

GES PAC Meeting – June 2023  
(Meeting via Zoom)

*Date: June 13, 2023*

*Present: Lynda, Kelsey, Emily, Crystal, Christina, Allysa*

1. Welcome 7:00 and Land Acknowledgement.
2. Approve Agenda for tonight's meeting. First Emily, Second Alyssa.
3. Approve minutes from last PAC meeting (May 9, 2023). First Emily, Second Christina.
4. Reports
  - a. Treasurer Report – Sandra. No report tonight.
  - b. Principals Report – Lynda.

Shared GES Growth Plan – looking at the four strands of the braid, with demographics and vision. Can be found on our website. Will be a living document that will change over the next few years.
  - c. DPAC Report - Emily.
    - a) Valerie Tremblay presented *French To Go: Extracurricular French Language opportunities for children age 5-17*. Play based learning. Includes optional exchange program in France (age 10-17) [www.frenchtogo.ca](http://www.frenchtogo.ca)
    - b) Johan Stroman presented the SD46 Active Travel weeks' campaign, and requested funds from PACS for prizes. We approved \$150, which was sent to Johan (confirm)
    - c) West Sechelt Elementary School Carnival is June 22, 2023 from 5-8mp.
    - d) Changes to the trustee representation at PAC meetings next year. Intention is to shift to connect with a larger group of parents on a larger variety of issues. Will plan to attend one PAC meeting near the beginning of the year, introduce the Board of Education and explain role, and then will be available to come by invite only after that (by emailing [trustees@sd46.bc.ca](mailto:trustees@sd46.bc.ca)). A trustee will still attend DPAC. Unclear at this time how this connects with more parents on more issues (stay tuned for that).
    - e) SD46 strategic plan review coming up and there will be engagement opportunities in the fall 2023.
    - f) New school bus company contract has been confirmed. Will include 8 electric busses.
    - g) Next DPAC meeting Sept 28, 2023 7pm at Elphinstone Library and Zoom.
5. Food Programming DPAC survey review and discussion – Report attached for review.

Of note: schools have very different approaches. Some provide whole school meals free to students. Some use hot lunch as fundraiser.

GES: PAC interest in making hot lunch more equitable for students.

Unclear, what district food programming will look like next school year. Ministry affordability funding was just one-shot deal for this year, and the funding could not be used for new programs,

or equipment. Upcoming years will have different funding and will include ability to fund fridges, dishwashers etc for kitchen set up. Larger schools like Elphinstone may be able to set up kitchen to feed vulnerable families, by delivery to schools.

GES interest in more healthful hot lunch options, barrier is often have higher costs.

Even though we had very small margins of profit on each item of food we made over \$10,000 from hot lunch this year.

- Kinnickinnick Elementary has a paid person that organizes healthy food as mainstay, and do a one day a week hot lunch. Have funds from a variety of sources to support this.

Marnie ordering hot lunches for kids at GES that need lunch. Also have sandwich trays and snack trays after school.

GES Requesting a small fridge for next year to keep some cold snacks available for the students.

6. Bike to School Week (May 29 – June 2) Debrief – Sandra/Crystal  
Great turn out. All classes participated with the top classes that won Mike’s Ice Cream having a dozen or so students check in per day. We gave out snacks, and saw lots of bikers, walkers, and scooter riders.
7. Spring Pancake Breakfast organization –  
Ingrid Wood would like to organize Pancake breakfast for the grade 7s. Ingrid to contact Lynda to organize date and time, all supplies available in the kitchen.
8. Sports Day (June 23) update  
Subcommittee set up: Allysa, Chantel, and Kelsey.  
Hot dogs ordered, watermelons, have a good pool of volunteers. Everything is ready to go.
9. PAC involvement in GES retirement assembly for Colleen Hourigan – gift, and presenter  
Have a budget item for retirement gifts. Check in with Sandra. Kelsey to present on our behalf with some anecdotes from parents.
10. Remaining Gaming Grant funds to be spent – How to spend  
We spent it all covering field trips, and a baking trolley stocked with baking supplies and implements for the kitchen!! Just a couple hundred dollars left.
11. PAC elections. By acclamation we re-elected the following positions -  
Chair: Kelsey  
Vice-Chair: Allysa  
Treasurer: Sandra  
Secretary: Crystal  
DPAC Rep: Emily
12. PAC celebration - Kelsey will send out a doodle poll and extend invite to include hot lunch volunteers.  
Crystal made a motion approve to \$250 for the year end celebration for PAC and volunteers.  
Second Allysa. Motion carried.

New business: Kelsey thank you to Lynda, and PAC members! Thank you to Christina back bone of our hot lunch program.

Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm.

Happy Summer everyone!

Next meeting Tuesday September 12th, 2023 at 7 PM.