

GES PAC Meeting Minutes– January 2025 (Meeting in person at GES Library and on Zoom)

Date: January 14th 2025 6:45 PM

Present: Robyn, Melissa, Ryan, Sally, Emily, Lynda, Crystal

Regrets: Brit, Sandra

1. Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement (2 minutes)
2. Approve Agenda for tonight's meeting. (2 minutes) First Sally, Second Emily.
3. Approve minutes from the last PAC meeting (December 12, 2024). (2 minutes) First Sally, Second Robyn.

Discussion regarding closing of zoom offering, since we are having few people attend, and difficulties with integrating zoom attendees into group discussions. Also, planning to experiment with an earlier meeting time: 5:30 PM next month.

Comments: Helpful to add food (dinner) and babysitting to help bring out people.

Try for our February meeting: 5:30 PM, no Zoom, pizza dinner and babysitting.

4. Reports

a. Treasurer Report – Ryan.

Winter Market – great fundraiser bringing in over 1400.00 to our general account, and over 600 from the 50/50 into the gaming account. Approximately 1/3 of the way towards our fundraising goal for the year.

Proposal: we spend the money we need to this year... and this year's fundraising revenue becomes next year's funds for expenditure, that way we are not constantly trying to fundraise for current events and needs.

Next year would be great to be able to Match teachers fundraising, with PAC funds to help them reach their goals faster.

Executive budget check in – at next meeting / outside of meeting...

b. Principals Report – Lynda. No report this month.

Fantastic Santa breakfast and great concerts to end the year. Thanks to everyone involved.

Melissa is going to attend the Teachers Staff Meeting, as the PAC fundraising chair, to offer assistance with future fundraising.

c. DPAC Report - Emily. No report, as there was no DPAC meeting in December.

Next DPAC meeting is Chatelech at 7 PM January 23rd. Emily is away and Melissa will attend in her place.

5. Pancake Breakfast Debrief – Emily

Debrief notes: Great community building opportunity, buzz of families connecting. Loved having toppings for the pancakes – frozen blueberries, strawberries and whipped cream. Ran out of juice

– need roughly double the amount from this year. Just enough coffee. Went really well with the cooking. Three in the kitchen and 2 in the foyer, after the fuse blew once with four in the kitchen. Change the lineup flow: next year idea – set up tables in front of the concession, and block the main doors, send people in the other door and same line up along gym wall. Music inside would be great – coast fiddlers... guesstimate of numbers probably over 200 but more than last year. Lots of people brought their own dishes!! Generally the supplies were a good amount. Have a box of holiday decorations – to be put in the PAC storage area. Syrup in the bottles great! – still have lots.

6. Hot Lunch updates – vendors, volunteers – Brit, Sally
Like to get Mondays going, but it's the day to print out labels, so will be tricky. Planning to send out Feb and March ordering together – so 6 weeks at once to order and pay for. Send out clear deadline for orders – Friday before - on the weekly update.
7. Fundraising ideas / Movie Night – Melissa
Harold and the Purple Crayon – Movie idea (Pass on for this year – timing Nov – March)
Spring Flea Market – table sales, and art print sale.
Begin organizing after Spring Break.
Melissa to reach out to the class divisions to do class tables (sell off the donations brought in by the class), and kid entrepreneurs – like the winter market...
8. Upcoming dates and ideas for rest of School Year:
Spring School Clean up and beautification - around April 22nd Earth Day Tuesday – to be discussed next month.
Other ideas – for end of Feb / March (Family Fun Day – for Primary classes – get out gym equipment, and family potluck...)
May 5th – Teacher Appreciation lunch
Sports Day
End of May – Active Transportation week.
9. School Store brainstorm – Tabled
10. New Business – Systems for Communication – Tabled to next month

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 PM

Next meeting: February 11, 2025 5:30 (GES Library) Dinner and Babysitting