

GES PAC Meeting Minutes (Meeting via Zoom)

Date: January 10, 2023

Present: Lynda Brisebois, Kelsey Dunn, Pammila Ruth, Crystal Boeur, Emily Doyle , Alyssa Dempster, Sandra Squires, and Jessica Grebeldinger.

1. Welcome 7:06 and Land Acknowledgement.
Thank you for all the efforts by volunteers and the PAC for putting on the Santa Breakfast. It was enjoyed by all.
2. Approve Agenda for tonight's meeting. First Emily, Second Alyssa.
3. Approve minutes from last PAC meeting (December 13, 2022). First Emily, Second Alyssa.
4. Reports
 - a. Treasurer Report – Sandra.
No report this month.
 - b. Principals Report – Lynda.
Lynda shared the School budget with PAC to give a general idea of how spending is allocated.
Computer equipment is already all spent, as GES needed to replace some stolen equipment and chrome cart.
Q. How budget is created. A. GES has over 3 million in funding but most goes to wages. Money is brought in based on number and age of students, as well as level of support required. SD46 has site-based funding control, where administration can assign amounts to budget items.
 - c. Trustee Report- Pammila
Welcome Pammila our School Trustee, and liaison for Gibsons Elementary.
Sworn in in November. This is Pammila's third term as Trustee. School board is in the middle of orientation and evaluation. Exploring ethics and how it shows up in our board, and the new strategic plan. Will be consulting with the community and schools in future. Have a student trustee on the school board, with a say at the table.
Working on a dual credit program for ECE to increase the number of Early Childhood Educators in the school district. Working in partnership with Sea to Sky.
Seamless day, daycare working with school before and after school.
Parenting teens workshop run by Sarah Joseph, coming up.
For further details please see the full Trustee report attached.
 - d. DPAC Report - Emily.
No meeting in December, so no report this month.
5. Food program inspiration at Kinnikinnick – Emily

When Emily was working at KES she happened upon the food program, and loved the nutritious meals provided every day for any students requiring. Paid hot lunch is also available, but not as much a mainstay. Food program is run by a paid coordinator/cook, as well as EA's and volunteers involved in the KES food program. Also, low waste, use re-useable cups and plates. Wondering about potential for growing our food program.

Lynda – Community schools would need to be involved. Currently, GES doing hot breakfast a couple of days a week through family affordability fund. Jessica hired for an extra 5 hours a week to get the snack packs organized. Snack packs have been really well received. Snack trays used by many and seem to be increasing in size to meet needs of students.

Kelsey – interested in potential ideas for growing our food program, and perhaps a plan for cooking a nutritious lunch within the school, rather than just external vendors.

Pammila – has offered her connections to past parents that also ran the program.

6. Sandbox / Mud Kitchen updates –Lynda

Lynda sent all questions to Rob regarding whether there is wood from the trees cut down, and who needs to build it. Received reply that maintenance will build it. Lynda will keep looking in to more details regarding construction costs and materials.

7. Fundraisers updates – Alyssa.

Jamie manager at 101 – beer and burger with a twist suggested a Friday or Saturday would work the best. Looking at Friday the 10 in February. Waiting to hear back from the chef with pricing.

Have a cover band (about an hour or hour and half set), and interested in putting on a 50/50 (will require gaming license).

To do: Set up a sub-committee to take on the planning. Kelsey will send out an email to interested sub-committee members.

8. New Business.

A. Osmo and ipad kit request from Primary teacher team put forward by Michi Stephens. Interactive technology piece: <https://smarterlearningguide.com/osmo-review/>

Kelsey will reach out to Michi to find out more details on what specific kit the primary team is wanting us to purchase, and what extra pieces are required. What might be a reasonably priced device that is compatible. PAC is interested in assisting, and may make this request the goal of our Beer and Burger fundraiser in February.

B. Workshop Proposal – Kelsey

- Tabled for next meeting.

C. Gaming grant funds – ideas from PAC / staff. Sandra to send information to Lynda and PAC.

Lynda suggests that perhaps we can use to help with cost of Marine Centre field trips (\$1000 per class). We cannot fully fund but we can talk about spreading out funds to lower the cost to classes for field trips.

Meeting adjourned 8:34 pm.

Next meeting Tuesday February 21st, 2023 at 7 PM.