GES PAC Meeting Minutes – April 2025

(Meeting in person at GES Library)

*Date: April 8th 2025 5:30 PM*

*Present: Ryan, Sandra, Sally, Crystal, Kikki*

*Regrets: Emily, Robyn, Brit, Melissa, Lynda*

1. Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement (2 minutes)
2. Approve Agenda for tonight’s meeting. (2 minutes) First Sally, Second Ryan.
3. Approve minutes from the last PAC meeting (*March 11th 2025*). (2 minutes) First Sally, Second Sandra.
4. Reports
	1. Treasurer Report – Ryan. Please find attached.
	2. Principals Report – Lynda. No report this month.
	3. DPAC Report - Emily. No report this month.
5. Sports Jerseys order – Melissa

Melissa has been in touch with Mr. Sullivan to get new jerseys ordered for the school teams.

The school has a chosen vendor and the cost will be approx. $50 and they are looking for 30 – 40 jerseys to be purchased.

Ryan motions to allocate left over gaming funds in the amount of $2300 to purchase 40 new school jerseys. Any funds required over the gaming money available will come from general funds. Second Sandra. All in favour. Motion approved. Melissa to coordinate with Mr. Sullivan.

1. Vancouver Island Seed Donations – Sandra has been working with Small Island Seed Co, who are donating their old seed stock. GES will receive 100s of flower and veggie seeds. GES has agreed to issue a donation receipt. Sandra will distribute first to GES school garden and teachers, then to other school PACs to share to their gardens, and to One Straw Society if excess remains. YAY!
2. Ms. Blevins field trip support request. The class is going to the Gibsons Farm and is requesting $14 / kid to help cover the costs above what the class funds are covering.

PAC discussion about equitable support of field trip requests for the school, as this is the first request but will likely not be the last of the year. PAC would like to acknowledge the need and provide support to all students.

Sandra motions to allocate $5 per student (up to $2000.00 from the general account) for this school year to go towards class field trip costs. Second, Sally. All approved. Motion carried.

Melissa will inform Ms. Blevins of the support of the PAC for $5 per student.

Lynda can share the $5 per student support for field trips with the Teaching staff.

Future discussion for PAC is to look at creating a policy of matched funding for classes that conduct their own fundraising up to an additional $5 per student.

1. Fundraising / Upcoming Events:

Fresh to You – update – Melissa

Delivery April 15th, pick up after school under the covered area in front of the school. Volunteers required.

Spring School Clean up and Beautification -April 26 – Emily and Robyn

Saturday April 26th: School open from 9am-1pm. Event advertised for 9:30am-12:30pm

Work party from 9:30-noon, lunch from 12-12:30, clean up from 12:30-1pm

Budget: $1500 ($500 specifically for the school garden - is that right Robyn??)

**Wish list of what to accomplish:**

1. School grounds litter pick up and disposal (in school garbage/recyling)
2. Pick up 2 yards of mulch with a large truck and bring to the school for 9am.
3. Clean up the garden beds that were worked on last spring by the front entrance. Add more mulch to these beds in places that are low. Plant Rudbeckia in between the dafodil clumps.
4. Add 1 plant to the garden that was newly planted by the stairs (Sandra has a Japanese Maple to donate for this)
5. Remove invasive plants from the garden by the stairs going up to StrongStart, and then add mulch around the plants that are staying.
6. Stain the Kindergarten bench.
7. Sweep the basketball court
8. Dump run of items removed from school garden (pending Lynda's approval). Sandra Squires mentioned she can take this on.
9. Sensory garden: label the plants that are in there or create a map of plants in there (labels might get taken/moved: Crystal can assist with this.)
10. Greenwaste drop off (Robyn's trailer??)

Just wanted to add, some budget info:

Total:  $1500 ($500 allocated towards school garden I think).

Janitor: $180

Mulch and Rudbeckia plans: $150ish (guessing) – might need a bit more.

Items for sensory garden (watering cans, seeds, soil amendments etc. depending on what Brandee wants to do): $100

Food/Drinks: $400 (this is generous I think.... Will depend on turnout and how much pizza to order)

Dump fees: $20 maybe

Note: Sandra will have lots of seeds to use.

May 5th – Teacher Appreciation lunch – Sally

Budget: $1000.00 – Sally to check in with Salt and Swine (Cinqo DeMayo) – Make your own soft tacos. Chips and Guacamole also. Drinks.

Split into two separate meals for teachers and EA’s – since eat separately.

Crystal to assist with pick-up and delivery of orders.

End of May – Active Transportation week – Robyn

Active travel week increase in budget to provide ice cream for the whole school, rather than just 4 classes and individual prizes.

Sandra motions to increase the active travel budget to $1800.00 from the gaming grant. Second Sally. All in favour. Motion approved.

Closer to the time Robyn / Crystal to contact Sammi about organizing the Grade 7 leadership group to set up and run the check in table in the morning. Crystal has the maps.

Grade 7 Grad dinner parent planning / ceremony – Crystal

Crystal has checked in with Sammi, and will be organizing a potluck dinner for families after the grad ceremony. They will rent a venue, do a cake, and decor.

Sandra suggests look for grade 7 grad decorations – check in with Lisa to access the PAC area.

Sports Day – TBD - Tabled

1. School Store brainstorm – Decals

Melissa spoke to Michy and she will share her GES art with us. YAY!!! Melissa will email her to obtain those.

Motion to approve $200 from the general funds to provide to Melissa for ordering a few sets of different decals, from the school logo and Michi designs.

PAC to pilot the sale and use of borrowed heat press to put on decals, with the intention to order more and purchase a heat press if successful.

Previous talk about setting up a time to do the applications at the school – tabled until next meeting.

1. School PAC to Parent Community communications – tabled
2. New business

Meeting adjourned: 6:43 PM

Next meeting: May 13th, 2025 5:30 PM (GES Library)