



PAC Meeting

Wednesday May 11th, 2022

6:30 pm via Zoom

Present:

Lisa Fairburn (Chair, PAC)

Emily Gardiner (Secretary, PAC)

Kirstie Simpson (Hot Lunch Coordinator, PAC)

Kelly Kerklaan (Treasurer, PAC)

Rachel Clearwater

Amanda Clark (Vice-Chair, PAC)

Jessica Wolf Von Gudenberg

Aron Campbell (Principal, GEC)

Heather Nelson (Member at Large, PAC)

Jenny Clark (DPAC Rep, PAC)

Danielle Lavallee (Member at Large, PAC)

Mitchell Davis

Heather Nigh

Fernanda Gomez

Catalda Van Dyke

Lauren Gilchrist

Meeting called to order @ 6:34 pm.

- LF welcomed attendees including new parents, and thanked them for joining the meeting. LF requested that attendees sign in via the chat thread and remember to mute microphones. LF noted that the meeting will be recorded to accommodate the documentation of meeting minutes. LF provided land acknowledgement, and thanked Heather Nelson for setting up the Zoom meeting.

Adoption of the Agenda

*LF noted two amendments: Kirstie Simpson and Kelly Kerklaan will be providing an update about the Move-a-Thon results when they present on the Outdoor Enhancement Initiative; Mr. Campbell's Principal's report will go after the Treasurer's Report.

Amanda Clark 1st, Danielle Lavallee 2nd

Adoption of minutes from April 13th meeting.

Amanda Clark 1st, Kelly Kerklaan 2nd

Chair's Report (presented by Lisa Fairburn):

- LF mentioned that all of the PAC meeting agendas and minutes are posted on our [school website](#).
- Nominations are now open for the GEC PAC Executive for the 2022-2023 term. If you have any nominations, please contact Jessica Wolf Von Gudenberg, who will be the head of the nominating Committee (jwolffvongudenberg@gmail.com) or Lauren Gilchrist (gilchrist.lauren@outlook.com). Jessica explained that nominations will close on June 5th, which is 10 days before the AGM happening on June 15th. If there are multiple names submitted, we

will vote at the AGM. If only one name stands for each position, they will be filled by acclamation and no vote will be necessary. Positions for PAC Exec are as follows: Chair or Co-Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, DPAC Rep, Member at Large and Hot Lunch Coordinator.

- We are happy to report the "4th Golf Game for the Kids" is happening Friday, May 27th. We are filling up nicely so get your tickets soon! An official Tee Time sheet will be sent out closer to the game. There will be lots of great prizes and a silent auction following at The Orchard, thanks to our fantastic community support. We are encouraging non-golfers to come on by but keep in mind a donation for entry. All proceeds going to our Outdoor Enhancement Initiative.

Treasurer's Report (presented by Kelly Kerklaan):

- KK reviewed that as of May 10, 2022, there is **\$70,010.92** in the operating account, **\$5,253.85** in the gaming account, and **\$47,870.46** in the trust account.
- We have a cash balance as of today of **\$123,135.23**, receivables of **\$1,767.69** and liabilities of **\$29,608.75**.
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Income (Up to May 10, 2022) (highlighting only those that have changed since last PAC meeting):

- \$42,327.49 in grants and fundraising, consisting of \$15k of grants and \$27k of fundraising, which was boosted by our hugely successful Move-a-Thon which raised \$16k! The cheque drive has raised \$8k.
- We have already sold 50 tickets to our Golf Fundraiser on May 27th, which has raised \$5k so far.
- We have raised almost \$23k through our Hot Lunch sales. This is our highest amount ever and thanks in large part to support from school staff and being able to provide hot lunch 4 times/week.

Expenses (Up to May 10, 2022):

- We contributed \$700 towards the Art Starts performance of Interactive Fairy Tales.
- New blinds were purchased for three classrooms.
- We contributed \$200 towards first aid supplies for the emergency bin.
- We spent \$68.50 on new signs.
- We spent almost \$23k on our Outdoor Enhancement Initiative which consists mainly of costs related to a new saucer swing that we have ordered and will replace the climbing wall over the summer. The \$23k also includes costs related to the Hemispheria willow forts and the garden upgrades that have been taking place at the front of the school.

Principal's Report (presented by Aron Campbell):

- AC shared that student enrollment is now at 278, which is a significant increase since September.
- Welcome to KG event took place May 6th, which welcomed over 19 families to the school. This event included a representative from the West Vancouver Library.
- Student Led Conferences took place April 29th. Guests wore masks, GEC asked that one parent per child visit, and Grade 6/7 band kicked off the day.
- Outdoor Enhancement Committee Update: Outdoor mural is complete, unveiled May 2022. AC thanked artist Tracey Hayes and Outdoor Enhancement Committee.
- Track and Field is underway at GEC. Students in Grades 4-7 are preparing for District Meet at Swanguard Stadium on June 9th. Track events include relay races, 800m, medley relays, shot put and running long jump. Practices are happening weekly: Track practices are happening Tuesdays and Fridays at 8am; Field Events practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays @ lunch.

- Move a thon on May 6th was a success! K-7 students were thrilled with the event. AC thanked organizers and assistants.
- District FESL goal is to increase students' sense of belonging and connection to their school community. Director of Instruction, Liz Hill, visited with a random group of 8 GEC students in Grades 4-7 on April 20th, to survey students for firsthand evidence as to progress in this area.
 - *What makes you feel welcome at school?* E.g., Friends, teachers, the bell.
 - *What makes you feel unwelcome at school?* E.g., Monday mornings, rainy days, tests.
 - *What makes you feel safe at school?* E.g., Teachers, safety drills, thick doors.
 - *What makes you feel unsafe?* E.g., Proximity to ferry terminal, animals.
 - *What makes you feel connected to your school?* E.g., Art, recess, little buddies.
 - *What makes you feel disconnected to your school?* E.g., COVID, bad wifi, TTOCs.
 - *How do adults at your school show you that they care?* E.g., Ms. Pistilli in the office, nice staff.
 - *What advice would you like to give you teachers/schools about creating a greater sense of belonging for you and all the students at your school?* E.g., More time for recess, more special events.
- [GEC 2022-2023 Calendar](#) has been shared, and includes slight adjustment of scheduled early dismissals to 12:05pm. LF noted that next year's calendar will also include a number of PAC events that had to be put off due to Covid.
- AC's full presentation can be viewed [here](#).

Outdoor Enhancement Report (presented by Kirstie Simpson):

- KS thanked Tracey Hayes, GEC parent and local artist, who has completed the mural on the preschool portable. We are in discussions with Tracey about doing more murals.
- Garden cleanup continues at front of school. KS thanked volunteers who have helped with this. There is still more pruning, removal of invasive species, planting, mulch to put down, and there will be request for volunteers. KS thanked all the volunteers who have helped, and acknowledged Heather Nigh and Paul Schmidt who spent four hours on Mother's Day working in the garden.
- Students from Divisions 3 (Ms. McIntyre) and 4 (Ms. Wimmer) have completed the willow structures in the forest, and they are ready to be enjoyed by all the students. If treated well, they should last at least a year or more. The students from Divisions 3 and 4 will spend this week and next week painting some of the stumps under the guidance of the two local artists, Dolores Altin and Elvira Monteforte, and then this project will be complete. KS thanked all the parents who have volunteered to help with this project. This project is funded primarily through an ArtStarts grant with additional support from the school and the GEC PAC.
- The Move a thon held Friday, May 6th, and was huge success. Students, parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours blew us away with their support. Kids ran, skipped, and hula hooped to blasting music, and teachers and staff were dunked. Grade 6 boys hosted a freezie sale (all freezies were donated by Lisa and Morgan Sturdy), with all proceeds donated to Outdoor Enhancement Initiative. Hot Chocolate was donated by Blenz, and treat bags were filled with snacks donated from Caulfeild Safeway and Yumy Bear. West Van District set up the sound system. Thank you to volunteers and all the parents who helped out.
- Final results:
 - \$17,600 raised through donations, freezie sales, and dunk tank ticket sales.
 - Top earner was Sophie Crowell, who will enjoy Principal for the Day.

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- Top 5 earners, who will receive special Move a thon t-shirts: Sophie Crowell, Elsa Baker, Robbie Baker, Zoe Fairburn and Lucas Fairburn (tie), and Bailey Clark and Liam Clark (tie).
- Highest earning class who will enjoy a pizza party: Ms. Zandvliet
- Highest percentage of class participation who will enjoy an ice cream party: Ms. Wimmer.
- KS thanked event organizers Amanda Clark, Emily Gardiner, Jenny Clark, and Kate Hughes, and parent volunteers who made it all possible.
- KK thanked Mr. Campbell and all the teachers who participated in the dunk tank.

Fundraising

- KS thanked everyone who has donated to our Fundraising Campaign. We have raised \$29,000 towards our Outdoor Enhancement Initiative, which is above our goal of \$25,000. We have three ways to donate:
 - Cheque drive has raised \$8,000 to date, and is ongoing. Parents can donate via School Cash Online, Munchalunch, e-transfer to gecfundraising@gmail.com or send a cheque (made payable to Gleneagles Ch'axáy Elementary PAC). If you donate on School Cash Online, you will be provided with a tax receipt (for donations over \$25).
 - Golf Game for the Kids (Friday, May 27th) has raised ~\$5,000 to date. Tickets are on sale now through Munchalunch. If you need help, email gecpacchair@gmail.com.
 - Gleneagles Ch'axáy Move-a-thon was held May 6th, and raised about \$16,000 after expenses.
- Next steps:
 - Garden cleanup is ongoing;
 - Placing boulders for the outdoor classroom, including stumps, rounds, and logs;
 - Removal of picnic tables, site prep for beach logs;
 - Re-staining/finishing of benches at front of school;
 - More murals;
 - Tree planting;
 - Greg Cormier, the teacher of architecture, drafting and ACE-IT Carpentry at West Vancouver Secondary School has offered to help with some woodworking (benches, stools, tables, etc);
 - Oodle swing site prep;
 - And more....
- See presentation slides [here](#).
- If parents want to volunteer for anything to do with Outdoor Enhancement Initiative, email KS (kirstie.a.simpson@gmail.com) or KK (kkerklaan@hotmail.com).

Hot Lunch Report (presented by Kirstie Simpson):

- KS reminded that we are in the final term of Hot Lunch.
- This has been the most successful year, and in particular this last term. KS thanked Mr. Campbell and GEC staff, as they have taken over the implementation of Hot Lunch, and thanked all parents who have purchased Hot Lunch. We hope to continue with the same system next year.

DPAC Report (presented by Jenny Clark, DPAC Rep):

- Most recent DPAC meeting was May 4th. Nominations for next year's DPAC Executive are open; the election will take place at the DPAC AGM on June 1st. If interested, email Helen Hall to self-

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nominate (Helen@commander.ca). All nominations must be received by May 22nd. All positions are for a one-year term.

- *Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee* – The team is working on final details for Chapter 3 of the EDI speaker series “Continuing the Conversation, Stories & Questions with Chris Syeta’xtn Lewis” of Squamish First Nation, May 26th 7-9pm. Tickets are by donation, available on [Eventbrite](#).
- *School Traffic & Safety* – Jatinder Sidhu is connecting with PACs/schools to discuss opportunities to improve the traffic situations in their respective schools/communities. Contact jaywalking@me.com / 236-880-4782.
- *Trustee’s Report* – Chair Carolyn Broady elected President of the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) at recent AGM. BCSTA work is wide-ranging, with focus on several prominent issues: local board governance, addressing learning loss, COVID recovery, and continued emphasis on our legal and moral obligations around Indigenous education.
- *Indigenous Education and Relationships* – Continued work is happening locally on both cultural and political relationships, and student achievement. This work is led by District Principals, Ian Kennedy and Liz Hill, in conjunction with West Vancouver Indigenous Ed Committee (WVIEC). Sempulyan has replaced Chris Lewis as our Squamish Nation political liaison to the committee.
- *Superintendent’s Report* – Scope of West Vancouver Place for Sport is being finalized. Local enrollment is even as compared to last year; international enrollment projection is down as compared to previous years.
- The full DPAC minutes can be found [here](#).

Adjourned: 7:36 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 15th @ 6:30 pm (via Zoom)

Upcoming PAC Meetings:

June 15th AGM 6:30pm