



PAC Meeting

Wednesday May 12, 2021

6:30 pm via Zoom

Present:

Alexa Bodel

Lynne Block (Trustee, SD45)

Shevaun Brown (Secretary, PAC)

Aron Campbell (Principal, GEC)

Amanda Clark

Jenny Clark

Rachel Clearwater

Tanya Cosgrove

Mitchell Davis

Lisa Fairburn (Chair, PAC)

Pippa Fry

Emily Gardiner

Elspeth Halverson

Wendy Human

Waldemar Jonsson

Kelly Kerklaan (Treasurer, PAC)

Danielle Lavallee

Heather Nelson

Kelly Richter (Vice-Chair, PAC)

Kirstie Simpson (Hot Lunch, PAC)

Jessica Wolff von Gudenberg

Meeting called to order @ 6:30 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 (with 1 minor amendment: Wendy Human to present DPAC Report after AC's Principal's Report.) Kirstie Simpson 1st, Shevaun Brown 2nd

Adoption of minutes from the April 14th meeting.

Emily Gardiner 1st, Kelly Richter 2nd

Chair's Report (Lisa Fairburn)

- LF welcomed guest speaker: School Trustee Lynne Block, who will be giving us an update from the District and answering any questions that parents might have.

- LF shared a set of amendments and updates to the GEC PAC Bylaws which will be voted on at the June AGM, outlining what the proposed amendments are and the rationale behind the amendments. She noted that bylaws are an organization's operating rules; well written bylaws define the roles of the membership and executive. Bylaws provide direction and authority to the membership and Executive and provide a method for holding everyone in the organization accountable for their decisions and actions. (A copy of the proposed amendments accompanies the minutes.)
- LF announced that nominations for the 2020/2021 GEC PAC Executive now open; welcomed Jessica Wolf Von Gudenberg who explained the nominations process: In accordance with our PAC bylaws, nominations will close on June 6th (10 days before the PAC AGM on June 16th). A list of nominees will be circulated 5 days prior to the AGM. If you have any nominations, please contact Jessica Wolf Von Gudenberg or Sara Garder who will form the nominating committee. Sara's email is gardner.sara@gmail.com
- LF confirmed the "2nd Golf Game for the Kids" is happening Thursday, June 3rd. It is fully booked and an official tee time sheet will be sent out closer to the game. PAC will continue to and encourage it be referred to as a 'game' (not tournament); it is not a shotgun start and foursomes will be instructed on pandemic-friendly etiquette. We are so excited to be able to host this safe, community-oriented event and look forward to a time when we can do more events together.
- The final fundraiser in support of the grade 7 graduation activities and legacy gift (a mural in the undercover area) is a partnership with Fisherman's Market to offer seafood at well below retail prices. Between 10% - 15% of total sales will support Grad fundraising efforts. Munch-a-Lunch is open for orders until May 27th – click on **Fundraising OPEN**. More info will be sent out from the school and via the WhatsApp thread.

Guest Speaker: Lynne Block (Trustee, West Van Schools)

- LB thanked the PAC for inviting her and expressed her ongoing interest and appreciation of PACs as an important part of the WVS communities. She referenced her own background as a teacher/educator and a long-time member of the West Van community as motivation for her continued involvement in SD45. She emphasized her enthusiasm to remain informed of school news through newsletters, social media and in-person visits (when these can resume).
- LB reassured parents that the SD45 Trustees will be advocating for government funding to cover budget shortfalls brought about by the absence of international students; AC pointed out that SD45 has been fortunate enough to employ daytime custodians as standard practice prior to the pandemic, so this will not be impacted by the reduction in government spending once additional pandemic funding is withdrawn.

Treasurer's Report (presented by Kelly Kerklaan):

- KK presented the bank balances at Apr 30 and highlighted recent income/expenses; adjusted bank balances total over \$57K.
 - Chequing account less adjustments (hot lunch expenses to be billed + outstanding Munchalunch credits) leaves balance of **\$51,845.34**
 - Gaming account sits at **\$3,914.98**
 - Trust account less adjustments has a balance of **\$1,605.47**

Income

- Total income to date for 2020/2021 is **\$44,947.00**
- Since the last PAC meeting, our income has increased by the amounts highlighted in blue:
 - Golf game fundraising has increased to \$15,590.37
 - Profit on Spirit Wear sales has increased to \$330.
 - Hot Lunch income has increased to almost \$20,000.

Expenses

- Since the last PAC meeting, we have spent money on the items highlighted in blue:
 - \$60 on self-regulation items;
 - \$960 on an iPad and document reader;
 - \$500 to the Gr. 7 Grad Committee (Kelly Richter explained that Grad fundraising has been organized this year to raise money that would typically be raised through student-led fundraising events like freezie sales, bake sales, nail salon, etc. The main Grad costs are the decorations and videographer for the celebration in the gym as well as the legacy gift. It was noted that having a smaller-sized cohort allows GEC to hold a small ceremony for students in the gym while other schools will be limited to drive through events due to cohort size.)

Outdoor Enhancement Initiative (introduced by Kelly Kerklaan/Kirstie Simpson)

- Still in the discussion stages; preliminary efforts have involved reaching out to other schools who have created outdoor areas to learn what has worked or not worked.
- 1st committee meeting held earlier this week; committee includes members of our parent community with varied experience/backgrounds as well as 3 GEC teachers: Kristi Yorke, Angela Foster and Meaghan Robertson.
- GEC teachers were surveyed previously; teachers on the committee will go back to the staff as a whole to share ideas generated to date and gauge interest.
- Digital poll circulated to survey PAC meeting attendees regarding appointment of Kelly Kerklaan and Kirstie Simpson as Committee Co-Chairs; motion carried.

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

- KS reported that the hot lunch rollout continues to go smoothly. As financial figures attest, Hot Lunch has been an incredibly successful fundraiser thanks to parent support (even without selling milk and ice cream treats this year).

Principal Report (presented by Aron Campbell):

- AC thanked parents for support of Gr 4-7 mask mandate – Kids are doing a great job and if they forget or mask gets soiled ...we have extras!
- Thanks also to families for their generosity towards BCCH Jeans Day (\$463 raised and doubled by AC and a parent) and our Spring Closet Clean Out (2 trips worth!)
- Welcome to Kindergarten – May 13th virtual drive through to collect Welcome To Kindergarten bag; introduction/welcome video by AC and Meaghan Robertson also being distributed to families registered to start Kindergarten in Sept.

- Success of new staff – positive feedback from students & staff regarding experiences with Ben Parker (Sr Band), Heather Hood (Physical Literacy) and Esther Shoop (Fine Arts/Performing Arts).
- Gr 7 Mural - Maeve Dorsman, a former GEC Student in her first year at Emily Carr, is in the process of designing the final product after Gr 7s contributed ideas that were voted on by students as a legacy gift.
- Recess activities - good weather brings a lot of activity; massive soccer games have turned to baseball, cricket and ball tag.
- Sports Day - Heather Hood has been instrumental in putting together an alternative for our Gr 7s to safely lead games for our youngest learners (1 cohort at a time) on June 18th.
- Track & Field plans - Despite no official track meet or field competitions being held this year, students have been practicing these skills and will continue to work towards a class by class competition that will provide the opportunity to measure themselves against their classmates in somewhat of a MINI MEET format; aiming to provide competition for those interested in Running, Long Jump, Shot Put and Sprints/Relay.
- Student Led Conferences – AC requested feedback; general agreement that 1:1 parent/student conferences in the classroom are preferable but teachers' efforts were much appreciated in place of the in-school option.
- School garden – thanks to Rachel Clearwater for her ongoing efforts with our school garden and supervision of student gardeners. Rachel reported that she is using the \$1000 raised through sale of garden boxes in the Fall to purchase native plants, extra soil as well as to cover the cost of box repairs and additions.

DPAC Report (presented by Wendy Human, DPAC Rep)

- Wendy shared highlights from the May 5 DPAC meeting, hosted by DPAC Chair (and GEC PAC Vice-Chair) Kelly Richter:
 - Nominations for the DPAC Executive are now open; election to take place at the DPAC AGM on June 2nd.
 - Parents should expect disruptions caused by road work along Taylor Way between Keith Road and Marine Drive (beginning May 16th for a 2-week duration);
 - Fundraising for the Harry Jerome Oval continues;
 - Mayor's Community Clean-up praised for its success;
 - Decline in SD45 Covid-19 exposure notices mirrors declining case numbers in our community;
 - Rapid testing kits to be delivered to all schools to be used if a student becomes sick while at school;
 - VP staffing shuffle ahead of September, but there will be no principals moved this year in the midst of the pandemic. It was noted that school principals are generally moved every 5-7 years in SD45, while VPs tend to be moved more frequently (every 3-4 years).

Adjourned; 7:49 pm

Next meeting: AGM – Wednesday, June 16th @ 6:30 pm (via Zoom).