

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

Jan. 12, 2021 7 p.m.

Present: Deb Small, Deborah Luporini, Jane Seyd, Martial Guillaud, Lorena Ruth, Pammila Ruth, Christina Crosby, Sandra Squires, Claire Witter, Emily Payne

Adoption of agenda. Sandra Squires first, Jane Seyd second. None opposed

Approval of minutes from December 2020 PAC meeting. Lorena Ruth first, Sandra Squires second, none opposed.

Open mic: Emily Doyle asked whether a small turnout at PAC meetings is normal. There was also a suggestion to look into West Coast Seeds as a possible fundraiser in future.

4. Reports:

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

- Students are getting sexual health education this month.
- Enrolment is steady. Kindergarten registration begins Feb. 16.
- For literacy week, students will be connecting to authors by Zoom this year. Teacher Lynn Thomas has also been working on a video about reading to your child at home.
- Foundation Skills Assessments have been postponed. They are now planned for mid February to mid March.
- A special t-shirt with a special logo will be created for students this year.
- "Brag tags" to encourage positive behaviour are happening to the end of February.
- School lunch – there are lots of grants available. The community school could do pre-ordered lunches if we are interested. Martial & Sandra will discuss and look into this.
- Shelters. Chain link around bike cage has been taken off. School district plans to buy and install more permanent freestanding steel structures 18 x 24 feet. Discussion from PAC members on what can happen in more immediate term as permanent shelters will not be ready until later in the spring. There was agreement to send a letter to the school board asking for help on temporary solutions.

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

- PAC spent about \$1,100 on winter celebration including popcorn, cookies and hot chocolate.
- Skating rink is starting to rent out skates. Is it possible we will be able to book sessions for school groups?
- We still have a balance at SuperValu. Perhaps teachers can suggest options for use.

c. Trustee's report: Pam Ruth.

- The school district is looking for feedback on active travel.
- There is a new wonder wheels bus.
- Davis Bay Elementary is now a bee school, with bee hives.
- There is a pilot program involving kindergarten teachers working with early childhood educators starting at West Sechelt Elementary.
- The school district is looking for input to its budget.

5. New business: inappropriate use of technology among students at GES

- Principal Luporini reported there have been some problems among Grade 7 students sharing inappropriate photos and comments over technology and asking others to take part. Students have been spoken to and a workshop is planned next month for both students and parents. There was discussion about asking Jesse Miller to come and talk to students and parents. There are concerns students are spending much more time online because of the pandemic and this is adding to the potential for inappropriate use of technology.

Old business: active transportation grant: Sandra Squires

- Teachers are taking kids on walks to get their comments. Classes will receive money towards a class event for their participation.
- Langdale school got a \$10K active transportation grant.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Feb. 2