GES PAC Agenda – March 2025

(Meeting in person at GES Library)

*Date: March 11th 2025 5:30 PM*

*Present: Angie, Robyn, Melissa, Crystal, Sally, Lynda, Sandra,*

*Regrets: Emily, Ryan,*

1. Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement (2 minutes)
2. Approve Agenda for tonight’s meeting. (2 minutes) First Sally, Second Melissa.
3. Approve minutes from the last PAC meeting (*February 11th 2025*). (2 minutes) First Sally, Second Melissa.
4. Reports
	1. Treasurer Report – Ryan.

Ryan absent, budget provided to the PAC.

* 1. Principals Report – Lynda. Find attached.

Note: informal learning update parent meetings – parents can reach out to teachers if they missed connecting.

* 1. DPAC Report - Emily.

DPAC report for March 11, 2025 GES PAC meeting

* Some funds are available from DPAC for parent volunteers to get FoodSafe training if needed. Let Emily know if we do want this.
* Feeding Futures update was presented by Kirsten Deasey and Andrea Potter. They are funded through the Ministry of Education and Child Care for this program. Almost all schools on the Coast are receiving food/groceries through this program.

There is information about the program on this website: <https://secheltkitchen.ca/>

Discussion – GES is receiving funding through community schools to provide food.

Action: Lynda is following up to gather information about Feeding Futures for GES.

* DPAC has sent the BC premier a letter requesting BC sign the federal government’s National School Food Policy/Program to obtain more funding to secure ongoing food needs for kids in schools. Emily sent this letter on behalf of our PAC after PAC board approval.
* Roberts Creek PAC parent, Kate Kowalczzyk mentioned they developed an App for PAC communications to the school community. They are offering it free to try until the end of this school year. There is info about it here: <https://www.pacanimal.com/>  . Interestingly, Kate was interviewed by CBC Radio’s Gloria Macarenko after the local earthquake about this App as RCCES was able to send communications out to all parents just minutes after the event. If you want to listen: <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-46-on-the-coast> . If we want to reach out to ask any questions about the App here is the contact info: vantwerperth@gmail.com Action: Melissa will look into the pacanimal App. And cost after the end of the trial for use next year.
1. Parent Letter follow-up – inclusion during recess and lunch

Prompt: Where can kids fit in, or find a safe space, during recess and lunch open play times if they are feeling left out? With acknowledgment that every kid is coming into school from a different situation, and with understanding that staffing and budgets are limited.

Action: Melissa will be in touch with the grade 7 leadership group – to rotate through leading a game, or activity, or being at the buddy bench – to provide some open opportunities for multi-age activities.

Potentially for next year PAC may consider bringing in an adult/parent to put on a directed activity.

1. Executive Budget Review

Notable changes:

Gaming Grant:

Changes to be voted on:

\*Active travel week increase in budget to provide ice cream for the whole school, rather than just 4 classes and individual prizes. Action: TABLED until Ryan is back to get the exact amount.

Sports Equipment / Jerseys:

\*Melissa made and donated basketball jerseys for grade 4/5 girls team.

Noted a need for new Jerseys for some teams. If we have money left in the Gaming Funds, we can create further jerseys – will need to be made according to the school protocols in terms of colours, etc. Mr. Sullivan would be part of the process. Will vote on when time comes.

- New set of cones required.

- Also potential to produce iron-on decals for future school store, or selling at PAC events.

\*Next year – condense the School Garden and School Beautification into one School Garden budget line.

GES PAC Budget – Non-gaming

PAC Munchalunch money doing well… currently about $7000 profit

Aiming to raise still about $2000 to $3200 to meet our budget goal:

Areas for future funding for rest of school year: $500 Howesound Pulp and Paper (Emily is following up with this to email), IGA card pay back, Fresh to You – veggies, and Bottle drive

Is there any money for random requests: yes, but from the budget areas that we have come under the expenditure amount allotted.

\*Add into for next year – student PAC bucks for volunteers to spend on concession

End of year PAC events upcoming:

* School Beautification/Community Building day on April 26th (Leads Emily and Robyn)

List of projects:

1. Upkeep of the gardens that we refreshed/added last spring.
2. Staining the kindergarten bench
3. Garbage/ recycling pick up.
4. Clean-up of the garden that is by the stairs/StrongStart entrance (remove invasives, maybe add some soil/mulch)
5. Michy asked for some help with tidying the school garden greenhouse if she doesn't get to this prior to April 26th.
6. Staining and moving the picnic table into the school garden (if Michy doesn't get this done earlier)

$1000 budget allocations: $250 or so on food and drinks -lunch for volunteers to wrap up the work party and enjoy some time together and thank people for coming out.

$530+ on any garden supplies like mulch, soil, plants

$180+ 4 hours of custodian to provide access to school kitchen and bathrooms

1. Fundraising/ Upcoming Events – Melissa

CANCELLED - Spring Market – April 5th

Due to not enough interest before Spring Break (Melissa to send out cancel message and Lynda to cancel gym booking)

Fresh to You – getting close to 40 bags of veggies. (We collect $10 a bag)

Decals (from Falcon transfers) - Melissa can order larger print out pages of GES school logo to cut out. Can get a couple of sizes for heat transfer to clothes.

Melissa to check in with Michi about use of her GES Rocks logos or stickers for printing.

Melissa to sell the remaining logos left over from the jerseys – through the office at $10.00 for the large and $5.00 for the small. If they sell well she is given the go ahead to re-order for fundraising. Potential: Do a decal event – along with the end of year BBQ. People bring or buy a t-shirt and can pre-order a decal to be put on during the event.

School events: Create leads and dates for the following events:

May 5th – Teacher Appreciation lunch – Sally

End of May – Active Transportation week - Robyn

Grade 7 Grad parent planning / dinner – Crystal

June Sports Day - TBD

Meeting adjourned: 7:10 PM

Next meeting: April 8th, 2025 - 5:30 PM (GES Library)