

GES PAC Meeting

Sept. 10, 2019 7 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introduction: Deb Small, Deborah Luporini, Sandra Squires, Jane Seyd, Martial Guillaud, Carly Westmoreland, Lorena Ruth, Pamm Ruth, Kayla Riches, Christina Crosby, Angie Dixon, Zoe Barbaro, Kathleen Wood, Gaby Vega, Marguerite Murphy, Jennifer Chancellor
2. Additional items added to agenda: parent's questions and comment, funding for teacher allocations, reeds and swimming. Approve Agenda for tonight's meeting: Deb Small first, Christina Crosby second
3. Approve meeting minutes from last meeting: Deb Small first, Sandra Squires second
4. Jane introduced the idea of having an open parent comment and question period at the beginning of each PAC meeting so parents can discuss items of concern not on the agenda. General support for a time-limited questions/comment period as long as it is not about specific students or teachers. Sandra Squires first Angie Dixon second. Motion passes with none opposed.
5. Reports
 - a) Principals Report: Deborah Luporini -see Principal Report for Sept. 10
 - Photo Day Sept. 25. We are looking for parents to help out.
 - A parent workshop on understanding brain differences by Karen Foley will held Oct. 28 from 5 pm to 8 pm
 - A "stop and talk" pilot project is happening at the school aimed at Grade 6 and 7 students who may have questions about high risk activities such as vaping which is happening at earlier ages. Community outreach workers are available for students to come and talk to on Tuesdays at lunch. There is also a box on the library counter where students can drop questions anonymously. There was discussion about the possibility of hosting an information session for parents on vaping.
 - Action Item: Deborah Luporini and Sandra Squires will both ask about having a health educator come and talk to parents about vaping.
 - b) Treasurers Report: Deb Small -see Gibsons Elementary PAC Account Banking as of Sept. 10, 2019
 - We are continuing our IGA reloadable card program and our Amazon program which earn money for the school through parent purchases. Ask if you need an IGA card or don't know how to use it. If you are shopping on Amazon, click first on the Amazon button on the school website and the PAC gets a % of the funds.
 - Money has been set aside for nit kits if parents need help with lice treatments for their child.
 - We will be holding the SuperValu receipt race in the spring again.
 - Motion: to allocate \$500 for music reeds for the Grade 6/7 music program. First Debbie Small. Second Jennifer Chancellor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Motion: to allocate \$2,570 to teachers for incidental classroom expenses. Traditionally we have given a small amount of money to the teachers of each division to help offset classroom expenses that are not covered by the school. First Lorena Ruth. Second: Sandra Squires. None opposed. Motion carried.

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Motion: to allocate up to \$5,100 towards swimming lessons and an intermediate skate for students. Final amount and format for swimming lessons for K-3 students. to be determined. First: Lorena Ruth. Second: Sandra Squires. None opposed. Motion carried.

c) Correspondence: *n/a*

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d) School Store: Carly Westmoreland & Kayla Riches

- So far we have volunteers for Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We will do popcorn on Tuesday. If we had more volunteers we could be open more days. The school store will probably open the last week of September for lunch orders.

e) Trustee Report: Pamm Ruth

- School board meetings are the second Wednesday of every month. They are open to the public.
- Trustees have a new strategic plan.
- New this year, the school district is paying for school supplies.
- Pamm has been communicating with Raincity Housing and the Town of Gibsons about the proposed supportive housing project on School Road. There is an upcoming public hearing.
- Trustees sent a letter opposing the location of the proposed government cannabis store in Sunnycrest Mall as being too close to the high school.

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f) DPAC Report: Lorena Ruth

- The first DPAC meeting is Sept. 26 at Elphinstone.

6. New business

- Halloween Carnival. Will be held Oct. 24. A subcommittee headed by Christina will work on organizing the event including getting donations from local businesses.
- Fall speakers. Martial suggested Laurie Beesting, an educator who does a workshop on getting kids ready for high school math. Deborah Luporini will review the materials and Martial will contact the speaker for more details on fees etc. There was also a suggestion of a speaker from DolphinKids.ca which specializes in emotional and social learning. We will talk to DPAC about the possibility of sponsoring an event. We may also be able to apply for grants to support it.
- Andrea Sinclair the president of the BC PAC group will be coming to the Coast Nov. 26/27. We are hoping to arrange a talk through DPAC.
- The BBQ needs to be fixed.
- Action Item: Barry and Martial will get the BBQ fixed.
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7. Old Business

- Credit Union signing authority. Martial has the forms that need to be signed to get the current signers on at the Credit Union and remove former signers. Signing officers need to be the president, vice-president and treasurer of the PAC according to our bylaws.
- Action Item: Martial will coordinate to make sure the appropriate people get added as signers.

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- Funding grant applications for teachers and staff. Sandra has put together an application with input from the PAC and PAC executive to ensure that requests for PAC funding for special projects are fair and come in with appropriate information in a time frame when we can review them together. We are accepting applications this fall until Oct. 1 and will consider them at a separate open meeting of the PAC during the month of October.

Meeting adjourned: 9 pm