

GES April PAC Agenda (Meeting GES Library & on Zoom)

Date: April 9, 2024 6:45 PM

Present:

Regrets:

1. Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement (2 minutes)
2. Approve Agenda for tonight's meeting. First Jay, Second Kelsey. (2 minutes)
3. Approve minutes from last PAC meeting (February 13, 2024). First Kelsey, Second Emily. (2 minutes)
4. Reports
 - a. Treasurer Report – Sandra. (10 minutes)
Please email for copy of budget report.
Playground account closed, and put in general account.
GES was approved for the Gaming Grant.
 - b. Principals Report – Lynda. (10 minutes)
Dates trickling in for Talent Show, Sports Day.
Lots of great field trips happening.
“Imagine a Canada” grant received from Ms Stevens class, to add indigenous plants to the school garden. Learning updates coming home Friday, April 19.
 - c. DPAC Report - Emily. (10 minutes)

Last meeting was Feb 22, 2024.

- I. SD46 currently is looking for a few parents representative to take part in an Anti-Racism working group. The group will meet quarterly. If you are interested in becoming a parent's rep, please contact to Miyuki Shinkfor more info or to express interest (elphinstonepac@gmail.com). There is also an SD46 Social Justice Book Club you can join in.
 - II. Feb 29th 2024: Kairos Blanket Exercise workshop. Emily attended. Well worth while. If we want to consider hosting one we just need 20-25 participants (it's free).
 - III. DPAC has funded 2 more workshops with Laura Barnes – Parenting Through Big Emotions. The one at GES was well received and there will be one offered at KES and HMB. Posters have be circulated already.
 - IV. Healthy Schools Committee looking for a parent rep. If interested contact Scott Davis (DPAC chair). Sd46dpac@gmail.com
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5. GAMING GRANT funds – spending discussion (10 minutes)
Still budgeted until the end of year: bike to school, sports day, grade 7 leaving ceremony - \$1825
Sandra will call in to the gaming grant retroactive payment of Field trips \$4200

Check in regarding the repair of the playground rubber surface, and create a long-term plan for financing its replacement. Lynda will check in maintenance.

Class set of portable chairs or sit-upons.

6. School Grounds beautification – planting project update, Lynda/Emily (2 minutes)
Still waiting for Rob. Lynda sent another message to Rob.

One day volunteer clean up – weed, plant, stain bench, mulch. Robyn and Emily – pending May 11th (Saturday). PAC funded lunch. Motion to add \$500 to the budget for school grounds beautification, for a total of \$1000. First Robyn, Second Kelsey.

7. Recruitment - Treasurer and Hot Lunch Coordinator (2 minutes) – descriptions to have written up on volunteer day
8. Teacher Appreciation Day – Tuesday May 7 (5 minutes)
Budget of \$1200. Kelsey will send out an email for a parent to coordinate. Crystal will coordinate Baik Mi, or Friendly Thai, Won / Sima Sushi. (44 staff to feed)

9. Fundraiser updates (10 minutes)

- a. Art prints sale – Jay - Let’s pick a date. Saturday, May 11th. Book and confirm use of custodian – min 4 hours. Jay will look into more materials.
- b. Envelope campaign – Kelsey. table
- c. Meat sales (The Butcher) – Kelsey / Jay. Ongoing.
- d. Outdoor Movie planning – postpone to next year

Meeting adjourned: 8:21 PM

Next meeting Tuesday May 14, 2024 at 6:45 PM.