

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

May 4, 2021 7 p.m.

Present: Deb Small, Deborah Luporini, Jane Seyd, Martial Guillaud, Sandra Squires, Emily Doyle, Pam Ruth, Ingrid, Andy Lewis, Todd Hodgins and others.

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

Approval of minutes: from March 2021 PAC meeting. Barry Janyk first, Debbie Small second, none opposed.

PAC Election:

The following positions were filled by acclamation:

Chair - Martial Guillaud

Vice-chair – Sandra Squires

Positions of secretary, treasurer, school store coordinator and DPAC rep remain open. Debbie Small indicated she is willing to continue filling in as treasurer until a new treasurer can be recruited next fall.

4. Reports:

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

- There will be 350 students at the end of May
- School T-shirts have arrived
- Babysitting courses were well received by over 30 students
- Sports Day will be going ahead in May, separately for primary and intermediate students. No parents will be allowed to attend.
- Julie Wright, EA has retired.
- A significant portion of staff have now been vaccinated

Motion: PAC agreed to support sports day by providing a hot dog, doughnut and watermelon for all students. Sandra and Debbie will coordinate volunteers and PAC to spend up to \$1,000 on food for students. None opposed.

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

- We are still looking for a treasurer to replace Debbie.

Motion: PAC agreed to spend up to \$100 on a retirement gift for Julie Wright. None opposed.

c. Trustee's report: Pam Ruth

- Trustees are doing virtual school tours
- Hiring process is underway for a new superintendent

There was a question about food poverty and whether the school district is providing any services to families/students over the summer. The community school has identified a need. Sandra to get info on Starfish program. Jane to get info on what other school districts provide.

Old business:

Active transportation update: Sandra Squires

- Bike to School Week will happen at the end of May.
Motion: to approve up to \$1,000 in prizes for students who participate.

Tree removal at GES:

We still do not have an arborists report that detailing why 30 trees are considered dangerous and in need of removal. We still don't understand this basic issue. This is a concern because of the large number of trees still earmarked to be cut at GES. Pam said the school district had approval to cut the trees and had a permit from the town. There is a desire from the PAC for more information before any more trees are cut. There was discussion about the possibility of the PAC paying for its own arborist's report on the remaining trees if one was not provided by the school district.

Motion: Martial to write a letter to the school board voicing concern on behalf of the PAC and asking for more information, detailing why the trees were cut.

Raincity supportive housing: They are doing a regular litter pickup to make sure there are no concerning items being tossed away on school grounds. So far they haven't found anything but slurpy cups.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.