

GES PAC Meeting Minutes (Meeting via Zoom)

Date: February 21, 2023

Present: Crystal Boeur, Sandra Squires, Kelsey Dunn, Chantel Matthews, Chris Lekakis, Nat Oki, Lynda Brisebois

1. Welcome 7:00 and Land Acknowledgement.
2. Approve Agenda for tonight's meeting. First Chantel, Second Sandra
3. Approve minutes from last PAC meeting (January 10, 2023). First Chantel, Second Sandra.
4. Reports
 - a. Principals Report – Lynda.
See report attached.
 - b. Trustee Report- Pammila
No DPAC report tonight.
 - c. DPAC Report - Emily
 - 1. Exploring a district wide food program by Johan Stroman of Heartwood Solutions Consulting.**
 - Food in Schools Review Committee Recommendation and Survey Summary PDF attached.
 - Discussion around how often and how much each PAC raise funds from Hot Lunch Program and what money is used for. Kelsey informed me we are looking at a profit of \$10,000 for this school year (confirm?). I sent this info to Johan and mentioned what we use this money for.
 - Is our PAC interested in supporting an SD46 Food program in Fall 2023? We can email Johan our thoughts.
 - 2. “Parenting Teens” 6 weeks workshop at Elphinstone Secondary library, facilitated by Shirley French of SCCSS who brought the original program twice prior to Covid.** Workshop is applicable to G5 up parents and caregivers on the coast, but not limited to younger children's parents. Stay tuned for posters for registration.
 - 3. If we have any funding use proposals for parent workshops we can ask DPAC.**
 - 4. From Superintendent Kate Kerr: Beebots and Cutebots:** Careers Coordinator Cathy Gordon and Inclusive Technology Teacher Pam Kaatz collaborated to purchase additional coding robots. Based on recommendations from the District's TETT Committee (Teachers Empowering Teachers Through Technology), Cathy and Pam have added six of the new versions of BeeBots complete with a charging "hive" and 15 Cutebots that are programmable with our existing Microbits. Maybe Michy could connect with TETT if we decide not to fund the request she had?
 - 5. SCR D Life program** -free passes for those who need it- people are able to apply for the 2023 program. Families/individuals can also be referred through an agency. Apply here: <https://www.scrd.ca/recreation-low-income-support>
 - 6. Next Family Engagement Committee** meeting is February 28, 3:45-5:15pm. SOGI presentation and discussion with Vanessa Marie and Christa Rive at SBO. If you are interested in attending, please email Miyuki.
 - 7. Chatelech PAC confirmed that their Cellphone use policy** has been effective for students learning. No cellphones are allowed in classes. Emily curious what the cell phone policy is at GES. How about smart watches?

Gibsons cell phone policy is teacher driven. Some teachers collect phones, some go on the honour system. Sometimes phones are confiscated if out during school day.
After school more lenient with cell phone use.
Counsellors are involved in education around technology.

7. 101 Beer and Burger Fundraiser debrief – Kelsey

SOLD OUT!! Band was great. We raised \$1250.00. 50/50 raised \$340 and someone won \$170. Proceeds going in to general PAC account.

8. Sue Big Oil support request – Emily

Request from a co-worker, interested in getting support from the Gibsons PAC to put money and attention towards a potential class action lawsuit to sue oil companies for harm done to the environment. There is a form letter sent to us.

PAC is cautious on the whole as representatives of the parents of the school, and the diversity of families it encompasses, and the potential to misrepresent the school body. As an individual PAC we chose not to be part of this, individuals can chose to support. We will look for further guidance on similar issues in the Leadership guidelines for DPAC and PAC.

9. Gaming Grant spending discussion

We are open to supporting field trips for classes, and waiting for teachers to bring forward fund requests.

Q. Should we divide up the amount of funds available by the 17 divisions to give them a rough idea of money available for. A. Hold off for now, and wait for Sandra to finish the expense accounting.

Q. What about use of money for sports equipment, or jerseys. Currently team jerseys are in good shape. Lynda will check with teachers on sports equipment for recess and lunch. Also, noted gaming funds can buy books and games for leisure.

10. Spring Pancake Breakfast – Sandra

We have extra supplies for pancakes left over from the Santa breakfast, and do not want to see food expire. Sandra suggests we hold a pancake breakfast during the bike to work week – end of May, early June.

YES!!! Sounds great. We can market closer as a family event.

11. New Business.

- Discussion regarding Lunch Opportunity with Elphinstone for hot lunches.

School would provide through family affordability fund we would try it out to feed the whole school for one day.

Q. Would we need to scoop and package to distribute to the students, or do they come from Elphinstone pre-packed and ready to distribute? Wondering about the food safety if we get food in trays, and are required to assemble.

A. The food from Elphinstone would be prepackaged.

Q. What is the district food program? Is there additional funding available, and are there specific requirements in terms of nutrition.

A. The district food program is in development stage, being spearheaded by Johan. Kelsey will email for more information.

A. Regarding Elphinstone hot lunches - the food is healthier as it is prepared by red seal chefs so salt content is factored in.

Meeting adjourned 8:24 pm.

Next meeting Tuesday April 11, 2023 at 7 PM.