

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

Date: October 8, 2024 6:45 PM

Present: Ryan, Emily, Sandra, Sally, Brit, Lynda, Robyn, Crystal, Melissa, M-Mary Grace, Lorna.

Regrets:

1. Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement.
2. Approve Agenda for tonight's meeting. First Emily, Second Sally .
3. Approve minutes from the last PAC meeting (September 10, 2024). First Sally, Second Sandra.
4. Reports
 - a. Treasurer Report – Ryan.
Transfer of accounts is now complete. Hot lunch money has been moved over with \$3000 remaining. Gaming funds have been received, sitting at around \$11,000.
 - b. Principals Report – Lynda.
Please find report attached.
Some highlights: school population sits at 349 kids and 4 home schoolers.
Class teachers send thank you for the PAC class allocation funds.
Strategic Plan for SD46 has been sent home through email. Two particular strands of the plan that GES is working on for the first year: Authentic relationships, within and beyond the school, and Authentic real-world learning – taking the classroom beyond the four walls of the school.
 - c. DPAC Report - Emily.
 1. Parent education: A request came into our GES PAC Facebook Messenger with a suggested workshop for parents. The workshop is with Matty Devenish: RSW, MSW: Understanding Dopamine – Exploring Problematic Substance Use in a Dopamine Saturated Society. We can ask DPAC to consider funding the workshop, and DPAC is wondering if we would be up for hosting and providing snacks and babysitting.
 2. New Strategic Plan unveiled: Emily has 1 hard copy. Here is the link to the [digital copy](#) and the [video](#) about it.
 3. SD46 and DPAC event: Tuesday Oct 29th 5-7:30 at the Sunshine Coast Gold and Country Club. Effective Meetings, Collaborative Work, and Compassionate Systems Leadership. It's for all PAC Chairs, Vice Chairs (or 2 designates), DPAC Exec, Principals, and Trustees. Who will attend from GES? [RSVP](#) here and also emailed to PAC Exec today.
 4. Go-Active-Travel Weeks: One is this week and next, and the other will be in the Spring. Request for PAC funding (budget line item). Communications went out already re: prizes. We need to communicate our commitment to fund to Johan Stroman: johan@heartwoodsolutions.ca
 5. Request to sign on to letter asking for the Provincial Government to better fund buildings/portables, so that education funding is not decreased to pay for buildings/portables. DPAC has signed, as have other PACS. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ghQLYCSpmjmUgKxrW6YmWftHo0nMSw_naON0ohcva6E/edit
5. 2024-2025 Budget Review, Ryan
See report attached.
Sandra makes a motion to approve the budget. First Brit. Second Emily. Unanimous approval.

6. BBQ and School open house Thursday October 9 update– PAC volunteers, Ryan Brit to send out a call for volunteers and direct them to jobs. Cut off ingredients on food to display. Vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options to be made in the school kitchen.

New action: *School Freezer to be gone through and emptied for the cheesecake and cookie dough fundraiser food arrival– Brit and Melissa volunteer to do so.

7. School Grounds beautification – Robyn, Emily – Tabled
8. PAC and Hot Lunch recruitment update – Sally and Brit are working in the background and hoping to begin Hot Lunches in November. Melissa will also help. Opening up for feedback from the GES parent community to get input on food options, and to get volunteers, will set up pages at the informal learning update BBQ.
9. Fundraisers, upcoming events:

Melissa – sharing fundraising ideas from the school she was at last year.

- a. Free Movie nights hosted in the gym for families, charge for optional pizza dinner / popcorn concession.
- b. Winter Craft Market (Melissa will send PAC the full proposal). First open up ½ and full tables to students (support entrepreneurship) and then to parents and staff, then other local vendors. Set date for December 7th. Additional fundraising through concession, and 50/50 draw. Perhaps do the class baskets again...
Check in with school leadership group to put up tables.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM

Next meeting: November 12, 2024 6:45 (GES Library and On Zoom)