



PAC Meeting

Wednesday April 14, 2021

6:30 pm via Zoom

Present:

Alexa Bodel

Shevaun Brown (Secretary, PAC)

Aron Campbell (Principal, GEC)

Rachel Clearwater

Tanya Cosgrove

Mitchell Davis

Lisa Fairburn (Chair, PAC)

Ed Gilchrist

Lauren Gilchrist

Katie Hlynsky

Nancy Hostetler

Houman Javedan

Waldemar Jonsson

Kelly Kerklaan (Treasurer, PAC)

Danielle Lavallee

Heather Nelson

Heather Ramsbottom

Kelly Richter (Vice-Chair, PAC)

Kirstie Simpson (Hot Lunch, PAC)

Anna Stewart

Jessica Wolff von Gudenberg

Meeting called to order @ 6:32 pm.

- LF welcomed attendees and thanked them for joining the meeting; requested attendees sign in via the chat thread, remember to mute microphones and write questions in the chat. It was noted that the meeting will be recorded to assist in documenting the meeting minutes.
- LF also noted that all our PAC meeting agendas and minutes as well as links to ongoing PAC fundraisers are posted on the school website
<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/gleneagles-elementary/>

Adoption of the Agenda

Kirstie Simpson 1st, Kelly Kerklaan 2nd

Adoption of minutes from the Feb 10th meeting.

Danielle Lavallee 1st, Kelly Kerklaan 2nd

Chair's Report (Lisa Fairburn)

- Saleema Noon presentations brought to the school by the GEC PAC were a great success in the beginning of March. The GEC PAC has booked Saleema to come in person, in January, of next year.

- We have had a successful school spirit wear sale that included new items like hats and masks. The masks were a timely sale and with the price we charged, were able to give all teachers and support staff a free GEC Mask. LF has personally received many positive comments from teachers about this. It was great to be able to show our support.
- There have been a number of grad fundraisers completed with the plant sale running currently. See the info posted in the school newsletter and please note that the order deadline is Thursday, April 22nd.
- We are happy to launch the "2nd Golf Game for the Kids" happening Thursday, June 3rd. We really encourage people of all or no golfing abilities to come out and have some pandemic friendly fun and raise some funds for our PAC. In the past, we have been so excited about the parent community at Gleneagles and this is as close to a community event as we can get these days. It will follow the same format as the last tournament in October but we have upped the number of golfers to 20 foursomes. We have created a handicap system this time to help new golfers feel welcome and allow for the trophy to be claimed by some new recipients. Please encourage people to sign up via munchalunch.com – you will need to have an account or have someone who does, sign up for you. Ticket price is \$128; \$100 goes to PAC and \$28 to the green fee. We had some great prizes last tournament and a 50/50 draw. It is also a great way to meet some new parents if you don't already have a foursome in mind. If you could like to donate a prize, please contact gecpacchair@gmail.com
- Some of the PAC Exec crew will be moving on next year and we would love to have more people get involved. If you are interested in working together with a great, fun, positive group of people who have the best interests of your kids and theirs at heart, please get in touch. You need to attend the PAC meetings and be able to send the odd email, text and get involved with as much as you want. We are looking to fill the Secretary, Chair and Member at Large roles. Nominations will open at the next PAC meeting (May 12th).

Treasurer's Report (presented by Kelly Kerklaan):

- KK presented the bank balances at Jan 31 and highlighted recent income/expenses.
 - Chequing account less adjustments (hot lunch expenses to be billed + outstanding Munchalunch credits) leaves balance of **\$45,315.10**
 - Gaming account sits at **\$3,917.48**
 - Trust account less adjustments has a balance of **\$1,495.59**

Income

- Total income to date for 2020/2021 is **\$35,386.06**
- Since the last PAC meeting, our income has increased by the amounts highlighted in blue:
 - Donations of \$188
 - Online fundraising sales increased to \$2,222 and consist of \$500 from the seeds fundraiser, \$132 from Indigo, \$700 from WellFed, \$622 from gift cards and \$272 from thermometer sales.
 - Spirit Wear sales brought in almost \$500 with \$200 of that set aside for the pizza party this Friday for Ms. Maledy's class.
 - Quarterly interest income on the Trust account held at the School Board was added to our account.
 - We just finished changes to the Spring Hot Lunch session and have had our most successful hot lunch fundraiser to date (despite COVID restrictions!) raising just over \$18,000.

Expenses

- Since the last PAC meeting, we have spent money on the items highlighted in blue:
 - \$145 on art supplies
 - The final invoice for the grade 6/7 lockers was received and cost slightly less than expected with a final cost of just over \$5,700

- We funded the purchase of 10 iPads and an iPad cart with a total cost of approximately \$4,800.
- \$632 on Maker space items
- \$105 on Aboriginal Education items
- We spent \$137 on more signs to advertise school and PAC events.
- \$15 on seeds for the school gardens
- \$5 on bank fees on the gaming account
- \$245 on the staff appreciation coffee/tea earlier this month

Voting to reallocate funds

- Background: Given the COVID environment that the school has been operating under for the entire school year, many budgeted expenses were not incurred as the school was not able to hold the events in accordance with COVID protocols. We are proposing to reallocate some of these savings to create a fund for an outdoor learning and play area project. The changes to the budgeted amounts are highlighted in yellow. We are proposing to increase our grounds and gardens line item by \$5,000 to \$6,500 for the outdoor learning and play area project. If this money is not spent in the current year it will be set aside to be used next year. Any unspent money in this fund at the project completion or termination will go back into the PAC's general funds.
- Kelly Richter sent attendees online poll to determine support for budget amendment; 12/15 responded in favour; motion carried.
- Any parents interested in being part of the GEC outdoor learning/play area committee should contact Kelly Kerklaan kkerklaan@hotmail.com or Kirstie Simpson kirstie.a.simpson@gmail.com

Hot Lunch Report (presented by Kirstie Simpson, Hot Lunch Coordinator):

- KS thanks AC and school staff for their support in distributing hot lunch; thanks also to parents for their support through order volume/participation.
- Term 3 ordering window now closed; only change this term is that Fresh Slice has rebranded and is now "Fresh Bay Pizza" (but basically delivering the same product).
- GE Golf Tournament registration will be offered through Munchalunch beginning this Friday (April 16th).

DPAC Report (presented by Kelly Richter, DPAC Chair)

- Kelly remarked on successful DPAC Inclusion and Diversity Presentation featuring Alden Habacon (held March 30) and noted that the second presentation in the community engagement series will take place Tuesday April 27th and will feature Indian Residential and Day School survivor Sempulyan – Stewart Gonzales; tickets will again be available through Eventbrite. It was noted that Sempulyan's presentation will only be appropriate for an adult audience.
- AC encouraged parents to access the resources assembled by the West Van Memorial Library.
- KR went on to share highlights from DPAC meeting held on April 7th
 - Board Chair Carolyn Broady provided update on the new mask mandate; reassured parents that schools are a safe environment and emphasized the importance of school attendance for students' mental health.
 - Secondary schools likely moving to a quarter system next year.

- Chris Kennedy emphasized that parents/community engagements need to follow PHOs, issuing a strong reminder that any unsanctioned events that are not respectful of PHOs are strongly discouraged as these will reflect negatively on schools and the school district. **Kelly noted that GEC Grad Committee looking into hiring videographer to film grad ceremony (in absence of parent attendees)

Principal Report (presented by Aron Campbell):

- AC thanked parents for support of Gr 4-7 mask mandate as well as the Power Play Entrepreneurship Project, highlighted recent GEC events and initiatives, introduced new staff replacing Ms Oh and shared data collected through Framework for Enhancing Student Learning stakeholder survey. Full report including survey results can be found here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TC-ORDK2c8VW7MTddZCVyJDHLP1dSgMfR9Y_XSUvGJg/edit?usp=sharing
- Lisa F questioned whether we would have a music teacher again in September. AC confirmed that would be the goal provided he can find a teacher to deliver the curriculum; he explained that Caitlyn Inkster continues to be our permanent music teacher, so it is his hope that the Covid situation will improve enough by September that she can return from her medical leave.
- Kelly K questioned AC regarding school maintenance projects and wondered whether there might be anything the PAC could do to help these upgrades/updates find their way to the top of the WVS Facilities list of priorities. AC confirmed that the District is always a bit wary of parent-funded improvements to school structures/grounds but suggested there would be no harm in approaching the District (via Sean Nosek?) with our concerns/wish list.
- Kirstie S queried when the next FESL focus would be launched. AC explained that preliminary planning would begin in the coming months with the new Framework in place in the next school year.

Guest Speaker: Sean Nosek (Associate Superintendent, West Van Schools)

"Education in the Age of Misinformation" (**presentation slides accompany meeting minutes)

- For previous generations, schools were the main source of information (degree-holding teachers, libraries full of print resources, etc); now information is everywhere but it is not always accurate/reliable. Sources can be very difficult to assess. Today, it is not information we need; it is the ability to assess information and its validity.
- BC Ministry of Education provides a Digital Literacy Framework; acknowledges Digital Literacy as "an important skill to have in today's technology-based world."
Digital Literacy Framework focusses on a wide range of topics, including:
 - Research and Information Literacy
 - Critical Thinking, Problem Solving and Decision Making
 - Creativity and Innovation
 - Digital Citizenship
 - Communication and Collaboration
 - Technology Operations and Concepts
- Students have been encouraged to use **TRAAP** Test to evaluate sources based on the following criteria:
 - **Timeliness**
 - **Relevance**

- Authority
- Accuracy
- Purpose/Point of View
- More recent teaching/learning focusses on Lateral Reading ~ reading less and learning more while evaluating digital information (verify what you're reading as you're reading it).
- WVS has also ensured students have access to reliable databases/information sources.
- Strategies for managing students' time online:
 - Discuss
 - Schedule – establish a schedule if that is helpful
 - Ask questions about what they're doing online
 - Access – no tech access after bedtime (remove it from the space)
- As you would when your children are leaving the house, it is fair to ask questions about a teen's participation/actions in the digital dimension:
 1. *What are you doing?*
 2. *Where are you going?*
 3. *Who are you with?*
- The advancement of technology is the paradox of our time ~ 'a great evil that slowly diminishes our humanity' vs 'a way to bring the world closer together and to help solve some of our greatest challenges'.

Adjourned; 7:54 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 12th @ 6:30 pm (via Zoom).