

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

December 07, 2021 7 p.m.

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

Present: Martial Guillaud, Kelsey Dunn, Sandra Squires, Lynda Brisebois, Taisha Grant, Christina Crosby, Emily Doyle

Regrets:

1. Welcome 7:06
2. Approve Agenda for tonight's meeting: First, Christina, Second, Emily.
3. Approve minutes from November PAC meeting; motion to approve the minutes, First, Emily, Second, Christina.
4. Reports
 - a. Principals Report
 - i. Growth plan will be discussed in January
 - ii. Vaccine's age 5-11 age group. Lynda reiterates that the school will not be vaccinating children without permission and consent.
 - iii. Kids who are returning from an international flight will not be able to return to school for 14 days.
 - iv. Safety concerns, noticing more and more kids are showing up to school on bikes and scooters without helmets. There are some concerns about cross walk safety that they will be focusing on as well.
 - v. Christmas Concert, no concert this year, teachers will host their own performances and may have viewing through YouTube.
 - vi. Skating, huge success and thank you to PAC for paying for it
 - vii. Kindness baskets, great success as well, lots of kindness and excitement
 - viii. Dress up before holidays, see recent email for dates and themes

Kelsey asked, "If kids are vaccinated, do they still have to stay home from school for 14 days?"

Lynda responded, "At this time, as vaccines have to be booked 8 weeks a part, there is no way to double vaccinate before Christmas."

Sandra asked, "Lynda is there anything we can do to support the winter activities?"

Lynda responded, "Candy canes for the last day of school would be great."

Martial asked if we could get a Santa to come to the school to hand out the candy canes? Lynda agreed this would be fine. Martial to locate a local Santa and or Santa suit.

Motion to approve a budget for \$400 for Santa and for candy canes, first, Sandra and second, Emily.

- b. Treasurers Report
 - i. See treasurers report
 - c. School Store
 - i. No update. Still seeking volunteer for school store.
 - d. Trustee Report: see trustee report attached.
 - i. No update
 - e. DPAC Report
 - i. Treasurer 101 session is coming out and may be of interest to our PAC.
 - ii. Kim Bathol parent education, date is set for Feb 10 7-8:30. Presentation is on Trauma sensitive education
 - iii. New regulation on health and safety, you can provide input and feedback via online form through SD46 web site.
 - iv. Education session by Dr Catherine Smart, information about covid vaccines for kids. At the DPAC there was a request for parent education for Sunshine Coast families. Currently nothing is set, reference to the recorded presentation.
 - v. Looking for DPAC rep to attend family engagement meetings to represent DPAC at monthly meetings.
 - vi. At previous DPAC meeting, concerns were brought about regarding notifications for children who are positive for COVID and exposure at school. Parents were asking for more information to come from the health authority. The question was brought up around whether this belongs to the school or to the health authority. Two parents came together and issued a letter asking for further transparency and asked the DPAC to support. The DPAC stated that they cannot speak on behalf of all the PAC's. Emily presented to GES PAC, asked parents to have a close read through and write their response, either support or support with requested changes or non-support directly to sd46dpac@gmail.com .
5. New Business
- a. Emily: Planting a tree with kindergarten kids for April, will connect with Sarah the school's gardener and with Quality Farms. One tree will be planted per kindergarten cohort.
 - b. Emily: Envelope fundraiser, the fundraiser was approved, postponing to New Year past holidays.
 - c. Discussed postponing January PAC meeting until the second Tuesday of the month.
6. Old Business
- a. Discussed the burger and beer and hosting again in the spring potentially making it bigger with more opportunity to raise funds.
7. Parent concerns regarding Public Health can contact the VCH representative: Dr. John Harding. Phone: 604-983-6701

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 11, 2022.