

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

*March 01, 2022 7 p.m.*

*Minutes to be approved at next meeting: April 05, 2022.*

Present: Martial Guillaud, Kelsey Dunn, Lynda Brisebois, Emily Doyle, Christina Crosby, Chantel Matthews, Nicholas Weswick, Katrina, Bill, Stacia Leech, Angelina Thielmann, Parent, Taisha Grant, Poula, Sandra Squires,

Regrets:

1. Welcome 7:00
2. Approve Agenda for tonight's meeting: First, Chantel, Second, Emily.
3. Tree removal – Bill
  - a. Registered forest professional as well as a certified arborist, has been local to SC for 44 years.
  - b. There has been a historical decline on tree health. Bill prepared a report and submitted it to the school.
  - c. There is a program to remove some tree's, tree health is in quick decline
  - d. Safety amongst the cedar trees in a concern not just for the school but also for fences and neighboring properties.
  - e. The trees that are coming are being sourced from a company in Pitt Meadows and have donated about 410 seedlings.

Emily asked Bill to speak about re-growth.

Bill commented that western red cedar is in decline, mostly due to global warming and drought. Bill commented that another tree that grows well on the Coast is Douglas Fir which is much more adaptable, can better survive during drought and changing climate. That is why Douglas Fir was chosen. Bill commented that Douglas Fir is well suited to growing for the long term.

Chantel asked Bill how long the project will take.

Bill responded that tree removal will happen over spring break.

Sandra commented that there is some signage around the school explaining the tree removal and thanked whoever was responsible for that piece.

Bill commented that education is key here and there is a strong educational compliment here for students. Bill will be meeting with the school this coming Thursday and will be taking 6 classes to discuss what is happening and will educate the students.

Emily asked if there is anything that can help to protect the saplings once their planted.

Bill commented that initially he intends to corner the area off once the tree's go into the ground and include hydra gel to help the trees to develop.

Emily asked if we get a heat dome do people need to go out to water them.

Bill responded it shouldn't be necessary.

Emily asked, are the new trees that are going in being planted in the same place as where their being removed?

Bill responded that yes primarily, they want to reforest the areas that they are removing tree's from.

Emily asked, if we wanted to consider planting tree's closer to the playground for shade, would that be an option?

Lynda responded that there would be a bit more of a strategic plan to consider that.

Sandra asked if there would be an opportunity to leave a fallen or nurse tree to use as an educational tree.

Bill responded that absolutely, some of the fallen, smaller chunks will be left and could be placed.

4. Approve minutes from February PAC meeting; motion to approve the minutes, First, Chantel, Second, Emily.

5. Reports

- a. Principals Report

- i. Cross boundary deadline is end of March 2022.
    - ii. Kinder registration is up and running, they anticipate 46 kindergarteners
    - iii. Rapid tests are in the office for pick up
    - iv. Popcorn day was a great day, kids and staff were thrilled
    - v. Fun food coming up, Sue Wilson is organizing for Wednesday March 9/10 pizza day for all students

- b. Treasurer Report

- i. See treasurers report.

- c. 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.

- d. DPAC Report

- i. Last DPAC meeting was in February

- ii. Nick Weswick was a guest and talked about an overview of facilities update. Talked about different funding streams and discussed priorities. Interior renovations within the district and Nick shared that there are minor funding grants. Nick also discussed playground priorities and solar power considerations.
- iii. Kirsten Deasy discussed the shift about childcare coming under the ministry of education
- iv. At the next meeting, Nick Weswick and VCH will be the guests and the discussion will be transportation. Next meeting is April.

6. New Business

a. Chantel: Hot lunch

- i. Two days a week, Wednesday Salt and Swine, Thursday, Pizza.
- ii. Salt and Swine – options, small quesadilla cheese and tortilla, with sour cream on the side for \$5. Kids burrito 10” flour tortilla, beans, rice, sour cream and cheese on the side, \$6. Americano taco, chicken only, lettuce, tomato sour cream and a bit of salsa \$6. Notification on day before by 8pm is fine.
- iii. Will inquire on pizza potential through Patra’s
- iv. Christina Crosby has the access to the Gibsons hot lunch site

b. Sandra: Elphinstone bursary

- i. Gaming grant criteria changed; we can use the gaming grant funds but it can no longer have the condition that the student had to belong to a certain school.
- ii. Do we keep it the same where the student has to come from GES or can we open it up to all students?

Motion to approve changing the bursary criteria for any student to be eligible, First, Sandra, second, Kelsey.

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

*Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.*

*Next Meeting: Tuesday April 05, 2022.*