



**PAC Meeting Wednesday June 10, 2020
7:15 pm via Zoom**

Present:

Alexa Bodel
Shevaun Brown (Secretary, PAC)
Aron Campbell (Principal, GEC)
Jenny Clark
Mitchell Davis
Marie Engelbert
Lisa Fairburn (Chair, PAC)
Sara Gardner
Lauren Gilchrist
Katie Hlynsky
Wendy Human (DPAC Rep, PAC)
Tannis Jakovljevic
Kelly Kerklaan (Treasurer, PAC)
Robyn Markham
Ceri Oaten
Kelly Richter (Vice-Chair, PAC)
Kirstie Simpson
Lisa Sturdy

Meeting called to order @ 7:18 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

Kelly Kerklaan, Wendy Human
Motion carried; Agenda approved.

Adoption of minutes from May 7th meeting.

Sara Gardner, Lisa Sturdy
Motion carried; Minutes approved.

Chair's End of Year Report (Lisa Fairburn):

- Goal in September was to encourage community amongst our parent body; successful events like Oktoberfest, Pumpkin Patch, Book Fair, Spirit Wear, Teacher Appreciation Lunches, golf tournament were organised with this in mind. Events like the Welcome Tea, Winter Concert, Babysitting & Stay Safe courses and the Student-Led Conferences brought the community together further.
- Hot Lunch program achieved record-breaking profits and introduced new and more nutritious options
- Whatsapp thread launched as another means of communication with our parent community.
- New formats and venues for PAC meeting explored, with an encouraging response.
- Plan for Sept: carry on with regular programming, pending changes mandated by what stage we are in.
- Hot Lunch will start mid-Oct at the earliest, as new procedures will need to be vetted by suppliers, volunteers & SD45.
- Moving forward, PAC meetings will be held virtually, in the evening, until we are able to do otherwise.
- GEC PAC will continue to fund modernization in our school, playground equipment, classroom supplies, emergency bins (to be restocked), digital equipment, etc. GEC PAC will fund workshops, extracurricular programming and digital literacy. GEC PAC will fund events (when allowed) to encourage family community and celebrations.
- We have a solid budget proposal for you to approve that our Treasurer, Kelly Kerklaan will go over. The GEC PAC will continue to enrich the experience of our children at Gleneagles.
- Thanks to both Aron and Christine for their open communication with us and their work in rising to the challenge of extenuating circumstances in the form of the pandemic. Our teachers, and support staff all deserve a shout out for being innovative leaders to our children. And well done to parents for surviving these times.
- Lisa encourages anyone who might be interested in getting involved in any way, to not hesitate in contacting a member of the PAC.
- Chris Kennedy sent out an email today to all parents and caregivers requesting feedback from parents that will help shape the district's plan for September. Please try to make some time to send him a response via the email he listed.
- Rachel Clearwater provided the following garden update:
 - Planting was completed this Spring through a combination of students and volunteers.
 - There is still 1 bed to plant and RC will liaise with students and teachers who may wish to help.
 - Volunteer sign up for summer watering will be circulated later this month.
 - New hoses & sprinklers have been purchased with the proceeds of garden produce sales.
 - Rachel encourages the school community to treat the garden as a community garden this summer and harvest as appropriate.
- Thanks for a great year!

Treasurer's End of Year Report (presented by Kelly Kerklaan):

- Kelly presented bank balances at the close of the year: \$45,889.96 across all three accounts.
- We have finished the year ahead of budget; several of the line items did not go ahead due to the pandemic restrictions and school closure.
- Kelly introduced the Proposed Budget for 2020/2021:
 - Budgeting for next year assumes extra curricular programs will go ahead; however, these expenses may not be incurred if restrictions limit such programs.
 - Revenue projected with the expectation that we may not be able to go ahead with Hot Lunch in the Fall term.
 - Potential for Cheque Drive if we lose a term of Hot Lunch revenue.
 - Gaming Grant has been included in the budget as it is expected to continue.

- Modernisation budget allows for extra lockers to ensure all students in the expanded Gr 6/7 wing receive a locker.
- Capital upgrades will be funded by the Trust account.
- Principal's Discretionary Fund lower than previous year due to abbreviated 2019/2020 school year (balance rolled over).
- Kelly Richter moved to pass the proposed budget; Alexa Bodel seconded the motion; motion carried.

DPAC Report (presented by Wendy Human):

- Summarised presentations and discussion from DPAC Mtg June 3 (1st virtual DPAC AGM) regarding learning situation in SD45 and planning for Sept; full meeting minutes included/provided for reference.
- Budget postponed until June School Board meeting due to COVID-19 and related uncertainty. There will be a number of cuts due to lower international student enrollment, but DLT has done everything possible to mitigate the impact on the classroom and on the students. Some things postponed but few changes to classroom and school experience next year.
- Kelly Richter (our own GEC PAC Vice-Chair) returning as DPAC Chair for 2020/2021
- Kelly Kerklaan (our own GEC PAC Treasurer) elected as DPAC Treasurer for 2020/2021

Principal/Vice-Principal's Report (presented by Aron Campbell):

- Thanks to PAC for the financial commitment provided through the 2020/2021 budget.
- Increased enrollment has led to the addition of a new division for 2020/2021 (11th division); the existing Art Room will be converted to a third Gr 6/7 classroom, with renovation work already underway.
- Thanks to the PAC Executive as a whole for their contributions and support through the past year.
- Thanks to Allison Schatz for her efforts to increase our capacity for hot lunch.
- District Leadership Team met earlier today: return to school in September now looks like it will resume at half capacity (Stage 3, as we are currently), hopefully moving to Stage 2 by the end of October.
 - While the pandemic response in March/April focussed on maintaining relationships, preparations for September will be aimed at all aspects of classroom learning.
 - Protocols will be put in place regarding illness, returning to school, etc.
 - There will be some revisions in terms of how programming is delivered (esp enrichment programs); this will be most significant at the secondary level, mainly due to lost revenue from international students.
- Past two weeks have been refreshing; lower numbers but happy, enthusiastic student experience.
 - Enrollment increased by 10% for 2nd week; enrollment rolls over to next week unless parents request changes.
- 3rd Term reports will be provided; available for pick up (won't be mailed out).
- AC & CH pitching Capstone Project to District Leadership Team tomorrow; thanks to parents for completing survey (about 49 received).
- New teacher hired for new division: Catherine Maledy (currently team teaching in a Gr. 3 classroom)
- Total enrollment for the coming academic year currently sitting at 253 students.

Acclamation of 2020/2021 PAC Executive

- Lisa introduced the 2020/2021 PAC Executive, all elected by acclamation:
 - PAC Chair – Lisa Fairburn
 - Vice-Chair – Kelly Richter

- Treasurer – Kelly Kerklaan
- Secretary – Shevaun Brown
- DPAC Rep – Wendy Human
- Member at Large - Kirstie Simpson (new position for 2020/2021, added at the last PAC Mtg)
- Allison Schatz stepping down as Hot Lunch Coordinator, so one of Kirstie Simpson's duties in the 'Member at Large' role will be to take on the job of coordinating the hot lunch program. Janean Kinnear joins the hot lunch team as well; Teresa Corey continues as Hot Lunch Volunteer Coordinator. Thank you to Allison Schatz for the time and energy she has contributed as the Hot Lunch program coordinator this year.
- Hot Lunch starting no earlier than mid-Oct; for any Hot Lunch questions, please use gechotlunch@gmail.com
- If you would like to know more about how you can get involved, please contact any member of the GEC PAC Executive.

Adjourned; 8:06 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 16th @ 6:30 pm (via Zoom)

**GEC PAC meetings will continue to be held monthly via Zoom until it is safe to resume in person meetings; a full list of 2020/2021 meeting dates will be sent out with the AGM Minutes.