how to use and sign out ebooks.

5. Budget presentation.

- Treasurer Debbie Small presented the annual budget as attached. Most of the budget items are the same as last year and have been conservatively estimated. A new \$1,500 for teacher/staff grants was included as a new item this year. The total budget for this year is \$18,530.
- Our main sources of income are the government gaming grant, Halloween Carnival fundraiser, school store hot lunch program. We also raise smaller amounts through Amazon, use of IGA cards and smaller fundraisers throughout the year.
- Some of the programs supported by PAC include the breakfast program before school, Family First program to help school families in need, intermediate skating, primary swimming lessons, breakfast with Santa, needs for the music program, reading and math support (special after school events), community sandwich program, sports day, Tween club, Young Writers Conference, parent education and amounts for teachers to supplement classroom resources.

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Motion: That the budget be approved as presented. First: Carly Westmoreland. Second: Sandra Squires. None opposed. Motion passed to approve budget.

6. Reports.

a.) DPAC Report: Lorena Ruth

- There was a DPAC meeting Oct. 24. Kerry Mahlman came to talk about Indigenous education. She is available to come to PAC meetings. There was discussion of inviting her to come and talk in the spring, along with Gus Guzek, GES indigenous educator.
- There was also discussion of the local healthy schools committee which works with Children's Hospital on addressing issues like mental health and substance abuse.
- The next DPAC meeting is Nov. 28.

b.) Principal's Report: Deborah Luporini -see Principal's Report for Nov. 12

- Public health nurses talked to staff. There are 11 students at GES who carry Epipens. Teachers need to know what to do even if the students may not be in their classrooms.
- Foundations Skills Assessment has wrapped up.
- Student band, choir and reader at Remembrance Day were impressive.
- Report cards go home Nov. 22 with parent teacher interviews to follow. Scholastic book fair is happening that week.
- Skating for intermediate students is taking place over several days this year to space out crowds and ensure there are enough skates.
- A dance workshop for students is being put on by Paul Silveria.
- A parent workshop on vaping by Dr. Milan Khara will be presented at Chaletech on Dec. 9 7 p.m.
- A group of Grade 6&7 students applied and were selected to attend We Day in Vancouver, which is happening Nov. 19. The school district sends about 100 students in total.
- Breakfast with Santa is happening Dec. 18

c.) Treasurers Report: Deb Small -see Gibsons Elementary PAC Account Banking as of Nov. 12, 2019

- We made \$4,277 on the Halloween Carnival this year, which is similar to last year.

7. Correspondence: n/a

8. School Store: Carly Westmoreland

- We still need a volunteer to help out with the school store on Wednesdays.
- Other than that the store is doing well. Perogies are labour intensive so we may look at changing the menu.

9. No Trustee Report this month.

10. New business

a.) Breakfast with Santa.

- We need a photographer. Doesn't need to be a professional. Several suggestions were made. Also need to confirm with Scott Avery who was Santa last year. Carly will do that.
- PAC is supplying milk. Starbucks is supplying coffee. Debbie will pick up tablecloths and milk.

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b.) parent education: Laurie Beesting.

- We are still interested in her presentation “Bridging the gap Math” about parents teaching math to our own kids. We will try to have a discussion about what she might present to parents by Skype at the next board meeting. Martial to arrange.

c.) Teacher/staff funding grant applications.

- We received two applications: the recycling club applied for \$1,200 and librarian applied for \$500 for ebooks. There was discussion about what our general guidelines and policies should be and whether other PACs do this. We will ask DPAC to help out with this. Sandra will follow up and there will be a possible discussion in the new year. Martial will also seek input from BCCPAC.
- There was discussion of the two proposals.

Motion: That the PAC approve funding of \$1,000 for the recycling committee project and \$500 for the library ebook project. First: Jane Seyd Second: Sandra Squires. Motion passed with one abstaining.

Meeting adjourned: 9 *p.m.*