

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

Nov. 3, 2020 7 p.m.

Present: Deb Small, Deborah Luporini, Sandra Squires, Jane Seyd, Martial Guillaud, Lorena Ruth, Pammila Ruth, Carly Westmoreland, Christina Crosby, Kayla Riches, Emily Doyle

Open mic: N/A.

Guest speaker: superintendent Patrick Bocking.

- He was asked about shelters and when those might be constructed. Bocking is recommending \$250,000 of the federal funding to be used for shelters, mostly at elementary schools. There are issues of safety and building construction to be considered if the shelters are more than just a pop up tent. They need to meet certain safety and engineering standards.
- The temporary transition program is ending and parents have to choose whether they are coming back to the classroom or going to sign up with the school district's online program.
- Govt funding for Covid is being spent on: food for families, shelters, teachers, janitors, cleaning supplies.

1. Adoption of agenda. Sandra Squires first, Lorena Ruth second. None opposed

2. Approval of minutes from Oct. 2020 PAC meeting. Sandra Squires first, Jane Seyd second, none opposed.

3. Treasurer's report: budget for 2020/2021 presented by treasurer Debbie Small

- On the revenue side, we won't have the ability to fundraise like we normally do and school store will be closed until at least January. We do have our usual gaming grant. Amazon has been discontinued. We do have our IGA card fundraising. Our total income is just under \$8900, not counting SuperValu credit.
- On expense side, we have kept many of our usual budgeted amounts: \$1000 for breakfast club, \$400 for bike to school, \$1380 for Family First program, math support \$1500, \$200 nit kits, sports day \$600, teachers allocations \$2570 and kept \$1500 for swimming and skating in case those are possible
- Budget will run a deficit of \$4371 this year, funded by accumulated surplus from past years

*Motion to adopt the budget: First: Sandra Squires Second: Lorena Ruth. None opposed*

4. Reports:

- a.) Principal's Report: Deborah Luporini. See [principal's report for Nov 2020](#).
- There are 4 students left in temporary transition program. At least 2 are returning to the classroom

- Remembrance Day will be done by Zoom this year followed by in-class activities
- Report cards will go out Nov. 27. There will be early dismissals. Parent teacher conferences will happen by phone or zoom
- School is taking part in a “school wide write”
- Scholastic book fair will happen virtually this year
- Shelters will likely not be going up right away. Modifications to the bike cage to turn that into a shelter will likely be accomplished first.

b.) Trustee report: Pam Ruth

- School district meetings are now on YouTube
- Pam is stepping down as chair this year
- MDI reports which track mental health will focus on grades 5 and 8 this year
- Pam has met with SCRD Lori Pratt to discuss challenges with recreational facilities, including Gibsons pool remaining closed

*Motion: That the PAC write a letter to the SCRD expressing our concern over the continuing closure of the Gibsons pool, and general lack of recreation opportunities currently being made available to children on the lower Sunshine Coast. First: Jane Seyd. Second: Sandra Squires. None opposed.*

c) DPAC report: Lorena Ruth

- There were more people at DPAC for the last meeting. Lorena is officially going to be the DPAC rep and is now on the DPAC executive.
- There is a need to be consistent and coordinate on the Safe Routes to Schools program

5. New business: We will set up a separate executive meeting to discuss Christmas activities

*Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.*