

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

February 01, 2021 7 p.m.

Minutes to be approved at next meeting: March 01, 2022.

Present: Martial Guillaud, Kelsey Dunn, Lynda Brisebois, Emily Doyle, Christina Crosby, Nicholas Weswick, Rob Collison, Stacia Leech, Todd H, Claire, Taisha Grant, Poula

Regrets: Sandra Squires

1. Welcome 7:00
2. Approve Agenda for tonight's meeting: First, Sandra, Second, Christina.
3. Tree removal – Nicholas Weswick
 - a. Risk assessment done on GES. Some trees were removed, and a secondary assessment was completed on 58 trees. It was assessed that some of them do need to come down (approx. 35-40) and some need to be monitored and re-assessed over 3 years. There is risk of building damage, injury and poses concern for community and school.
 - b. An arborist report was shared
 - c. Anticipate concern from community
 - d. 10 new trees will be planted for every tree that is taken down
 - e. Tree removal will happen over spring break
 - f. An information package will be provided via a mail list to those who have expressed previous concern to best communicate and build awareness for the plan and rationality

Questions re: Tree Removal

Sandra asked how many trees are on the property, Nicholas and Rob explained that they don't have a definitive number but it's in the 100's.

Martial asked when the new trees would be planted. Nicholas explained that depending on the weather and ground readiness, they are hoping for spring but potentially as late as fall.

Emily asked how big the tree's that will be planted. Rob explained that the tree's being re-planted will be saplings, Rob explained that with the 10:1, some trees may not make it.

Emily asked what would happen with the wood from the logs for the tree's that are removed. Nick explained that at the advice of the arborist, they are exploring getting a stamp to be able to market these trees. The goal being to recoup the cost of bringing the tree's down and if any surplus funds are available, they intend to use in a way that would align with the environmental impact.

Sandra commented that it would be beneficial to have the school and/or parents engaged for any funds spent. Nicholas responded that any expenditures or use of funds would need to go to the board and notes that it would be a dialogue he could bring back to the PAC for more commentary.

Martial thanked Nicholas and Rob for attending.

Martial asked, is it the same person that provided the report who will be taking the trees down. Nicholas confirmed that that there is no affiliation.

Martial noted that the previous year that the trees were removed, there was an agreement that the opportunity would be taken to educate the kids and have them involved in the process. Rob responded that the arborist is willing to do an educational session and to involve the students in the tree planting.

Martial asked if the PAC should be involved. Nicholas asked how the PAC would like to be involved. Martial explained we didn't need to be, that he is happy to leave it in the hands of Lynda, Rob and Nicholas.

Emily asked how the communication will go out. Nicholas explained that a FAQ will go out, the neighbors around the property will be informed and the school will be equipped with the information to handle inquiries. At this time, a public meeting has not been planned, however that could change depending on feedback.

Sandra re-iterated, the importance of providing education to students to learn from the experience. Nicholas responded that he agrees that it is an excellent idea and would support. Lynda and Rob will connect and work with the arborist on what can be provided.

Emily asked about the opportunity to build an outdoor classroom and whether the wood could be used to contribute to that project. Nicholas shared that there is an outdoor learning structure that has been purchased and is available to the Gibsons site and now the challenge is the site. Nicholas agrees that this could provide some additional opportunity for that implementation.

4. Approve minutes from January PAC meeting; motion to approve the minutes, First, Emily, Second, Sandra.
5. Reports
 - a. Principals Report
 - i. Desiree Harris, the indigenous education teacher has shared some Canadian Indigenous Authors with teachers and the school will be purchasing more books
 - ii. Literacy week was a success thanks to the PAC for providing snacks
 - iii. Proposed school calendar was sent to the parents for 2022-2023 school year. There is an ask for feedback by Feb. 17, 2022.
 - iv. Kindness month is coming up, lots of initiatives within the school to spread kindness.
 - v. Pro D Day
 - vi. Kindergarten registration starts Feb 14, 2021
 - vii. Report cards will be coming home March 04, 2022
 - b. Treasurers Report

- i. See treasurers report
 - ii. Sandra suggested we review the budget twice a year and will be providing an update at the next meeting.
 - c. School Store
 - i. No update. Still seeking volunteer for school store.
 - d. Trustee Report: see trustee report attached.
 - i. Stacia Leech is standing in for Pamila Ruth who was unable to make it.
 - ii. See Trustee report attached.
 - e. DPAC Report
 - i. Last DPAC meeting was in January
 - ii. Krista Rive shared some data around what students report about their health and social connections. Common themes on the Sunshine Coast were around nutrition and sleep.
 - iii. Presentation coming up February 10 around trauma sensitive information hosted by Kim Barthell.
 - iv. There was an ask if anyone is available or interested in being a part of a family engagement committee with the school district. It is on Monday afternoons. If interested, please connect with Emily Doyle at emilia_moonchild@hotmail.com
- 6. New Business
 - a. Kelsey proposed a project to get the kinder cage a new outdoor bench / storage. Kelsey to inquire on plans and budget to present at next meeting. Sandra noted that \$400 roughly is in the playground fund and the funds we raised from the 101 fundraiser we stated would partially be used for playground as well.
 - b. Lynda: hot lunch and popcorn was inquired upon as to whether it would come back. Lynda let the parents know that she would bring it to the PAC.
 - i. Issue remains with lack of parent volunteers.
 - ii. Discussed doing a one-off popcorn day February 23, 2022. Martial and Kelsey volunteered to do popcorn. Kelsey to inquire with Cedar Grove about borrowing their popcorn machine. Sandra to inquire about purchasing bags. Motion to approve a budget for \$100 for popcorn during kindness month, first, Christina, second, Emily.
 - c. Emily: TRAC meeting
 - i. Town could be communicating with the Ministry of Transportation around roads. Town will be advocating for two specific improvements and asked TRAC to endorse request as it would carry more weight. DPAC supported the letter. Emily

is asking GES PAC to do the same. TRAC could come to our meeting to discuss further if we would like. Martial requested that we be more involved, it would be great to have a representative from PAC to be the transportation representative. All supported signing the letter in representation of the GES.

7. Parent concerns regarding Public Health can contact the VCH representative: Dr. John Harding. Phone: 604-983-6701

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 01, 2022.