



PAC AGM

Wednesday June 15th, 2022

6:30 pm via Zoom

Present:

Lisa Fairburn (Chair, PAC)

Heather Nelson (Member at Large, PAC)

Mitchell Davis

Emily Gardiner (Secretary, PAC)

Jenny Clark (DPAC Rep, PAC)

Sarah Harbottle

Rachel Clearwater

Shevaun Brown

Kelly Kerklaan (Treasurer, PAC)

Danielle Lavallee (Member at Large, PAC)

Robyn Evans (Vice Principal, GEC)

Amanda Clark (Vice-Chair, PAC)

Lisa Sturdy

Jessica Jenkin

Anna Stewart

Kirstie Simpson (Hot Lunch Coordinator, PAC)

Heather Ramsbottom

Lauren Gilchrist

Ben Lavallee

Aron Campbell (Principal, GEC)

Catalda Van Dyke

Sean Fairburn

Meeting called to order @ 6:32 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 one amendment: Rachel Clearwater will share about the gardening projects at the start of the Outdoor Enhancement Project Report.

Danielle Lavallee 1st, Lauren Gilchrist 2nd

Adoption of minutes from May 11th meeting.

Amanda Clark 1st, Danielle Lavallee 2nd

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

- LF reflected on the PAC Exec's busy year as things started to open up and school events started happening again. With Covid, focus was turned toward outside initiatives, and the Outdoor Enhancement Project emerged. Kelly Kerklaan and Kirstie Simpson wrote grant applications, planned fundraisers, and worked with a landscape architect to come up with a plan. The rest of the team organized a Move-a-Thon that got the kids involved in the fundraising. The GEC PAC

Exec continued meeting budgetary promises from the Hot Lunch program and hosted two golf tournaments. The PAC was able to fund Artist in Residence, working with Dolores Altin and Elvira Monteforte on the outdoor structures, a dance program with Troy's Bopshop, Zen Maker Labs, Saleema Noon, Circles: a Restorative Justice Program, and the Roots of Empathy program. The PAC funded tables in the learning commons room, blinds in three classrooms, supplies for self-regulation, playground equipment, spending accounts for teachers, and upgraded the emergency bin supplies. The PAC contributed to Sports Day, the grad committee, supplied two Rockridge Bursaries for previous Gleneagles students, was able to pay for staff appreciation gifts and host a lunch from Presto Catering in March. Please see the budget for all of the details. There was also a sold out movie theatre before Christmas break, babysitting/stay home alone course, gift card sale, spirit wear sale, and a Scholastic Book Fair.

- The Outdoor Enhancement Project needed additional funding so the PAC Exec came up with three options for donations – a cheque drive (for those that simply wanted to give money), a Move-A-Thon that involved the kids, and another golf tournament that was just for the adults. The events were twofold; they enabled us to raise money but also have a blast in the community that makes Gleneagles Ch'axay such a special environment. The Move-a-thon was a ton of fun thanks to staff working with us to make it such a great day. It was very representative of the relationship that we have with the staff as we have worked together and they have been open to us to making this all happen.
- The 4th Golf Game for the Kids had a huge showing of 100 golfers (biggest one yet) and more people joined at the Orchard afterwards. This year offered a prize for the best foursome costume and also brought in a very successful silent auction. See team pictures, final results, auction items, and event sponsors [here](#).
- Communication was key this last year; the WhatsApp thread came in handy as it facilitated real-time updates on things happening at the school, deadlines, and kept parents up to date on what the PAC Exec was working on. If you haven't signed up for this yet, email GECPACCHAIR@gmail.com with your name, child's name and phone number to receive the push notifications.
- GEC PAC will continue to fund modernization in our school, playground equipment, classroom supplies, digital equipment, etc. GEC PAC will also fund workshops, extracurricular programming and digital literacy. GEC PAC will fund events to encourage family community and celebrations.
- LF thanked all of the members of the PAC Exec for sharing their time, energy, skills and friendship. We have achieved great things together as a team. Kelly, Kirstie, Amanda, Emily, Heather, Danielle and Jenny. Jenny Clark, our DPAC Rep will be leaving the Exec as will LF. There is a strong team for next year and we look forward to supporting them in their endeavours.
- LF expressed thanks to Aron Campbell, and wished him luck in his new school. Parents shared many heartfelt messages of thanks to AC.

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

- KK reviewed that as of June 15, 2022, we have \$148,000 in our bank accounts. There are \$54,000 of adjustments reducing this balance, which mainly consists of outstanding cheques and accruals for expenditures that we expect to incur over the summer related to the Outdoor Enhancement project. We have \$1,071.95 owing to parents in Munchalunch credits, \$26,030.10 owing to Hot Lunch vendor accruals and \$1,725.70 of other accruals.

Income Statement (Up to June 15, 2022) (highlighting only those that have changed since last PAC meeting):

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- We raised \$43,978.99 for our Outdoor Enhancement Initiative. This includes \$14,000 of grants, \$16,000 from the Moveathon, and our cheque drive, which raised almost \$11,000, as well as donations from the Lions Club and our Sing 2 fundraiser. Our 2nd golf tournament of the year raised \$14,000. Thank you to all of the parents who participated in the golf tournament and silent auction.
- We spent \$2,348.91 on the Hemispheria project (most of the cost of this project was funded by a grant from Art Starts). \$1,676.96 was spent on art supplies, \$469.53 on self-regulation items, and \$824.70 on playground equipment. We also spent \$1,200 on two new tables for the learning commons and \$887 on a document camera.
- We spent \$500 on aboriginal education and workshops related to a First Nations storyteller that came and did sessions with GEC students in March. We spent \$155 on signs for the garden and Move-a-thon. Office supplies increased by \$224 for the purchase of our PAC Zoom license.
- The Outdoor Enhancement project costs includes work that was done on the gardens at the front of the school as well as accruals for costs that we expect to incur over the summer, mainly on the new saucer swing and murals.
- We spent \$500 on two Bursaries that will be handed out at Rockridge to past Gleneagles students.
- Staff appreciation also increased due to money spent on a leaving gift for Mr. Campbell.
- KK went on to outline the proposed budget for next year:

Income

- BC gaming grant is based on \$20 per student, and we expect to receive approximately the same amount next year.
- We are planning to hold a social event next year (e.g., Oktoberfest) as well as golf tournaments in the fall and the spring.
- We are planning to offer Hot Lunch 4 days/week again next year and to use many of the same vendors, and have planned for a similar profit as this year of \$20,000.
- We hope to get some more grants or donations for our Outdoor Learning and playground upgrades and have budgeted \$15,000.

Expenses

- The PAC Exec discussed the budget for next year with Aron, Robyn and Maria to get their input, which is reflected in the proposed expenses in the budget. Many of the proposed budgeted expenses for next year are similar to the current year's budget so only those reflected differences will be highlighted.
- The school staff would like to offer some new programs next year like drama workshops and sports programs, and will be taking a break from other programs like Maker Space, Zen Makerlab and Circles.
- The capital upgrades planned for next year may include things like furniture, tables and murals with an expected cost of \$15,000.
- We have budgeted for new line items like math supplies and classroom supplies and increased the budget for digital equipment.
- We have increased the budget for internet safety/digital literacy because we hope to get a speaker to come to the school.
- We hope to hold more school wide community building events next year and so we have budgeted for them in the Welcome Back Event and the School Events line items.
- Our planned expenditures on the Outdoor Enhancement Initiative for next year is \$35,000 and will mainly relate to redoing the basketball court, murals and the outdoor classroom.

- We have also created a teachers' wishlist line item of \$2,500 where we hope to get a list from teachers of either their individual classroom wants or things that can benefit multiple teachers.
 - The overall budget projects a deficit of \$38,950 but this reflects our desire to spend down some of the money that we have in our bank accounts, as well as hopefully being a bit conservative on the fundraising side, and we can also adjust our spending, particularly on the Outdoor Enhancement Initiative and Capital Upgrades, if needed.
- **Adoption of Proposed 2022/2023 Budget** – Attendees polled for approval; 100% approval from eligible voters in attendance ~ motion carried.

Garden Report (presented by Rachel Clearwater):

- Rachel reviewed student garden projects in 2021/2022 school year. RC thanked parent volunteers who helped with student gardening (Elspeth Halverson, Rebecca Vernon, Catalda Van Dyke, Paul Schmid, Tracie Delaney, Gilberto Lopez, Michelle Candedo, Pete and Rachel Clearwater), and acknowledged plant donations from Heather Nigh and the West Van District, and Kelly Richter.
- In September, students in Grades 1-3 did Fall Harvest, as well as a garden sale hosted by Student Garden Club. Fall Garden Cleanup continued in October with Ms. Staples, Ms. Wimmer, and Ms. Downie's classes – students planted garlic, spinach, and 300 daffodil bulbs.
- In March, Ms. Carter's class planted snow peas, and did some trellis building with their big buddies in Ms. Maledy's class.
- In April, Ms. Harquail's class did some garden path resurfacing, weeding, planted potatoes, and expanded the native berry garden.
- Ms. Carter, Ms. Downie, and Ms. Robertson's classes raised butterflies, and requested a butterfly garden. This was planted in April – May, and followed David Suzuki Foundation Butterfly Project.
- In May, Ms. Foster's class did resurfacing of the music room garden path, expanded the native berry garden, planted runner beans, weeded, and worked on revival of Mrs. Messengers Garden.
- Throughout May-June, Ms. Zandvliet's class has worked on building sunflower solidarity garden – sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine, and is sign of courage and peace.
- In June, Ms. Staples and Ms. Zandvliet's classes have expanded the native berry garden, cleared blackberries and dead bushes, did some mulching and rock refreshing, planted donated plants and veggies, dug out old beds, cleared paths, and weeded.
- Volunteers are needed for summer watering, including of the Sunflower garden, butterfly garden, food garden boxes, and new ornamental beds. Link to sign up and watering instructions can be found [here](#).
- If you are interested in signing up to be a volunteer for next year's student gardening projects, email Rachel (ihp.rachel@gmail.com).
- Hoping for message board for food gardens. Waiting on approval from Facilities. Will allow sharing of information about what's happening in gardens.
- View Rachel's slides [here](#).

Outdoor Enhancement Report (presented by Kirstie Simpson):

- KS reviewed Fundraising / Grant Summary. Original goal was to raise \$25k, and we have raised:

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- ~\$41k from parent fundraising (~\$11k from cheque drive; ~\$16k from Move a thon; ~\$14k from 4th Golf Game for the Kids and silent auction).
- \$16.7k in grants (\$6.5k West Vancouver Foundation; \$5k cash + \$5k time from West Vancouver School District; \$2.7k from ArtStarts).
- ~\$14k from Gleneagles School Trust (much of this money has come from renting out the gravel field in the summer for parking).
- ~\$10k from 3rd Golf Game for the Kids, Sing 2, Lions Donation.
- \$11k private donation for upgrading outdoor basketball court.
- KS reviewed progress to date, including Gaga Ball Pit, new seating areas using logs donated by Gleneagles golf course, Tracey Hayes' mural on preschool portable, garden upgrades, hemispheria projects, improvements to basketball courts have begun
- Still to come:
 - Oodle swing site prep and installation;
 - Placing boulders for the outdoor classroom, stumps, rounds and logs;
 - Removal of picnic tables, site prep for beach logs;
 - Re-staining / finishing of benches at front of school;
 - Ongoing garden cleanup;
 - Painting of soccer goal posts;
 - More murals;
 - Re-painting of 4 square lines;
 - Tree planting;
 - Installation of benches – Greg Cormier, the teacher of architecture, drafting and ACE-IT Carpentry at West Vancouver Secondary School and students have made benches;
 - Outdoor basketball court upgrades (hoping to resurface court).
- Asked for feedback on “Gleneagles” sign on fence options. Some parents asked if we also need to have “Ch'axay” on fence. AC mentioned that consultation with WV District would be needed.
- Acknowledged and thanked all the volunteers and members of the Outdoor Enhancement Committee: Paul Schmid, Heather Nigh, Rachel Clearwater, Pete Clearwater, Wally Jonsson, Catalda Van Dyke, Craig Bench, Angela Foster, Meaghan Robertson, Kirstie Simpson, Kelly Kerklaan.

Hot Lunch Report (presented by Kirstie Simpson):

- No updates.

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

- June 1st was DPAC AGM.
- Trustee Broady spoke about ongoing concerns about mental health and learning loss due to Covid, and they are looking at how to support students. There are no budget increases for the 2022/2023 year, though inflation costs are up – may have to dip into contingency/surplus.
- Superintendent Chris Kennedy spoke about the West Vancouver Place for Sport – construction is happening this summer, and being managed by District of WV. CK highlighted recent Robotics championships, which were held in Dallas. There was a strong WV contingent present, including two grade 7 girls with perfect score, who were crowned world champions. Robotics will be added as Grade 8 rotation at WVSS in the new year. With regard to French Immersion – looking at how to plan long term, having trouble hiring at PJ.
- Opening Day Speaker for the new school year will be Dr. Hayley Watson from Open Parachute.

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- There was a special presentation from students in the grade 12 Careers program at WVSS, explaining their Capstone projects – one on Carpentry, one musical.
- No committee reports this month.
- The full DPAC minutes can be found [here](#).

Principal's End of Year Report (presented by Aron Campbell):

- AC shared that it has been a busy June.
- Senior Band registration is being promoted for students in Grades 6 and 7. Students in Grade 5 received a visit in May from Long and McQuade, who hosted an 'instrument petting zoo'.
- BC Children's Hospital Jeans Day took place May 30th, and raised \$460.
- Grade 7 students participated in an Indigenous Canoe Experience in May, where they paddled around Horseshoe Bay with Sah7plek, who shared the significance of the canoe.
- Grade 7 students participated in Museum of Civilization Open House, where they shared their learning of "how cultures of the past influenced modern society." Students explored the big idea, "How have cultures of the past influenced modern society?" and considered inquiry-based questions across multiple ancient civilizations.
- AC expressed thanks to those who joined the Volunteer Tea in May, and thanked staff for providing refreshments.
- GEC kicked off PRIDE on June 1st with True Colours Day. Students have been unpacking the meaning of SOGI, LGBTQ acronyms, and normalizing discussion, learning, and curiosity.
- Swangaard Track and Field Meet took place on June 9th. AC thanked parent and teacher volunteers. There will be a make up race for students in Grades 4 and 5 on June 23rd from 3:30-4:30 at WVSS Track.
- Bridge Festival (June 3) and Fine Arts Showcase (June 14) were recent displays of musical talent at GEC. Ticket sales from the Fine Arts Showcase raised over \$850 for Ukrainian relief via the Canadian Red Cross.
- Mosaic mural done by Grade 7 students was put up today. Currently in the undercover area.
- AC reflected on memories of years at GEC, and expressed gratitude for time.
- AC's full presentation can be viewed [here](#).

Acclamation of the 2022/2023 GEC PAC Executive

- The following people are deemed elected by acclamation because only one nomination was received for each executive position:
 - Co-Chairs: Kelly Kerklaan, Kirstie Simpson
 - Vice Chair: Emily Gardiner
 - Treasurer: Amanda Clark
 - Secretary: Anna Stewart
 - DPAC Rep: Shevaun Brown
 - Hot Lunch Coordinator: Jessica Jenkin
 - Member at Large: Heather Nelson
 - Member at Large: Danielle Lavallee

Adjourned: 8:22 pm