GES PAC meeting via Zoom video

(link provided to all parents to participate)

*Sept 1, 2020 7 p.m.*

Present: Deb Small, Deborah Luporini, Sandra Squires, Jane Seyd, Martial Guillaud, Lorena Ruth, Pammila Ruth, Dawn Quast, Paul Murphy, Carly Westmoreland, Robyn Lieffers, Graeme Hillman, Christina Stewart, Emily Doyle, Kayla Riches, Janice, Laura, Ilyana, Ingrid, Graham, Andre, Emma and other parents

1. Open mic: will be moved to Q&A session after principal’s report.

2. Adoption of agenda. Jane Seyd first, Debbie Small second.

3. Approval of minutes from June 2020 PAC meeting. Debbie Small first, Carly Westmoreland second, none opposed.

4. Reports:

1. Principal’s Report: Deborah Luporini. See principal’s report for Sept 2020.
* First day of school is Sept. 11. First full day is Sept. 14. Kids will be sorted into their classes/learning groups on the first day
* There have been 281 responses to parent survey. 63 have said they are doing the transition to school program. 10 are doing the all-year online program. Most parents are feeling good about their kids going back to school.
* Some parents will have received a notice from the school district saying they aren’t getting bussing any longer. School district regulation is if you live within 2 km of school, school doesn’t have to provide bussing. This is being done to reduce the number of bus riders so there is enough room for kids to space out on buses. Students will be assigned regular seats on buses
* A group of women who have helped with sandwiches in the past are offering to help source rain jackets and ponchos that can be reused. Also they are making $25 gift certificates available to families who are struggling

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: Deb Small -see Gibsons Elementary PAC Account Banking

* Our IGA card program brought in about $190 in the last quarter. Considerably less than last year
* We have received an $800 grant from Vancouver Coastal Health to pursue active transportation. Must be spent by July 31, 2021
* SuperValu is uncomfortable about accepting receipts from the receipt race at this time. Also they don’t like us to carry a balance. They want the $$ from receipts spent on events/program directly connected to kids (like Sports Day) and spent within the year. They do not like us to carry a large balance. Due to COVID they do not foresee those programs running right now.
* We haven’t received any payments from Amazon in a few months
* We are expecting to get about $7,000 in gaming grant money
* Budget hasn’t been created yet. We don’t know what will be required/what programs will be running in terms of swimming lessons, music reeds and others we usually spend money on. Also it is unlikely we will have a Halloween fundraiser this year

c.) School Store: Kayla Riches & Carly Westmoreland

* School store is not going to reopen until January. That is what a lot of other schools are doing
* Emphasis will be on ordering online then lunch/snacks will be delivered so there will not be kids lining up
* Carly & Kayla will talk with Megan at VCH about healthy snacks/food options that could be included
* COVID regs are impacting food preparation in terms of what can be offered

d.) Trustee report: Pam Ruth

* The school district has received money from senior govts to help with COVID protocols. The school district is putting some of this money towards extra cleaners
* School district meetings will be aired online and parents can participate and ask questions via online system
* There is a new student trustee this year

*Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.*