

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

Date: September 13, 2022

Minutes to be approved at next meeting: October 11, 2022.

Present: Emily Doyle, Lynda Brisebois, Kelsey Dunn, Alyssa Dempster, Carla Rudy, Sandra Squire, Nattaporn, Stacia Leech, Chris, Crystal Boeur, Meg.

Regrets: None

1. 7:00 pm Kelsey PAC chair: Welcome and thanks to Crystal Boeur stepping into the Secretary role, and Alyssa Dempster stepping into the role of Vice Chair.
2. Approve Agenda for tonight's meeting: First Crystal, Second Emily. Carried.
3. Approve minutes from last PAC meeting; motion to approve the minutes: First Emily, Second Sandra. Carried.
4. Reports
 - a. Principals Report from Lynda:
Enrollment 354 students, opened new division this year, now 17.
Events coming up: Jess Dance on Thursday – all classes get to participate.
Monday Sept 19th – a day to honour Queen Elizabeth's passing and school will be closed.
Terry Fox run Wednesday the 21st, intermediates go to Elphinstone, Primary's stay at GES.
Thursday – Cops for Cancer will be stopping by GES. Families asked to contribute a twoonie.
Pro-D Day September 26th
Friday September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The school will be spending the week to honour this.

Questions:

Q re: Walking School Bus pilot. A: Johan is working on getting it up and running.
GES is looking at a closer to school drop off location to alleviate some of the congestion around the school. Lynda is looking for staff to be able to fill the role of meeting students to walk them rest of the way to school.

How many teachers on staff?

17 classrooms, but more teachers because some of them are job sharing. Will get back to Sandra.

- b. Treasurer Report: Sandra
 - i. Shared banking as of August 31, 2022.
 - ii. Motion to approve \$3700 to be allocated from the general account for teacher allocations and front office.
Crystal First, Emily seconds. Motion carried.

- iii. Motion to increase the allocation amount from \$115 to \$150 for teachers, and from \$40 to \$100 for the front office. (\$150.00 per classroom (17 classrooms) plus \$150 for each of the 2 ISTs, 1 Fine Arts teacher, 1 Music teacher, 1 Librarian and 2 Counsellors). Crystal put forward the motion, Emily seconds. Motion carried.

Questions:

Q. re gaming grant money not spent, and concern was raised that we will not get as much money this year because we have so much money left over.

A. Agreement was made to ensure that the gaming grants are spent each year so we can continue to receive the grant.

Q regarding type of activity covered by the grant.

A. Needs to be applicable for all the school community. E.g. School wide activities like swimming and skating, speakers, sports day, etc. As long as it's not a fundraiser.

Q./ Comment. Regarding how much needs to be shared regarding each item of the budget, whether more time can be spent on the planning.

A. Will condense if possible.

- c. Trustee Report: Stacia Leech
 - i. Greetings from the School Board – Stacia is assigned to our PAC, but has no particular constituency – not here to represent GES specifically.
 - ii. Meeting tomorrow night, swearing in 10th student trustee.
 - d. Hot Lunch program Report: Kelsey
 - i. Needing more people to help out.
 - ii. Hope to get going by end of October.
 - e. DPAC Report: Emily
 - i. DPAC will meet last Thursday of the month. Will share more next month.
 - ii. They organize the parent education programs and events.
5. New Business
- a. Electing the new roles:
Kelsey nominates Crystal for the role of Secretary, and Alyssa for the role of vice-chair. Seconded by Sandra and Emily. Vote carried.
 - b. Back to school open house - Tuesday, September 27th
Plan: 6:30 Pre-recorded message about bridging the gap between school and home by Monique Gray-Smith.
5-630 Ice Cream and Popsicles – given out by staff.
PAC will coordinate purchase of ice cream, cones and popsicles.
Question about replacing the bottled water from the Earthquake kits and using the existing bottles to hand out at the event. Agreed upon.
Motion to approve a budget of \$1000 for the back to school open house: First Crystal, Seconded by Emily. Motion carried.

Questions regarding timing and length of the event, over dinner.

Lynda to bring to her staff, and check whether the Monique film can be shown more than once.

Kelsey to check in with Supervalu and Crystal to check in Mike's regarding ice cream.

PAC to help scoop ice cream.

- c. Emily suggested we have a PAC table and give out the IGA cards.
Emily motioned we spend up to \$200 on purchasing IGA fundraising cards to restock.
Seconded by Sandra. GES gets a percentage of cash back on funds spent with the cards.
 - d. From staff survey last year, staff had several ideas. Can we reach out to staff to invite them for proposals. Review the survey from last year, and Kelsey to send out a welcome letter from the PAC to all staff.
 - e. Conversation regarding sending out an envelope fundraiser from the PAC to all student families. Families not able to volunteer might be interested in donating. Motion to approve \$100 from the general account for the envelope fundraiser. First Sandra, seconded by Kelsey. Motion carried.
6. Fundraiser ideas from other schools shared by Emily to think about for later in year:
- Literacy week – used book sale. Students donate books, organized by genre and will be sold to students for a small amount (\$1? or 50 cents? - to be determined)
 - Break the Rules day – donate money to break a rule. (Rules to be pre-determined)
7. Q. What to do around Halloween/Fall?
- Not enough capacity for carnival. Last year did kindness baskets – will not be able to do in October, tabled for now, and will check in later in year –perhaps February during kindness month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

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