

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

June 1, 2021 7 p.m.

Present: Deb Small, Deborah Luporini, Jane Seyd, Martial Guillaud, Sandra Squires, Emily Doyle, Pam Ruth, Andy Lewis, Todd Hodgins, Christina Crosby, Barry Janyk.

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

Approval of minutes: from May 2021 PAC meeting. Debbie Small first, Christina Crosby second, none opposed.

Open Mic: Andy Lewis inquired about teacher Derek Angeles and whether there is anything the PAC can do to show support.

Motion: To spend up to \$100 on flowers and a Starbucks card. First: Lorena Ruth
Second: Barry Janyk. None opposed. Sandra to buy flowers Martial to deliver.

Reports:

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

- Enrolment is up to 352
- It is Bike to School Week. It's going very well with lots of kids biking and walking.
- The Grade 7 leaving ceremony will be on June 23. No parents will be allowed but it will be filmed and given to parents on a flash drive.
- Yearbooks have arrived.
- Last day of school is June 24. (June 25 is an admin day.)

Discussion of tree removal at GES

Principal Luporini provided a summary of what she has been told about the tree removal. A branch fell off a tree. This is considered evidence of 'tree failure' overall. If there is no time to get an arborist's report the tree can be removed. Topping is considered a poor practice. She expects other trees currently slated for removal will be subject to much more thorough scrutiny in terms of why they need to be removed.

Further discussion from PAC members: All of this could have been avoided. We would like assurances from the school district no more trees will be removed without prior discussion. We believe an independent arborist's report should be done on the GES trees by someone who is not going to profit from having them removed.

Motion: Martial will request a meeting with the school district and the town of Gibsons regarding the tree cutting, hopefully before the end of the year. Barry Janyk first, Emily Doyle second. None opposed.

Deborah Luporini thanked the PAC members for their work on behalf of the students.

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

- We have to return any money not spent on VisionZero safe routes to schools project if it's not spent.
- We spent about \$1,000 on Sports Day food.

Motion: To spend up to \$800 on a Back-to-School BBQ in September. Barry Janyk, first, Sandra Squires, second. None opposed.

c. Trustee's report: Pam Ruth

- Trustees have wrapped up virtual school tours
- Pam gave a speech for virtual grad at Elphi.
- The board has hired a new superintendent. Decision will be announced soon.

d. DPAC report: Lorena Ruth

- Langdale PAC had an RCMP officer come and speak about safety who was reportedly very good with the kids. She has info in case we want to do that next year.
- Cedar Grove is doing an 'envelope campaign' for PAC this year as an alternative to fundraising.
- Two speakers have been chosen for the fall for parent education.

New business:

PAC elections.

- Sandra Squires was nominated and acclaimed as the Treasurer and will work on a transition into the role with support from Debbie Small.
- Emily Doyle was nominated and acclaimed as the DPAC rep.

Positions of secretary, fundraising coordinator and school store coordinator remain open
Martial will talk to Kayla about the possibility of continuing as school store coordinator.

Old business:

Active transportation update: Sandra Squires

- There is \$500 left in the budget for trail route signs. Sandra has been in contact with the Town of Gibsons about this.

- One crossing guard at GES isn't enough. We would like to advocate for an additional position.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.