

GES February PAC Meeting Minutes (Meeting on Zoom)

Date: February 13, 2024 6:45 PM

Present: Lynda, Kelsey, Jay, Crystal, Allysa

Regrets:

1. Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement (2 minutes)
2. Approve Agenda for tonight's meeting. First Allysa, Second Kelsey. (2 minutes)
3. Approve minutes from last PAC meeting (January 16, 2024). First Allysa, Second Kelsey. (3 minutes)
4. Reports
 - a. Treasurer Report – Sandra.– No report this month.
 - b. Principals Report – Lynda. (10 minutes) – Report attached.

Kindness month and celebration of random acts of kindness. Hoping to expand to year round. Black History month. Kindergarten registration. Cross boundary deadline.

- c. DPAC Report - Emily. (10 minutes)
 1. Budget consultation. Shared by Nick Westwick. Themes heard from student feedback - mental health supports increase, more nature based learning (all ages), free transit, food in schools. The presentation mentioned a Gibson Elementary expansion as we are overcapacity (has been on the list for a while and SD46 is asking for funding from the ministry)
 2. Requested funds from other PACS for babysitting/snacks for Jan 29th workshop at GES: DPAC increased funding to drain the DPAC budget (extra \$76 more). That's enough to cover the babysitting and snacks.
 3. Strategic plan consultation - feedback given that the time was difficult for parents working regular hours. Feedback from those who attended in person that it was worthwhile, and really great to connect with staff.
 4. The Healthy Schools committee needs a parent rep on it. DPAC is asking for all PACs to chat about this ask and see if anyone is interested in attending. I'll share more details when they come. I believe they meet for 2 hours max every couple months. Those who had attended before say it's well worthwhile
5. School Grounds beautification – planting project update, Lynda (1 minute)
Botanical Gardens will be donating some bee/ pollinator plants.
6. Recruitment - Treasurer and Hot Lunch Coordinator (5 minutes)
Post – Spring break. Jay and Kelsey are both spreading the word, and hoping for someone by end of year to transition.
7. Fundraiser updates (10 minutes)
 - a. Art prints sale – Jay (Post Spring break)
Highschool interact was contacted and their schedule is full for the year.
Let's pick a date at April PAC meeting.
 - b. Envelope campaign – Kelsey
Timeline: March 4 send out the letter, for return by the 15th of March.
 - c. Meat sales (The Butcher) – Kelsey / Jay

The Butcher is ready to accommodate us. Can do either Gift cards or order forms. They have forms available for us to use. Action: Check in if they could have two pick up dates: the Thursday before good Friday or the Tuesday, April 4 right after Spring Break. – Jay will check in on this, and connect to get a form ready for send out.

We will be responsible to collect the money with the forms / e-transfers. Meat is sold with 20% discount, and school will get 10% of total for fundraising income.

New business: None

Meeting adjourned 7:11 pm.

Next meeting Tuesday April 9th, 2024 at 6:45 PM.