

GES November PAC Meeting Minutes (Meeting GES Library & on Zoom)

Date: November 14, 2023

Present: Sandra Squires, Chris Lekakis, Roxana Ayala, Sally Hogue, Jay Dodge, Crystal Boeur, Nicholas Horton, Christina Crosby, Robyn Ashwell, Lynda Brisbois, and Liz Cullen

Regrets: Allysa Dempster

1. Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes)
2. Approve Agenda for tonight's meeting. First Chris, Second Jay. (3 minutes)
3. Approve minutes from last PAC meeting (October 10, 2023). First Emily, Second Sandra. (5 minutes)
4. Reports

- a. Treasurer Report – Sandra. (5 minutes)

Waiting on the Gaming Grant funds to arrive, resulting in a hold on the payments out to family first. Question regarding the \$5000 allocation to teachers- which was \$200 given per teaching staff member for helping make the classroom more welcoming and to reduce the out-of-pocket expenses teachers typically spend on students outside of school covered costs. Funds to be used at the discretion of the staff member, and given out through the front office.

- b. Principals Report – Lynda. (10 minutes)

Principal Report is attached.

Q. Who is the elementary leadership team? Lynda: it is different at each school, ours is grade 6 /7 group.

Please pass on to Elaine Tattrie that the PAC can help with the Family First event, and set up.

- c. DPAC Report - Emily. (10 minutes)

DPAC Report:

1. Regulation in circulation for review and input: Reg 1230 – Student Suspensions and Reg 2105 – Public Interest Disclosure. The contents of the regs can be reviewed and feedback submitted [here](#).
2. TRAC is looking for bike donations to replace stolen bikes that had initially been purchased through a VCH grant for a bike program for at risk students at the Sunshine Coast Alternative School. If we have any suitable bikes we can donate the asked for us to contact email nick.smith@transportationchoices.ca They are looking for:
 - a. small, medium and large frames
 - b. 27.5" wheels
 - c. hard tail or full suspension
 - d. disc brakes
3. Lots of opportunities to learn about the new assessment and reporting systems in place. If folks want more information to provide feedback they can contact Kirsten Deasey kdeasey@sd46.bc.ca or check out this website: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

4. DPAC Gaming fund is available to parents for their education and resources for this school year. Some ideas so far include:
 - a. Parenting Teens course by Shirley French for North end parents and caregivers.
 - b. Truth & Reconciliation workshop – Blanket exercise
 - c. Food Safe Course
 - d. First Aid Course

If we have ideas let me know and I'll pass them along in the Nov meeting.

5. A lot of talk about the Food in School program – no solid details yet from the SD – stay tuned.
6. Next meeting Nov 23, 2023 at 7pm at the School Board office and Zoom.

5. School Grounds beautification – planting project update, Emily (5 minutes)
Report with scope of project attached.
Question regarding the wood left over from the removal of the danger trees. Can we access and use? Lynda: It is stock piled somewhere to make benches. The indigenous sign with the mosaic was made from some of that wood.
Who to connect with? Probably Sarah the gardener could be connected with to find out where it is.
Suggestion: Good to have a mural artist involved, or to have Paintillo – like what was done at Banditry, to ensure the mural turns out well.
Action: Will need to send the plans to Sarah and get CUPE permission to do grounds work.
Emily will check in with Sarah and forward scope to Rob at maintenance.
Mural Artist ideas: Bracken Hanuse (CGES), Ben Tour (Langdale / CGES/ Capilano U)
6. Winter Celebration/ Pancake Breakfast with Santa – volunteers, and organization, (10 minutes)
Santa usually visits from the North Pole. We make pancakes in the morning.
Discussion regarding timing: Of note: Gingerbread houses made by the school on Thursday Dec 21st. This year students will be decorating cones to make Christmas Trees.
Primary Concert on Tuesday evening, Intermediate during the day on the 20th. If they leave out the chairs, we will plan for the Pancake breakfast on the 21st. Add tables, and then aside from clean up the gym will be ready for the cone tree decorating event.
Action: 6 – 8 volunteers will be required. Looking for a lead coordinator.
Sandra – will order supplies.
Jay will help out with the electrical issues – with pancake gridles.
Looking for photographer parent to take photos with Santa - budget covers print out.
7. Fundraiser brainstorming (10 minutes)
 - a. Envelope Fundraiser (delayed until Easter – Spring Break)
 - b. Jay suggestions– Direct Ask. If family would like tax receipt - can donate to the school district GES PAC, and the school district can give out a tax receipt.
Jay has a contact in Vancouver that would be willing to donate Art prints – movie posters, some numbered art prints. Full range of art to the GES PAC to sell as a fundraiser.
Kelsey will connect with Jay to get this rolling.
 - c. Kelsey looked into Krispy Crème – but they have not replied yet.

- d. Emily suggested a concession at the evening Primary concert in December. To be added to next PAC meeting agenda.
 - e. Volleyball tournament Tuesday November 21 – simple concession for the 10 teams. Executive will look into this.
 - f. Lynda suggested – The Butcher meat fundraiser. Someone would need to coordinate pick up. Kids organize and will deliver or have for pick up. Jack and Jill did a pick up fundraiser from the Butcher, which would solve the issue of freezer space.
 - g. Kelsey reviewed the community movie night idea. Would need corporate sponsor for the cost, of about \$4000.00. This fundraiser would be brought up again in the Spring.
 - h. Chris shared: Pender PAC did a chicken sale, Chris will send out info on how that was coordinated.
 - i. Last year Allysa coordinated a Burger, Beer and Band night. (Potential there, but need to reach out to get a free band – Crystal will check in)
8. Recruitment strategy for new treasurer (10 minutes) - Sandra willing to partner with new treasurer to orient them before next year. Potential sharing of the role. Kelsey may take over this role if someone takes on the Chair role.

New business:

Meeting adjourned 8:32 pm.

Next meeting Tuesday December 12th, 2023 at 7 PM.