

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

*Sept 07, 2021 7 p.m.*

Present: Sandra Squires, Martial Guillaud, Emily Doyle, Lynda Brisebois, Kelsey Dunn, Serayna, Ian Millford, Todd H, Amit, Christina Hobbs, Jenna, Abimbola Oki, Claire, Pammila Ruth, Jen Edwards, Jessica, Suzene Risebrough, Ronald Reardon, Michelle C, Claire

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Martial Guillaud – PAC Chair
- Emily Doyle – PAC DPAC Rep
- Sandra Squires – PAC Treasurer
- Kelsey Dunn – PAC Secretary
  
- Pammila Ruth – School Trustee
- Lynda Brisebois - Principal

2. Approval of minutes from June 2021 PAC meeting. First Sandra, second Pam, none opposed.

3. Adoption of agenda. First Sandra, second Christina, none opposed.

4. Reports:

a.) Principal's Report: Lynda Brisebois.

- No official report
- First day of school was busy but successful, principal introductions were made to each classroom
- 16 classrooms
- Kids will be assigned their teachers this week
- Music will return; more information to come on instruments
- Sports will resume; cross country / volleyball / basketball / ultimate frisbee

Parent Q&A on return to school. Meeting was opened up to general questions and answers on return to school this year. *Please see attached summary of questions and answers.*

b) Treasurers Report: Sandra Squires – Please see Treasurer's report for June 2021.

- Reviewed balances / expenses
- Reviewed credit with Super Value

- Reviewed Gaming account: funds aside for School BBQ which will not be used due to COVID-19
- Reviewed Equipment PAC Savings balance
- Reviewed PAC savings balance
- Have applied for gaming grant, due at month end.
- Sandra meeting with previous treasurer for full hand over

c.) Correspondence

- No update

d.) School Store:

- Breakfast club will be starting September 08, 2021
- Lunch programs can be re-introduced; there is a COVID food course
- Looking for volunteers to assist with school store & hot lunch program, largest hurdle is lack of volunteers

e.) Trustee report:

- Pammila Ruth – introduced self as school trustee and liaison for GES and SD46
- New student trustee; Mathew Douglas
- School trustees had their first meeting today, luncheon with superintendent
- First official school trustee meeting is tomorrow September 08, 2021

f.) DPAC Report

- Nothing to report
- First meeting September 23, 2021
- Pam noted that DPAC paid for food safe for parent volunteers previously for lunch program.

5. New Business

- North Rd lights intersection – Sandra Squires
  - Spoke about congestion and safety concerns at School Rd/North Rd intersection
  - Grant received, looking for further solutions ie. Additional crossing guards? Lynda to continue pursuit of a potential second crossing guard.
  - Letter sent to BC ferries advisory group, request for 720 am and 220 pm ferry routes to highlight that the elementary school is getting out and to slow down.
  - Also reached out to ICBC for additional signage
  - Alternate routes to direct traffic
  - Bike lanes narrow at intersection and an emerging spot, need for physical barrier

- Ideas about fundraising
  - Cannot do Halloween Fair due to COVID restrictions
  - Can we continue doing a Halloween themed raffle for the PAC?
  - Open to new fundraising ideas
  - Suzene presented a pumpkin idea to partner with a farm, each child gets a small pumpkin either by donation or minimum dollar amount
  - Funds will be needed for swimming and skating
    - Lynda responded that there is a joint use agreement, details to come from Pam to investigate and report back
    - Sandra to find previous years budget and will include in 2021 budget
  
- Tree Planting Legacy Proposal– Emily Doyle
  - Tree was planted in previous principal’s honor, maintained by volunteers
  - Playground has limited shade, would love to plant more tree’s
  - Idea to plant a tree each year – create connection to students
  - Each year, kindergarten cohort could get a tree, they could plant it and care for it.
  - Noted there are stressed trees on the property, some have died
  - Need to consult with grounds keepers
  - Could use some gaming grant funds to assist with costs
  - Budget will need to be formalized and included for 2021 school year budgeting.
  - Martial offered to assist Emily in getting initiative running
  - Committee TBD

*Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.*

*Next Meeting: Tuesday October 05, 2021*