

GES PAC Minutes – October 14 2025

(Meeting in portable 1)

Date: October 14, 2025 start 9:20 AM

Present: Melissa(chair), Robyn(co-chair), Ryan(treasurer), Jeneah(secretary), Sally(HL coordinator), Lynda(principal) Members at large: Victoria, Deja, Sue, Crystal, Brittany, Jude, Savanna

Regrets: Brit(past chair)

1. Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement - Robyn
 - This meeting is being transcribed to ensure accuracy in our records and minutes. A copy of the transcript can be provided upon request.
2. Approve Agenda for today's meeting. Melissa approves, Deja seconds.
3. Approve minutes from the last PAC meeting (June 10, 2025). Melissa approves, Sally seconds.
4. Reports
 - a. PAC Chair update 2 minutes
 - New Executive Role voted on at the Executive meeting – Brit Boyd for Past Chair role.
 - Committees:
 - DPAC Jude volunteers to help with this role and will attend next DPAC meeting on October 23 at CSS,
 - Fundraising (event specific), Volunteer
 - Earthquake waters have been replaced in early September
 - b. Treasurer Report – Ryan
 - update on signing authorities - Brit is the approver
 - Teacher Allocations- paid an extra \$200 to missed class and \$200 to primary music.
 - \$7000 from gaming grant money deposited last week-this is used for free school events open to everyone, welcome back BBQ, Pancake Breakfast.
 - \$1000 given to Community Schools every year from gaming grant to fund breakfast program and sandwich program
 - paid off last years field trips
 - petty cash \$164
 - PAC general account balance \$17,351.56.
 - minimum threshold in our account, what's the number?
 - hot lunch single largest fundraiser- get vendors to send out regular invoices.

- c. Principals Report – Lynda.
 - enrollment down this year to 330 students.
 - earthquake bin needs replenishment from summer break in. Tarps and essentials were gone but first aid kits that were inside were not lost. Mr.Sullivan will help reorganize this.
 - winter concert dates TBD as we are trying to work around the Family First Christmas project in the gym.
 - Swimming lessons didn't work out last year because of a lifeguard shortage but will try again this year for primary lessons at Gibsons pool.
 - Halloween costume parade Friday October 31st 10:30am weather dependent inside or outside.
 - School budget review for next meeting
- DPAC Minutes Review -Melissa
 - DPAC board election Oct 23 7pm CSS,
 - Annual SD46 board and DPAC forum in collaboration - how to run a meeting, build engagement through a compassionate lens system.
- 5. 2024-2025 Budget Review and Vote - Ryan
 - swimming and skating combined into field trips \$5 per kid
 - move \$750 ice cream money from gaming budget to PAC general budget
 - Ryan makes a motion to accept a slightly modified gaming budget. Melissa seconds, all in favour.
 - Ryan makes a motion to accept our operation budget for the year with the added \$750 moved from gaming. Melissa seconds, all in favour.
- 6. October 9th BBQ debrief – Executive Team
 - Welcome BBQ was a success.
 - over budget but had to do repairs on the grill
 - souce better veggie dogs for next year and more quantity
 - less caramelized onions and use chafing dish to keep warm(Crystal has one to use)
 - make it more clear on posters that it's only a hot dog bbq, no hamburgers.
 - need numbers to better plan for next year.
- 7. Bursary thank you letter from 2025 grad - Will increase bursary amount to \$1000 for this school year grads but still given to GES former students.
- 8. School Grounds beautification – Robyn
 - planning a grounds clean up- stay tuned for details

9. Active Travel – Robyn
 - first 2 weeks of October. Older grades did some bike skills training
 - road safety BLitz with RCMP, Bylaw officer, VCH present at the school and crosswalks handing out reflectors for backpacks and talking with kids and parents about road safety. They may put forth some safety recommendations.
 - Spring active travel week- will plan for bike repairs ask for parent volunteers closer to that date.
10. Progressive Cards - Melissa
 - 4% of the funds used with IGA cards come back to our school. PAC has these available.
11. Hot Lunch update – Sally
 - next cookie sale planned for Dec 12th- connect with Lynda first.
12. Fundraisers, upcoming events -Melissa
 - Winter Market - 16 tables filled but need more vendors
 - Melissa committee coordinator and Jude committee member
 - Donation Requests for silent auction-Melissa printed letter to hand out
 - Share event on facebook to your friends and family
 - Table prices – students \$20/half table \$10, Families \$30, regular \$40, \$5 discount if you bring your own table
 - table set-up on friday November 14th evening
 - purchase tote bags to put logos on? Or t-shirts?
13. Look ahead for November meeting
 - Pancake breakfast committee to be formed at Nov meeting
 - New Business:
 - Book and Vote for June year end meeting at Emelles at the Market-special pricing
 - School store planning and update- Brit
 - School parking lot - have conversation.

Meeting adjourned: 10:30 am

Next meeting: November 18, 2025 5:30pm (GES Library)

- Babysitting and pizza provided.
- Please RSVP with your pizza order (slices and type – cheese, Hawaiian, veggie, pepperoni) to gibsonspac@gmail.com to ensure we order enough!