

GES PAC Meeting

Oct. 1, 2019 7 p.m.

Present: Deb Small, Deborah Luporini, Sandra Squires, Jane Seyd, Martial Guillaud, Carly Westmoreland, Lorena Ruth, Pammila Ruth, Kayla Riches, Christina Crosby, Angie Dixon, Jennifer Chancellor, Barry Janyk

1. Agenda adopted as amended: Jane Seyd first, Christina Crosby second. None opposed.

2. Open mic parent comment and question period. The following topics were discussed: recent vandalism at the school, email communication with parents, possibility of covered area at the school, promoting biking/walking to school as part of “active transportation” month.

3. Guest speaker: Meghan Molnar, public health dietician spoke on Canada’s new food guide.

Some topics included the importance of cooking more and eating together and importance of adults being role models. The new food guide is less prescriptive and is available on the health unit’s website. There was discussion of how to make food offered at school healthier and the need to post packages for any items sold by the school store in case of allergies. There was discussion of how to include different cultures in ways to celebrate healthy food at school and interest from parents in some kind of after-school learn-to-cook/prepare simple food class for kids at some point in the future. These have apparently been done in other schools/school districts.

4. Approve meeting minutes from last meeting: Christina Crosby first, Sandra Squires second. None opposed.

5. New Business

a) Halloween Fair.

Cody will update poster. Kayla will organize school store concession. Deb Small will get tickets. Sandra is contacting high school student volunteers. Martial will wrangle all other volunteers. Jen & MJ are organizing a “dance party” element to this year’s fair. There was discussion of providing a “quiet zone” for young kids and moms, but there is not enough custodial support or supervision available to do that.

6. Reports

a) Principal’s Report: Deborah Luporini - see Principal’s Report for Oct. 1

- Volleyball season is in full swing at the school.
- There has been good response to a new “stop and talk” pilot project is happening at the school aimed at Grade 6 and 7 students who may have questions about high risk activities. The sessions happen Tuesdays at lunch and kids have been putting anonymous questions in the question box.
- Two grant applications have been received in response to the PAC’s opening of the new application process for teachers and school staff.
- Enrollment at the school is 352 students.

b) Treasurers Report: Deb Small - see Gibsons Elementary PAC Account Banking as of Oct. 1, 2019

- We received our annual gaming grant from the government, which is calculated on school enrollment. Amount received was approximately \$7,000
- Motion: to allocate \$300 to be made available in petty cash to the treasurer for PAC needs. First Jane Seyd. Second Sandra Squires. None opposed. Motion carried.

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c) Correspondence: *n/a*

d) School Store: Carly Westmoreland & Kayla Riches

- We still need a volunteer to help out with the school store one Wednesday a month.
- Popcorn will start in two weeks' time, on Tuesday.
- The school store may start using Bambora as an online payment system, as less hassle than PayPal.

e) Trustee Report: Pamm Ruth

- Govt marijuana store that had applied at SunnyCrest Mall has withdrawn application.
- There is ongoing discussion of possible intersection improvements near the ambulance station for kids walking to school.
- Trustees have a new strategic plan and the school district has a new website.
- Trustees are aware of mental health, social media and vaping as topics of emerging concern.

f) DPAC Report: Lorena Ruth

- The school district has a new website.
- A parent engagement dinner is being hosted Oct. 10. Martial, Lorena and possibly Debbie Small will go.
- Motion: to approve \$75 towards our continued membership in BC CPAC (umbrella group for parent advisory councils in BC.) first: Lorena Ruth second: Angie Dixon. None opposed. Motion carried.

7. New business

b) Damage to playground rubber surface was discussed. There are three spots in front of merry go round where it has been gouged out. Do we have a kit that can be used to repair it? It should be patched.

- Action item: Deborah Luporini will investigate status of kits and possibility of repair.

8. Old business

a) BBQ repairs. Part has been fixed.

b) Credit Union signatories. We have to complete the switch in authorized signatories to reflect current president, vice-president and treasurer of PAC. CU will contact Debbie Small when forms are ready. Martial, Debbie and Sandra will go in to sign. The deadline is Oct. 16.

c) Speakers: Andrea Sinclair, president of BC CPAC will be on Coast Nov. 5 and will speak at DPAC meeting at Chatelech from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The next PAC meeting will be moved to Nov. 12 to accommodate this. Deborah Luporini will speak to Laurie Beestman, another possible speaker from Bowen Island.

d) PAC executive will discuss grant applications submitted to PAC and budget for this year at an executive meeting Oct. 17.

Meeting adjourned: *9 p.m.*