

GES PAC meeting via Zoom video (link provided to all parents to participate)

Feb. 2, 2021 7 p.m.

Present: Deb Small, Deborah Luporini, Jane Seyd, Martial Guillaud, Lorena Ruth, Christina Crosby, Sandra Squires, Emily Doyle

Adoption of agenda. Sandra Squires first, Debbie Small second. None opposed

Approval of minutes from January 2021 PAC meeting. Lorena Ruth first, Debbie Small second, none opposed.

Open mic: Question about noticeable garbage around the school grounds and what can be done about it. Principal to request weekly emptying of containers. Possible class clean-up duty. Frisbee golf tubs – cut we cut off bottoms so people don't use as garbage can?

4. Reports:

a. Principal's Report: Deborah Luporini. See principal's report for Feb 2021.

- February is Black History Month and class & school activities are planned
- Feb. 15 is Family Day – no school
- School is still seeking a temporary crossing guard
- Community school is looking into idea of holding babysitter course and home alone course online.
- Students are voting on short list of logos for GES 2020/2021 design
- Community school is exploring idea of providing a hot lunch day for students around a "theme day" possibly once a month.

- Feedback on priorities for school district strategic plan was requested. PAC identified: learning loss from COVID year and how those related to literacy and numeracy skills, mental health of students, environmental stewardship, as areas of concern

- Update on shelters: school district is moving ahead with permanent shelter options. For temporary shelters, bike lockup can be used, one class has access to forested area and there are two tents that students can put up.

b. Treasurer's report: Debbie Small. Please see Treasurer's report for Feb 2021

c. DPAC report: Lorena Ruth.

- Superintendent Patrick Bocking has announced his retirement
- DPAC is paying for our 2 GES parents to take FoodSafe course

- White Hatter online safety program is coming for a session with our school district
- DPAC is sending letters to SCRD regarding the lack of available time slots for children at Gibsons pool
- Money is available for parent education
- Parents of kids going into Grade 8 will have a video orientation to high school this year.

Motion: That the PAC write a letter expressing concern about lack of pool time for children and families. Motion passed. Jane will draft and circulate.

Old Business:

Active transportation:

- Classes have been providing comments on walking routes to school. There is prize money towards PE equipment to be given out to participating classes. Sandra is coordinating with Langdale PAC.

New business:

- Staff appreciation. We would like to put together lunch to be provided for staff as an appreciation for their work in trying times. Emily to investigate. We have a budget in teacher appreciation that we can use towards this, of up to \$600.
- Jesse Miller will be conducting online education sessions on Feb. 23 for both students and parents. The parent session will happen in the evening. Both sessions will take place over zoom.

Meeting adjourned 9 p.m.