

GES PAC Meeting Minutes September 2023 (Meeting via Zoom)

Date: September 12, 2023

Present: Lynda, Sandra, Christina, Kelsey, Tom, Sarah, Emily.

1. Welcome 7:00 and Land Acknowledgement.
2. Approve Agenda for tonight's meeting. First Christina, Second Emily.
3. Approve minutes from last PAC meeting (June 13, 2023). First Sandra, Second Emily.
4. Reports
 - a. Treasurer Report – Sandra. May to August 31, 2023
See attached report.
Teacher allocations for extra classroom discretionary funds: 16 division teachers \$200 each class, as well as \$200 each for the IST, LA, Counsellors, Librarian, Literacy teacher, and front office. $25 \times \$200 = \5000.00
Motion to approve \$5000.00 in budget funds for teacher allocations. First, Sarah. Second, Christina.
 - b. Principals Report – Lynda.
See attached report.
Q. Regarding SD46 district removal of the Gagaball pit. Perhaps this is something we can use playground funds for?
 - c. DPAC Report - Emily.

No meeting yet this year. An event to pass on:

Caroline Picard to hold a district professional development session for PAC and DPAC Representatives on Compassionate Systems Leadership on Thursday, November 2nd from 5 – 7:30 pm. The trustees will also attend and present on 'Working with your local Board of Education'.
 - d. Trustee Report- no longer attending PAC meetings, unless specifically invited.
5. Determine a Budget Meeting - to be held: September 20 at 8 pm (PAC Exec only)
 - a. Consider a guaranteed term deposit certificate for surplus of funds (table to budget meeting)
 - b. BC PAC Membership RenewalTransportation – busing has lost funding. Lynda will send info.
6. Welcome / Meet the Teacher night
October 11 and 12 – informal learning update early dismissal days
- classrooms will be open for parents to meet with their child's teacher

- School considering having the school welcome night one of those evenings. They would still like to have ice cream for kids around 4 pm. PAC will purchase and bring ice cream and cones – order from Mike’s and Piper and Sparrow, like last year. Maybe less, there was a lot of left over ice cream.

7. PAC elections – positions to fill?

For the longevity of the PAC it would be great to look at recruiting additional members.

Hot lunch coordinator position?

Emily suggested – Kindergarten parent meeting would great place to inform parents of what the PAC is, what happens at the meetings. Lynda suggested maybe the literacy evening in October.

Tabled: option to move PAC meetings back to in-person. Will this help bring more people?

8. Hot lunch directions for the year

Lots of options.

- Elphinstone hot lunch – won’t be an option for the next little bit.
- Everything in place to roll out same as last year. Maybe start until New Year.
- Empty day each week to try new things.
- Sausage rolls, perogies, trial other food options.
- Order one month at a time. Had hard time with people ordering long term, and not paying.

9. Survey to all parents: hot lunch & envelope fundraiser.

Contents focusing on volunteers, hot lunch, and envelop fundraiser idea.

Kelsey will work on and send to Lynda and PAC exec for approval. Johan will also be contacted for GES parent information collected last Spring around food.

10. Fundraising idea: Outdoor movie event - free event open invitation. Make funds through selling popcorn, doing a 50/50. Requested a quote from fresh air cinema. Timeframe likely May. Venue, potentially Brothers Park – Gibsons Elementary likely too small.

New business: none

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Next meeting Tuesday October 10th, 2023 at 7 PM.