

GES PAC Meeting Minutes (Meeting via Zoom)

Date: December 13, 2022

Present: Lynda, Emily, Sandra, Kelsey, Crystal, Alyssa, Chantel, Ann.

1. Welcome 7:00.
2. Approve Agenda for tonight's meeting. First Alyssa, Second Chantel.
3. Approve minutes from last PAC meeting (November 8, 2022). First Chantel, Second Alyssa.
4. Reports
 - a. Treasurer Report – Sandra. Report attached detailing November and December fund transactions. Santa Breakfast and Skating still to come out of the gaming grant. Next meeting to talk about how to spend the excess gaming grant funds. Q: perhaps a movie night for the school? (Will require a license to show a movie). Also have funds allocated to pay for sports day and bike to school week with remaining funds. Note: Tony Browton donated some money from his pumpkin fundraiser.
 - b. Principals Report – Lynda. Nothing new to report. Busy with Christmas/Winter concerts, and holiday activities.
 - c. Trustee Report. No trustee present on meeting tonight.
 - d. DPAC Report - Emily. See attached report.

Q. Cost of school photos are quite high, and some families cannot afford. Artona and school do work together to try and assist some families. Wondering what PAC can do to assist getting photos out to more families that cannot afford? Family First program also being used to help reach more families over the holidays.

Sandra to send in Pulp and Paper Mill grant.

Kids in need of jackets and shoes – Lynda also please let the PAC know how we can assist. Lynda: Stormtech donated some jackets, and SFAF funding for boots. Maybe by end of winter season may need funds, but okay for now.
5. Playground – new sandbox and natural play area/mud kitchen – Lynda

Looking to PAC for funds to build a frame, and sand for a sandbox (Madeira said about \$1000 depending on size, and access to donated lumber/cost of lumber). Would PAC be interested in supporting this venture? YES! Also, can refresh sandbox in the Kindergarten area at the same time.

Why? Maintenance worried about safety, and water flow being directed to properties below from kids digging on hillside.

When do we need to allocate funds? Ideal to have funding for building in the spring.

Lynda to check in with maintenance about moving forward. Get back to us with cost.
Sandra - we can use gaming grant money for this, in combination with regular funds if needed.
Q. Perhaps we can utilize wood from the trees cut last year, left over after the benches made. Lynda: wood is in the planing process. Lynda will check in about use of the trees for the sandbox frame.

Ms. Payerle, school librarian has list of parts looking for to put together a mud kitchen. Looking for funds to purchase: used stainless steel sink, drain pipes, rain barrels, fasteners, and skilled labour.
PAC is in support of this mud kitchen as well. Let us know costs for PAC funding approval.

6. Santa Breakfast update.

Arrival 7:15 Lynda will meet with team to come in, if Jessica at Kidz Club is not already there to let volunteers in. We have ~ 10 volunteers for cooking in the morning. Have a Mr. and Ms. Claus coming, Sandra act as photographer, will print pictures at LD.

Motion to approve purchase of 5 electric griddles. First, Emily. Second, Sandra. Carried.

Sandra to get Gluten free pancake mix.

Garbage / Compost – set up. Need to take away compost with us because no one at school to be able to take out on Monday morning. PAC members will take home and bring back containers in January.
Purchased compostable cutlery and plates, so could be zero waste.

7. Fundraisers update– Alyssa.

Alyssa spoke with Chris at 101 about a burger and beer fundraiser, and adding something extra. Looking at karaoke or band (not available until March) – prefer to do end of January 27/28, early Feb 3/4. Monday Feb 6 is pro-d day so Feb 3/4 may not be the best choice. Maybe mid-week option – Ground hog day?
Alyssa to run with it.

8. Food program inspiration at Kinnikinnick – Emily (time permitting) – tabled until next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:26 pm

Next meeting Tuesday January 10, 2023 at 7 PM.