

GEC PAC Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 8th, 2023

@ 6:30 in the Gleneagles School Library



In Attendance:

Kelly Kerklaan (Co-Chair, PAC)
Kirstie Simpson (Co-Chair, PAC)
Shevaun Brown (DPAC Rep, PAC)
Amanda Clark (Treasurer, PAC)
Emily Gardiner (Vice-Chair, PAC)
Anna Stewart (Secretary, PAC)
Heather Nelson (Member at Large, PAC)
Robyn Evans (Principal, GEC)
Lisa Fairburn
Rachel Clearwater
Lisa Sturdy

Stephanie Beattie
Elspeth Halverson
Will Coghlan
Lauren Gilchrist
Wendy Human
Caylee Auge
Megan Bassendale
Pippa Fry
Lauren Fuhre
Gilberto
Nicole Brown (WV School Trustee)

Pre-Meeting (6:45-7:45pm):

Our pre-meeting started with a thank you to parents, Sonia Gregg, Lauren Fuhre and Shula Klinger and Ms. Wimmer for providing the food for the meeting. Mrs. Evans then provided a land acknowledgement and introduced our three guests, Nicole Brown, Corinne Kinnon and Kristen Sickavish.

Nicole Brown, a West Vancouver School Trustee who has been assigned to Gleneagles Elementary said a few words.

Corinne Kinnon, Principal of Inglewood Secondary, and Kristen Sickavish, District Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA) gave a presentation titled, "Behaviour and Boundaries in the Elementary Years,".

PAC Meeting Commenced at 7:48pm

Adoption of Agenda: No changes to the revised agenda that was distributed in the GEC Newsletter February 3rd, 2023. The revised agenda is approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes: No changes/discrepancies noted in the minutes for the November 30th, 2022, PAC meeting, distributed December 15th, 2022. They stand approved as distributed.

Chairs' Report (Kirstie Simpson & Kelly Kerklaan):

Since the last meeting in November....

- The grade 7 grad committee had a successful Winter Plant Grad Fundraiser which raised over \$1000 for the Grad legacy gift and end of year grad ceremony.
- This term we switched our pizza vendor to Dominoes because Fresh Bay was too expensive and they kept increasing their costs. Fresh Bay has subsequently come back to us asking us to reconsider and offering some incentives. We will likely switch back to Fresh Bay as Dominoes got mixed reviews and their portion size was very small.
- The kids recently participated in the Troy's Bop Shop Dance Program which was funded by the PAC.
- We held a successful Movie Event (Puss'n Boots) on Jan. 27th which raised ~\$1,800. Thanks to Kelly Kerklaan for singlehandedly organizing this event.
- We recently had Saleema Noon speak to all grades about Sexual Health, this is something the PAC funds every year.
- We are excited to be hosting an upcoming parent social – the GEC Spring Stampede. Thank you to Amanda and Emily who have taken the lead on organizing this event and we will hear more about this event from them later.

Treasurer's Report:

Statement of Financial Position

- We have a cash balance of \$147,239 as of January 31st, 2023. This is a total of our three bank accounts, which includes our trust account.
- Our total liabilities are \$57,842. Our two large accruals being hot lunch vendor accruals, at \$22,456, which we see being steadily drawn down as we carry through the school year. Our other large accrual of \$34,429 is primarily made up of the outdoor enhancement accrual (basketball court and playground equipment, etc). During this fiscal year, we have incurred approximately \$20k of expenditures towards the outdoor enhancement accrual.

Statement of Profit and Loss

- The school movie day successfully raised over \$1,800. The GEC Spring Stampede ticket sales commenced about two weeks ago, and we currently have sold 62 tickets (we are anticipating that approximately 100 tickets will be sold).
- Hot Lunch revenues are at \$15k, with the Winter 2023 orders now in.

To see the full Treasurer's Report [click here](#).

Stampede Update (Amanda Clark):

- The western themed event will take place March 4th, 2023, in the GEC gymnasium.
- We are anticipating approximately one hundred participants, but numbers may exceed that.
- Tickets went on sale about 2 weeks ago and are still currently available through Munchalunch, or by emailing the gecpacchair@gmail.com, for those who do not have access to Munchalunch.
- The venue, live music, mechanical bull, and refreshments have been arranged.
- We will be reaching out soon for volunteers to help with set-up, 50/50 sales, drink ticket sales, etc.

DPAC Report (Shevaun Brown):

- There have been three different DPAC meetings since our last GEC PAC meeting.
- The DPAC meeting on December 7th featured a presentation by Michelle Metcalfe & Ilona Barran on TPRS (Teaching Proficiency Through Reading and Storytelling). TPRS is a powerful and engaging second language acquisition methodology that uses highly interactive, contextualized, personalized and compelling stories to develop authentic language acquisition. It is based on the theory that language is acquired through listening and reading (input) NOT through speaking and writing (output).
- There was also a second guest presentation by Corrine Kinnon who is the principal of Inglewood Secondary, WVS' alternate graduation program for senior secondary students. This unique, small-scale school (27 students currently involved) is located on the campus of West Van Secondary School and specializes in providing personalized learning in a safe and caring environment for students in grades 9-12
- On January 4th, the DPAC (including Kelly Kerklaan and myself) gathered with Stephani Maki (Coquitlam District Principal of Indigenous Education) and Brad Baker (Associate Superintendent of Indigenous Education, Ministry of Education and Child Care) at the Kay Meek Theatre to participate in and experience the blanket exercise. The blanket exercise uses Indigenous ways of teaching and knowing to build understanding of our shared history by walking participants through pre-contact, treaty making and

colonization from the Indigenous perspective. It is a participatory history lesson designed by Indigenous elders to foster truth and understanding. The experience and content covered are emotionally challenging, but the exercise aims to provide an opportunity to move forward with Truth and Reconciliation.

- This exercise was so well received by DPAC members that it will be hosting 3 upcoming evening sessions for the broader parent community (1 for each family of schools); more info will be coming out to PACs shortly.
- The Feb 1st DPAC meeting featured a Physical Literacy presentation by Diane Nelson, Director of Instruction; Amber Pascual & Erin Crawford, WVS District Physical Literacy Mentors; Dr. Alexandra Choi, Medical Health Officer for the North Shore, and Dr. Guy Faulkner, UBC Professor & Chair, Applied Public Health, School of Kinesiology. Between them, the presenters highlighted the concern that children have come out of the COVID-19 pandemic less physically active, more sedentary and less mentally well than in previous years. Despite this, West Vancouver Schools has been a leader in physical literacy, working to improve the physical, mental, and social health of students.
- These same presenters will be hosting a Parent Education Night on March 1st @ 7pm in the West Vancouver Secondary School gymnasium which will examine 'Solutions to Combat the Mental & Physical Health Crisis in our Community'. Link to further info here: [Physical Literacy Parent Night](#)
- West Vancouver Place for Sport update - Carolyn Broady and Superintendent Kennedy both identified delays to the project due to discrepancies between budget and cost but stressed that the new mayor and council were fully committed to pushing the project through albeit with some delays due to broader scope/higher costs.
- SD45 annual calendar currently being drafted/discussed at committee stages and will be confirmed in coming months
- On Feb 21st, together with Mrs. Evans, representatives from our GEC PAC will be participating in 1 of 3 District Liaison Meetings. This is an opportunity for trustees, principals and parent leaders to get together to discuss issues related to school success, budget priorities and strategic planning advice. Questions for discussion will include the following:
 - *How are you building a sense of belonging at your school? What is new / different / exciting at your school?*
 - *As the Board builds its budget for 2023-24 what are the programs, services, staffing you value most? What advice or suggestions do you have for the Board?*
 - *As the Board builds its Strategic Plan for 2023-26 what are directions that the Board should aspire to?*

Outdoor Enhancement Update (Kelly Kerklaan & Kirstie Simpson):

All planned activities for the Outdoor Enhancement Initiative are expected to be completed either before the end of the school year or through the summer of 2023.

- Undercover mural - Tracey Hayes, one of our GEC parents, who also painted our other two murals will be painting an underwater themed mural in the outside undercover area to brighten up that space. Thank you to Mrs. Evans who has been advocating on our behalf with Facilities to get this project approved. Tracey plans to do this over Spring Break.
- Fixing and/or adding new lighting for the undercover area – Mrs. Evans has been working with Facilities to get the current lighting that exists fixed. If after this is done, we think we need more lighting then the PAC will consider covering the costs for this.
- We are working with Facilities to have the benches that Greg Cormier and some of his West Vancouver Secondary Students built us installed. Two will go down by the beach log in the playground to replace the picnic tables that were removed and two benches will probably go undercover somewhere.
- The Outdoor basketball court resurfacing will take place over the summer (~8K of PAC funds plus a private donation of \$11K)

Once these activities are complete, all the planned activities for this initiative will be complete and we will have used all the funds that we have specifically fundraised for this initiative or have been awarded through grants over the past two years. There will be ongoing garden maintenance and we have some contingency funds set aside for mural repairs. If anyone has any other ideas for improvements, please pass them along to gecpacchair@gmail.com

Principal's Report (Robyn Evans):

- On behalf of all staff, thank you for the wonderful luncheon that was coordinated prior to Winter Break. We are so appreciative of the efforts of our families. It provided an opportunity for staff to gather over a beautiful meal and we provide our sincere thanks.
- Thank you as well to the PAC for your generous funding of our recent whole-school Dance program, with Troy's Bop Shop in January, and for our ongoing drama classes with the Young Actor's Project. We appreciate your support in paying for these incredible enrichment programs.

We have the following **upcoming events to note:**

- Annual Board Highlight on February 14th. This year Gleneagles will present with Lions Bay about the transition students make from Grade 3 to Grade 4.
- Student Learning Conferences are coming up on February 23rd. The school will once again offer an 'open house' format where families are invited to come and experience learning as their child does. The conferences will run from 9-10am.
- Term 2 Communicating Student Learning documents (CSLs) will be posted to MyEd on Friday, March 10th.
- Students in Divisions 1, 2, and 3 will be hosting an Entrepreneur Fair on March 30th. As part of the "Power Play" program, students have been working at creating, designing,

and marketing products for sale. Families are welcome to come shop at the market where items will be sold for a few dollars each. More information will be shared in the e-bulletin in advance of the event.

- The Great Garbage Dump:
 - Earlier this week Mrs. Evans shared a provocation at school with students about the amount of garbage produced. Students were asked to explore some numeracy concepts around estimation, volume, weight, and were asked to predict how much the pile represented (one days worth? one week? more?).
 - Students were shocked to find out just how much garbage was produced in one week, as well as how much comes from hot lunch packaging.
 - Students were asked 3 key questions: What do you notice? What do you wonder? What next?
 - There were some great suggestions put forward by students and the school will take time to review their thinking and determine next steps. Stay tuned for more information!
 - Coming this Spring to GEC...Shrek the Musical Jr.! All classes will have the opportunity to participate by singing, and students in Grades 6 + 7 will have an opportunity to audition for acting roles, and to get involved in other aspects of production.
 - Any parents/families who have expertise in the areas of set design, costumes, make-up, etc. and are interested in getting involved are asked to reach out to Mrs. Evans.

Other Business and Upcoming Events:

- Retractable Indoor Basketball Hoops – the main indoor basketball hoops are not retractable and overhang into the volleyball and badminton courts which disrupts play, particularly for the grade 7's when they are playing against other schools in district games. Also, the four side hoops are too high and not useable. We would like to upgrade the main hoops so that they are retractable and to lower the side hoops. Upgrading the indoor courts will need to be a separate fundraising ask as depending on the scope of the upgrade this could cost between ~8-20K. This could also in part be funded by the Grade 7 legacy gift.
- Upcoming Free Talk on Physical Literacy on March 1 that we strongly encourage you to attend. The speakers are fantastic and it is a highly relevant presentation. It will be hosted in the gym at West Vancouver Secondary. See newsletter for more information.
- Upcoming GEC Spring Stampede on Saturday March 4th. Buy your tickets on munchalunch.
- Mural in the music hallway – Tracey Hayes is working on a mock-up and we hope that the mural can be completed by the end of the year.

- Second Term Staff Appreciation Lunch – Tuesday, March 7th. Heather will be asking our class parents to distribute the sign-up sheet. We will have one more lunch in the third term scheduled for June 15th.
- Pancake Breakfast – this event usually happens around Mother's Day and is put on by the dads. People bring their own plates/utensils/cups and come early to school for breakfast. It is a fun event and usually very well attended. We need some dads and to pick a date - May?
- Bi-Annual Golf Game – May 26th.
- We are considering a potential Spring Fair Event.
- PAC Exec Recruitment!! We have several PAC exec members that have indicated they will be stepping down. We have some specific roles to fill but we also need new faces to replace some of us who have been on it for some time. It doesn't have to be a commitment, you can have as much or as little involvement as you want.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Upcoming PAC Meetings:

April 12th, May 10th, June 7th @ 6:30pm, location to be determined.