



PAC Meeting

Wednesday Sept 25, 2019

6:30 pm in the Learning Commons

Present:

Shevaun Brown (Secretary, PAC)

Aron Campbell, Principal

Tanya Cosgrave

Corrie Davis

Daniel Dowling

Lisa Fairburn (Chair, PAC)

Sarah Gardner

Lauren Gilchrist

Carmen Gunn

Wendy Human (DPAC rep, PAC)

Kelly Kerklaan (Treasurer, PAC)

Robyn Markham (Traffic & Safety, PAC)

Kelly Richter (Vice-Chair, PAC)

Allison Schatz (Hot Lunch Coordinator, PAC)

Heidi Scorgie

Kirstie Simpson

Matt Trask

Meeting called to order @ 6:33 pm.

Chair's Report

- Lisa introduced herself; emphasized that her expectation for PAC meetings is for them to be a positive place for ideas to be voiced, received and discussed with kindness and respect. She reminded attendees that all parents of children enrolled at GEC are members of the GEC PAC.
- LF outlined the purpose of the PAC as outlined in the constitution/bylaws: to support, encourage and improve the quality of education and the well being of the students. To achieve this, we will work together to:
 1. Advise the principal and staff on parents' views on matters relating to school programs, policies, plans and activities;
 2. Communicate with parents and promote cooperation and support with the school in providing the best education for our children;
 3. Assist parents in gaining access to resources in the educational system;
 4. Organise, in conjunction with the principal, volunteer PAC activities & events which support the school.
 5. Contribute to the effectiveness of the school by promoting the involvement of parents and other community members.
- West Vancouver Place for Sport - \$2500 donation per school has been requested as a show of support from the school community; Chris Kennedy has confirmed that all that is required at this point is an email confirming our intention to write a cheque once the project is approved; funds are available to support this at this time. Lisa presented; Matt Trask seconded; motion carried.
- Oktoberfest coming together for Saturday evening, 7pm-11pm. Set up will take place Friday after school. Parking will be available on the gravel field.

Treasurer's Report:

- Kelly presented the proposed budget and bank balances as of Aug 31 (\$44,337.95 across three accounts) and outlined the purpose of each account. Funds in the trust account can only be used for capital items. KK clarified for new attendees that the proposed 2019/20 budget was passed at the June PAC meeting.
- Discussion followed regarding the health of the bank balance and the potential to add legacy items to the budget.

Hot Lunch Report:

- Allison is looking to have Munch-a-Lunch up and open for orders by next week, with lunches beginning to be delivered the first week of October (three lunch days/week).
- Based on parent feedback, she has been working with other schools in the district to introduce some new vendors and healthier, more nutritious menu items. New vendors will include 'Feed Me Fit' (who provide vegan and gluten-free options in fully compostable containers), 'Blended for You Smoothies' and Foodie Kids (under new ownership). TCBY will be replaced with a healthier alternative, sales format TBD.
- The goal is to make improvements that will encourage more parents to participate.
- Three terms will allow for more menu changes, less money up front, etc.
- AC summarized concerns around volunteer support, classroom disruption and food/packaging waste.
- Allison will be soliciting parent feedback regarding the meal options, days of operation, number of terms offered, no utensil policy; inform parents via school newsletter of hot lunch changes and follow up with a satisfaction survey toward the end of the 1st term.
- Discussion followed regarding 'no utensil' troubleshooting; it was suggested that the PAC could purchase a set of utensils that could be borrowed and returned to the Kitchen.

Principal's Report

- 249 students this year; 10 divisions; 7 of 10 classes at capacity.
- 2 new teachers & 3 new EAs hired.
- Grade 4 & 5 students had a great time at Camp Elphinstone this week; parent support was much appreciated.
- X-Country Team has been well represented at Tuesday X-Country meets the past 2 weeks.
- Terry Fox Run raised \$440 (and is always a good learning/discussion opportunity).
- AC shared improvements to Grade 6/7 learning spaces.
- Physical Literacy stations 'installed' around the school.
- AC proposed idea of eventually developing a 'KM Club' before school (which would require parent support).
- BYOD devices being set up with required applications but this has been complicated by Google Family link.
- Roots of Empathy program will be starting next week; thanks to Heather Nelson for agreeing to delivery this program to the Kindergarten class (and Amanda Clark for sharing baby Winslow).
- Meet the Teacher Open House tomorrow evening with food provided by Lisa Kim (Olive & Anchor) and the Gleneagles Garden (under the direction of Rachel Clearwater).
- Parent/Teacher Conference sign up link coming out next week.
- FSAs taking place in October for grades 4 & 7.

Adjourned; 8:10 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 23rd @ 8:45am