

## GES PAC Agenda – November 2024 (Meeting in person and on Zoom at GES Library)

*Date: November 12, 2024 6:45 PM*

*Present: Robyn, Pam, Lynda, Brit, Emily, Melissa, Sally, Ryan, Crystal, Tara, Valerie*

*Regrets: Sandra*

1. Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement (2 minutes)  
Introductions round of ideas for engaging and bringing people in to PAC meetings: Food, good conversations, concise and clear, ballot for end of year draw, creativity, playing with the edge, ability to bring kids to the meetings ie. babysitting (pre-registration), earlier start time, prizes at the end of each meeting, dinner (potluck, volunteer host that brings food).
2. Approve Agenda for tonight's meeting. (2 minutes) First Sally, Second Brit.
3. Approve minutes from the last PAC meeting (October 8, 2024). (2 minutes) First Melissa, Second Emily.
4. French-To-Go presentation - Valérie Tremblay

Invitation to event this Sunday (attached) to present a reciprocal language exchange opportunity. Check it out to learn more about this language immersion program that brings a child from France to live together with your family (with a similar age child) in BC for four months, then your child goes to France for 4 months to live with the French family. Program specializes in the 9 to 13 years old age group.

5. Reports
  - a. Treasurer Report – Ryan.  
Money is coming in now from Munchalunch – hot lunch program and Winter Market. See report attached.
  - b. Principals Report – Lynda.  
See report attached. Still waiting for a quote from maintenance on the repairing of the slide.
  - c. School Trustee Report - Pam Ruth  
Pam focus is on student voice, and happy to support our school and events whenever invited and available. Student driven free bus pass for students 13 – 18 has now come in to effect. School Trustee newsletter available online. Board meetings are live streamed.
  - d. DPAC Report - Emily.
- DPAC funded workshop with Matty Devenish: Understanding Dopamine: Exploring Problematic Screen Use in a Dopamine Saturated Society is Saturday Nov 16, 2024 at Roberts Creek Elementary School. Hosted by the RCCES PAC. Posters have been sent out. RSVP soon to [ccespac@gmail.com](mailto:ccespac@gmail.com)
- BCCPAC Leadership summit is Nov 30, 2024 via Zoom is open to a parents/caregivers within the member PACS (such as ours) <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/summit> Registration deadline is Nov 18, 2024.

- Next DPAC meeting there will be a preliminary budget consultation with the SD46 Secretary-Treasurer. PAC executive members are welcome to attend if they are interested in this topic. It's Nov 28th, 2024 from 7-7:30 at the School Board Office (and Zoom).
- Parents Helping Parents social event hosted by ESS PAC this Thursday Nov 14th from 6pm at Tapworks. For any parents of teens. Drop-in (no registration needed).

6. BBQ and School open house debrief– PAC

Huge success. Lessons: positive experience for parents to connect with staff and school community, pre-ordering on the hot lunch program so we have an idea of numbers (planned for 200 and kept needing to go out to get more), having a volunteer to take care of the teachers to ensure they get fed – food brought to them, tables set up very well done, maybe pre-cook burgers, put the hot lunch sign up in the waiting area, juice boxes ran out, invest in hot dog machine spinner, no burgers just hot dogs – buy way to many that's okay because they stack and freeze well. Line-ups great to make connections, but faster produced food would be great. Couple of condiment stations. Space where people can congregate, and somewhere people can sit – the Amphitheatre in back was suggested. More grill space if doing burgers again. Having veggie stuff really separate in the kitchen made it awkward – make it more inclusive, have a separate station closer by.

7. Hot Lunch updates – vendors, volunteers – Brit, Sally

\$5 credit for all volunteers towards their child or children approved (at discretion of Brit and Sally). Only one session can be open at a time, Sally to work on. Thinking of opening up two weeks at a time. Going to set up credit by paying by e-transfer ahead of time then posting credit to the account. Will try out with PAC member before advertising.

8. School Store brainstorm, lead – Tabled.

9. Winter Market December 7 – Melissa

50/50 tickets – 1000 tickets \$2 a ticket. 25 tickets in a book - \$50. Lisa has 4 books in the office – families can come and get up until market day.

Donations: Sunshine Coast Olive Oil, Salt & Swine, Gibsons Building Supply 2 picnic tables, Gibsons Vet Hospital, and many more...

Lots of students signed up for tables (real world learning strand)... some Community tables (authentic relationships). Unifor has donated \$500 for face painting – have two face painters set to go, and some singers. Crystal to look into the Coast Strings Fiddlers coming to play music as well.

Concession:

Croissants 10 -12

Dominoes pizza to sell by the slice 12 – 3 pm.

Popcorn. Families can donate Halloween candy to be sold for \$0.25 each..

Volunteer Schedule – Melissa has created – will get people to fill.

Invite teachers to decorate for the event. Snowflakes and paperchains – to stay for the concert and pancake breakfast.

10. Pancake Breakfast December 20? – Tabled

Meeting adjourned: 8:37 PM

Next meeting: December 10, 2024 6:45 (GES Library and On Zoom)