

GES PAC Meeting Minutes (Meeting via Zoom)

Date: October 11, 2022

Present: Kelsey Dunn, Emily Doyle, Crystal Boeur, Sandra Squires, Lynda Brisebois, Michy Stevens, Allysa Dempster, Angelina Theilmann.

1. Welcome 7:00.
2. Approve Agenda for tonight's meeting. First Emily, Second Sandra.
3. Approve minutes from last PAC meeting (Sept 6, 2022). First Emily, Second Sandra.
4. Request for support presented by Ms. Michy Stevens.

Spoke with Meryl last Wednesday and found out she is more than happy for the class to use the community garden and greenhouse. Michy and class are looking to assist with getting funding, as point person. First proposal has been resolved.

Second proposal is regarding the skirting on the bottom of the portables. She would like all the three portable skirts to be painted by the whole school. Needs to be passed by maintenance. Michy is having her students write a letter, and looking to clarify the vision.

5. Reports
 - a. Treasurer Report – Sandra
 - i. Shared bank balances for our accounts including income and expenses. See attached report.
 - ii. 1288 of unallocated Gaming Grant funds needs to be spent this year in order for us to receive our full gaming grant money next year.
 - iii. Motion to approve report Emily, Second Crystal.
 - b. PAC Budget was shared by Sandra. Put together by the executive.
 - i. Income - We received our Gaming Grant. We have estimated an income amount from hot lunches. The IGA cards and Envelope fundraisers have modest estimates. We are applying for the Howe Sound Pulp and Paper for \$250. Total Income estimate is \$30,374.00
 - ii. Expenses - yellow highlighted terms can be covered by gaming grant money. 2022 Bursary Sydney Kopek \$750.00 still to be paid out. Other expenses require a variety of events such as skating, sports day, literacy week, winter celebration, and grade seven leaving ceremony. Also funds to family first program, literacy, sandwich program, teacher classroom allocations etc. We will purchase a new larger popcorn machine this year. Total expense estimate is \$32,746.00
See budget for further details.
Motion to approve the budget. First, Crystal. Second, Emily. Vote carried.
 - c. Principals Report.

- i. Successful open house. Turnout estimated at about 75 families. Thanks to the PAC for ordering the ice cream and cones.
- ii. Volleyball Season is in full swing.
- iii. GES Terry Fox run raised over \$850.00
- iv. Student Reporting is shifting to match the redesigned curriculum. There is a zoom session for families on October 26. Details sent out to families.
*Ms. Michy noted that lots of support is being offered to the teachers to support the transition.
- v. Books for Babies being offered at Gibsons Public Library.
- vi. FSA's (Foundation Skills Assessments) underway for grade 4s and 7s. Data important to inform school programs and areas of focus.

Q Basketball: Yes, will happen in January.

Q Choir: Don't think this will happen this year. We don't have a primary music teacher this year, we have a fine arts teacher that focuses more broadly on art, music and dance this year.

Q Will there be a winter parent event this year? Yes, there will likely to be something, not sure what.

- d. Trustee Report:
 - i. No report this evening, Stacia has an election event to attend.
 - e. DPAC Report from Emily. See report attached.
6. Hot Lunch Update by Kelsey.
- a. Launched as of today, October 11, 2022.
 - b. Ordering available until end of October, and will keep extending as it gets organized.
 - c. Huge thank you to Christina Crosby, and Chantel Matthews and 19 volunteers on board to help run the hot lunch, coordinated by Kelsey.
 - d. All orders will need to be placed by Sunday 7 pm for the following week. Hot dogs need to be ordered one week in advance. Website will be organized to reflect these cut off dates.
 - e. Each order that goes through is charged a \$.30 transaction fee. Included in price of items. Better to order a bunch of meals at once.

Comment: Michy offered to make one-page graphic design .

Q. Re subsidy to hot lunch for kids that cannot afford it.

- Kelsey spoke with Sue from community schools. There are sandwiches available every day for lunch. We will continue to be in touch about providing access to hot lunch on some special hot dog days for students through community schools.
- Comment: Some PACS across province are also including option for families to donate money to provide a lunch. Perhaps we can add a donate \$5 towards hot lunch button.
- Planning a trial with popcorn day, to provide all students with popcorn. Trying to figure how to manage and organize this.

7. Envelope Fundraiser update, and return date decision.
 - a. Like to get out to parents by Friday, the letters printed with colourful envelope stapled to them.
 - b. If families want to donate by e-transfer they can also do so. Make sure to make a note – “envelope funds” on the e-transfer.
 - c. Due back date to be set for October 31st, 2022.
8. Tru-Earth Fundraiser update. In progress. Sandra is emailing back and forth to get this started. Tru-Earth sells cleaning products and we can get 20% return to PAC.
9. Literacy Support Teacher proposal for two pizza nights for K-2 families. Motion to approve \$300 from PAC for pizza literacy night. First Emily, Second Allysa. Carried.
10. No new Business

Next meeting Tuesday November 15th, 2022 at 7 PM.