

GES PAC Meeting Minutes (Meeting via Zoom)

Date: May 9, 2023

Present: Ingrid, Johan, Linda B., Kelsey D., Crystal B., Sandra S., Allysa D., Chris, Christina, Emily D.

1. Welcome 7:00 and Land Acknowledgement.
2. Approve Agenda for tonight's meeting. First Sandra, Second Emily.
3. Approve minutes from last PAC meeting (April 11, 2023). First Emily, Second Alyssa.
4. Reports
 - a. Treasurer Report – Sandra.
See attached report.
 - b. Principals Report – Lynda.
See attached report.

Re: ICBC Road Safety Blitz: is there a way PAC can assist/ be involved. A: Yes, we can be there. Great to have us there, to share our concerns for safety as people supporting the school.

*Looking for volunteers to help with the inventory of the earthquake kit. Kelsey will send out request.

Q: regarding overall enrolment and changes to enrolment as a result of the Langdale primary Nature program opening. A: some minor changes.

- c. Trustee Report- Pammila
No report this evening.
 - d. DPAC Report - Emily.
1. Food in Schools - new BC 3-year plan for Affordability/Access to food. There will be changes compared to this year on what the money can be spent on (can now by some things like fridges).
 2. Miyuki Shinkai won an award of excellence for her years of volunteering on PACs and DPACs. This was presented at the BCCPAC Conference.
 3. If your child will be entering secondary school in September you can participate in the Spark to Secondary sessions. In these 4 sessions' parents will find support in how to help their child be ready for grade 8. May 11, 18, 25 & June 1st. Register at: <https://sd46.bc.ca/families-and-students/engagement>
 4. Next DPAC meeting: May 25, 2023 - 7pm | Elphinstone Library & Zoom .
Guest Speaker: Valarie Tremblay founder of French To Go - if you have an interest in French language education you can come and join in
 5. Question for Lynda. If there's any education for staff that might be appropriate for parents to join in, could we be invited? This was brought up as a general idea amongst the DPAC, and the request was asked to be directed to principals. There is generally quite low parent uptake of educational workshops.
A: There certainly can be opportunities, need to be coordinated and figured out.

6. There was some conversation at the DPAC meeting about the disconnect between PACs and Community Schools - such as knowing their programs. Can we invite Sue to our PAC meetings?

A: fantastic idea. Maybe in Sept / Oct would be a good time.

7. Trustees have been talking about not coming to PAC meetings any longer. DPAC is wondering how the PAC's feel about them not coming.

GES PAC feels it is worthwhile to have her attend. Kelsey will email Pammila to follow up.

5. Primary Team Request – funding for a Baking Trolley and supplies update

We have enough money in our gaming grant to fund the baking trolley and supplies. Crystal makes a motion to approve \$750.00 for the baking trolley. Second Emily. Motion carried. Sandra added it to the budget.

6. Teacher/ Staff appreciation lunch debrief – Emily/Crystal

Teachers were very appreciative, and sent some nice notes.

Note: try to include/invite custodial staff and community school staff more directly in future.

7. Bike to School Week (May 29 – June 2) update – Sandra

Marnie has been emailed to send out a message to parents asking for morning volunteers.

Sandra will connect with Ms. Parker to get some grade 6/7 student volunteers.

Will have the maps, and snacks.

Go active travel week will overlap as well, with prizes, etc. Sandra to reach out to Johan to see how we can support each other.

Newsletter to go out to start talking up the week in the classrooms – decide on categories/criteria for class prizes - Sandra & Crystal to connect to do so.

8. Spring Pancake Breakfast organization – set date

Hot lunch wraps up second week of June, feeling a bit of volunteer burnout from hot lunch commitments. Ideas include: end of year breakfast, or grade 7 send off.

Other options: give leftover mix to individual teachers, give to Kidz club, or give to the food bank.

9. Sports Day (June 23) update

Subcommittee set up: Allysa, Chantel, and Kelsey.

Note to connect with Supervalu for ordering watermelon.

New business:

Mr. Rines: Grade 6/7 class field trip – tandem bike riding around the seawall.

Kelsey motions to approve \$300 to cover costs of transportation for class. Emily Second. Motion carried.

Kelsey to check in with Marnie about a fair way to distribute extra funds towards field trips.

Next PAC meeting talk about how to spend last of gaming grant funds – perhaps bouncy castle at sports day (Lynda: caution- need to check in on liability insurance. – Kelsey to check in with other PACs that have used).

Next PAC meeting: PAC elections.

Sandra looking for someone to learn her role over the next year, to have a successor soon.

If interest in PAC chair then Kelsey can focus on her role as hot lunch coordinator. Need a separate hot lunch coordinator, busy as a team of three.

Meeting adjourned 8:18 pm.

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